

Palmetto City Council
March 16, 2000 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Pat Whitesel, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor
Shirley Groover Bryant, Councilmember
Donna Keefer, Councilmember
Mary Lancaster, Councilmember
Brian Williams, Councilmember

Staff and others present:

Dave Meng, City Clerk
Mary Jean Forrester, Deputy City Clerk
Don Patterson, Interim Public Works Director/PSG
Rex Hannaford, Police Department

1. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Keefer:

Mrs. Keefer requested information on the lease for the Palmetto Library. Mayor Whitesel said that the lease is being prepared by our Attorney.

Ms. Bryant:

Ms. Bryant reported that she had met with the EOC and a report will be presented to City Council on June 15, 2000. at 4:00 p.m. Discussion at the EOC meeting included re-entry procedures, the lack of hurricane shelter designations in Palmetto and foul weather gear.

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Ms. Bryant: (continued):

Council discussed the use of temporary signs or panels for vehicles. Public Works was asked to research this issue, including the liability.

Ms. Bryant stated that the meeting on April 4, 2000 with Terra Ceia Bay Golf & Tennis Club has been canceled. The meeting has been rescheduled for June 6, 2000. Council discussed meeting in June and scheduling another meeting in October or November.

City Council discussed the Manasota League of Cities dinner which will be held on March 30, 2000. The Council requested that the Palmetto Historical Commission be asked to meet at the regular administrative meeting at 4:00 p.m. rather than the special workshop at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Lancaster:

Mrs. Lancaster and Mayor Whitesel will attend the Legislative Day in Tallahassee on April 4 through April 5, 2000.

Mrs. Lancaster reported that the Exxon sign at the 8th Avenue and 13th Street West intersection blocks the view. Mr. Patterson will check on this sign.

Mr. Williams:

Mr. Williams requested that all future joint meetings with the CRA and City Council be held in Council Chambers. The next joint meeting with the CRA is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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Ms. Cornwell:

Mr. Patterson reviewed the memo on the proposed schedule for garbage pickup after holidays.

Mr. Patterson requested Council's permission for Mr. Ron Koper to attend an out of state safety seminar. Council agreed for Mr. Koper to attend the out of state meeting.

Mr. Rex Hannaford reported that the Fronteras Parade is required to be approved by FDOT to have a state road closed. Mr. Williams requested that Mr. Alex Reyna be contacted regarding the application and approval by FDOT to close a state road.

Mrs. Keefer asked about an item on the check register which was paid from the CRA Fund. Mr. Williams suggested that City Council approve line items in the CRA budget in the future.

Mayor Whitesel read a draft letter to non-profit organizations regarding coordinating special events and festivals in the City. The workshop was scheduled for April 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

The volunteer banquet was tentatively set for Friday May 5, or Friday May 12, 2000.

Mr. Patterson reported that you can gain extra leverage or points in the grant application if you have a capital improvement project in that area that you can move forward.

Mr. Patterson said that Mr. Rob Nicolas, PSG, has volunteered his time and presence to help Mrs. Lancaster with the grant.

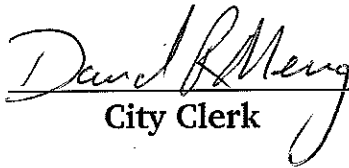
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Mayor Whitesel announced that she has sent for the application for the Front Porch grant.

Mr. Patterson reported that Public Works is preparing to overlay 17th Street and requested that the westbound lane be closed during the school break. Ms. Bryant suggested that the street be videoed prior to having the street resurfaced. The Police Department was asked to prepare the video.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved: April 3, 2000


City Clerk

Audio tapes of the meeting are on file in the City Clerk's office.