

Palmetto City Council
April 5, 2004 4:00 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor
Mary Lancaster, Council Member
Brian Williams, Council Member

Elected Officials Absent:

Shirley Bryant, Council Member

Staff and others present:

J. E. Free, Jr., City Clerk
Chief Garry Lowe
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Jessica McCann, Planner
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Bustle recognized Eric Ball and Charles Smith, qualified candidates for the vacant at-large Council seat.

Human Resources Director Sharon Jones and Public Works Director Chris Lukowiak presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mayor Bustle and the Council Members for their proactive leadership in adopting the Cody & Associates Pay Plan. Ms. Jones and Mr. Lukowiak also recognized members of the employee committee for their work on the project. Sgt. Scott Tyler thanked Council on behalf of the police department.

1. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the April 5, 2004, 4:00 pm agenda.

2. PROPOSED FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Mayor Bustle stated the proposed ordinance mirrors the recently adopted Manatee County ordinance. Chief Lowe discussed how he planned to enforce the ordinance, especially during the 4th of July holiday. With the possibility of Rossi Park being closed again this year, he is working to secure the Bradenton Police Department's participation on the north side of the river. Also discussed was the possibility of having off-site parking and shuttles. The proposed ordinance will help to alleviate roadside fireworks vendors. The proposed ordinance is on the April 5, 2004 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting agenda for Council action.

3. PROPOSED STREET RESURFACING LOCATIONS

Mr. Lukowiak advised Council Public Works is ready to begin the street resurfacing project within the next two weeks. A press release is to be prepared so the public is aware of when and where streets will be closed.

Mrs. Lancaster commented on the lack of projects in Ward 1 and Mr. Lukowiak reported the Ward 1 reconstruction grant for those projects had been submitted and has received close to 700 points; in the past 600 points were enough to lock in the grant. In the event the grant is not awarded to the City, proposed projects for street resurfacing, as well as sidewalk replacement, will be revisited.

The topic will be carried forward to the 7:00 meeting for Council action.

4. PROPOSED SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT LOCATIONS

Mr. Lukowiak discussed the proposed sidewalk replacement project Public Works is ready to begin. Mr. Lukowiak informed Council the estimated expense for the first year of the sidewalk project is higher than anticipated. He explained that until infrastructure is in place, Public Works will move cautiously in the street resurfacing, therefore, the sidewalk replacement may be accelerated. Mr. Free stated that at the April 26, 2004, Council meeting, budget allocations for the street resurfacing and sidewalk replacement projects, as well as other items, will be brought to Council for approval.

Discussion ensued on the placement of sidewalks as dictated by City codes. Mr. Williams questioned why the City would replace sidewalks that are not required by the codes. Mr. Lukowiak stated it was not his intention to remove existing sidewalks that can easily be repaired. Mr. Tusing discussed the fact that the ordinance governing sidewalks sets minimum standards; it does not prohibit the installation of sidewalks on the west side of the street; the City may elect to install additional sidewalks for neighborhoods.

The topic will be carried forward to the 7:00 meeting for Council action.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

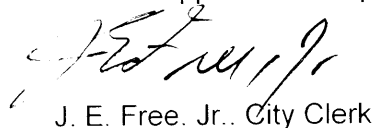
Mayor Bustle advised Council a meeting date needs to be set for consideration of the Charter. Ms. Cornwell is not available April 18, through April 23, 2004, and Mrs. Lancaster requested the meeting not be held on a Saturday. The topic will be addressed at the 7:00 Council meeting.

Mayor Bustle stated a special function permit application to hold a Farmer's Market every Saturday has been received. At issue is where the event should be held. Staff recommends closing 10th Avenue between Lamb and Sutton Parks. Staff is researching the topic and will recommend what the City should require. Mr. Free stated recommendations on user fees for profit and non-profit organizations would also be brought to Council for approval.

Mr. Lukowiak reported the DeSoto Heritage Festival Children's Parade will be held Friday, April 9, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Minutes approved: April 26, 2004



J. E. Free, Jr., City Clerk