

Palmetto City Commission  
September 20, 2004 7:00 PM

Elected Officials present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor  
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor  
Eric Ball, Commissioner  
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner  
Brian Williams, Commissioner

Staff and others present:

Attorney Michele Hall  
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 7:00 pm.

Mr. Frank Brunner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bustle informed the Commission that staff has requested the public hearing for the Villas at Oak Bend GDP Modification be continued until October 4, 2004.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 20, 2004 7:00 pm agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Attorney billing through August 31, 2004; Professional - \$18,346.41; Litigation - \$10,256.00

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - VILLAS AT OAK BEND GDP MODIFICATION

Mayor Bustle opened the public hearing. He announced the public hearing would be continued to October 4, 2004.

4. APPROVAL - SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

The contract with the School Board is for one-half the annual salary for two police officers to be located at Lincoln Middle School and Palmetto High School. The School Board will be contacted at the beginning of the next budget preparation period to reevaluate the total expense associated with the two positions.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize Mayor Bustle to execute the School Resource Officer contract with the School Board of Manatee County.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 04-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ADOPTING THE MANATEE COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 04-68.

6. AWARD OF BID - JANITORIAL SERVICES

MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 5-0 to award the janitorial services bid to Coverall Cleaning Concepts in an amount not to exceed \$11,520.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Mr. Lukowiak informed the Commission he had accompanied DEP personnel on a walk-through of the contaminated site. The most recent test indicates the contaminated plume is sinking vertically and the DEP has ordered two additional monitoring wells. Mr. Lukowiak reported Greg Fruecht, JEA, is confident the City will be put on a monitor only status with the installation of the wells.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve and authorize JEA to perform additional assessment activities at the Palmetto Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$11,450.

8. APPROVAL - ATTORNEY CONTACT LIST

Mr. Free requested the Commission approve the addition of the City Planner to the list of personnel approved to directly contact the City attorney. Mr. Williams suggested the City Planner should have to obtain permission of her department head.

MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Mr. Ball seconded and motion carried 4-1 to approve the addition of the City Planner position to the Attorney Contact List. Mr. Williams voted no.

9. 1st READING & ADVERTISING APPROVAL ORDINANCE NO. 04-822

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO AMENDING CHAPTER 22, PERSONNEL, ARTICLE IV, GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO; AMENDING SECTION 22-81, DEFINITIONS, BY AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF "ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS" AND "RETIREMENT"; AMENDING SECTION 22-82, MEMBERSHIP; AMENDING SECTION 22-83, BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AMENDING SECTION 22-108, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; ADDING SECTION 22-109, REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 04-822 for advertising and schedule a public hearing October 4, 2004.

10. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Chief Lowe

The Palmetto Police Department will receive its accreditation October 6, 2004 at a ceremony in Cocoa Beach. Information on the event will be provided to the City Commission.

Mr. Lukowiak

Public Works is considering a float in a local parade to promote residential recycling; commercial accounts are not required to recycle because the fee is not included in their rates as it is in residential rates. Mr. Lukowiak discussed the float concept with the Commission, advising Waste Management has a recycle budget of \$5,500. Ms. Cornwell stated Lincoln Middle School would recycle but it would cost the school approximately \$160 per month. She suggested the \$5,500 could assist schools located in the City. She also recommended the Trash Can Band as a very effective educational tool. The Commission directed Mr. Lukowiak to discuss a recycling program with Waste Management.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bustle shared a positive letter to the editor of the Bradenton Herald a citizen has written regarding Lincoln Middle School being designated as a pet shelter during hurricane evacuations.

A Career Day for City employees has been planned for October 27, 2004 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The employees will break in to four different groups, will tour the Ag Museum and Carnegie Library, participate in a sensitivity training course and have lunch.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams

Reminded everyone of the Red Cross Community Rummage Sale September 25, 2004.

The brown field conference has been rescheduled to October 3, 2004.

Advised Chief Lowe he felt the new automated phone system at the police department took too much time.

Inquired if police officers were still in zone patrols, commenting on an incident involving music somewhere near Jet Park that was audible on Riverside Drive.

Ms. Varnadore

Reported she has received calls inquiring about the status of the Sawdust Joe building on 8th Avenue. The fire inspector has determined the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion. Mr. Lukowiak stated he would address the matter.

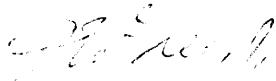
Commented on the retirement luncheon for Mary Jean Forrester, and the fact she has served the City for 52 years. Mayor Bustle asked the audience to respect the luncheon is being planned as a surprise for Mrs. Forrester. Mayor Bustle suggested the Commission should consider a plaque for Mrs. Forrester.

Mr. Ball

The NAACP Unity March planned for September 25, 2004 is an opportunity for people to also consider how Palmetto and Bradenton could cooperate in how they view the Manatee River as an asset for both cities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes approved: October 4, 2004



J. E. Free, Jr.  
City Clerk