

**Palmetto City Council
August 12, 2002 4:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

**Larry Bustle, Mayor
Mary Lancaster, Vice Mayor
Shirley Bryant, Council Member
Tamara Cornwell, Council Member
Charlie Grace, Council Member
Brian Williams, Council Member**

Staff and others present:

**Karen A. Conlon, City Clerk
Garry Lowe, Chief of Police
Mike Hickey, Public Works Director
Allen Tusing, Public Works Superintendent
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant**

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Reverend Larry Pritchett, Palm View Baptist, gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 12, 2002 agenda with the addition.

2. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Mayor Bustle presented Council and the public with a general overview of the fiscal year 2002/2003 budget, highlighting the following topics:

- **Budget Team**
- **FY2002 Budget performance**
- **Distribution of tax dollars**
- **Millage rate tax options and comparisons with other municipalities**
- **Guidelines for budget development**
- **Proposed salary schedules**
- **CRA and city proposed contributions**
- **Proposed funding of stormwater projects**
- **Revenue and expenditure comparisons**
- **Expenses by functional areas and city departments**
- **Budget highlights**

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The CRA's budget review was scheduled for September 9, 2002

The overview was followed by the department heads briefly discussing the performance of their departments the past year and goals for the next fiscal year.

3. DEPARTMENTS HEADS' COMMENTS

Mike Hickey, Public Works Director

The city is in receipt of the final application for renewal of the wastewater treatment plant's permit.

The possibility of adding additional boat trailer parking in the City's lot is being researched.

Looking at cooperative opportunities with Bradenton and Manatee County concerning a reuse system.

Karen Conlon, City Clerk

Information concerning the FLOC conference is in Council Members' mailboxes.

4. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Grace

Stated he didn't know his position was a paid position - he considered the position a civic duty.

Ms. Cornwell

There is a sprinkler problem in Sutton Park on the 7th Street side of the park.

Thanked the Police Department for its help during the first day of school.

Mr. Williams

Thanked staff for the budget.

Commented on the CRA's strong desire to work with the City, thanking the board for their cooperation.

Mrs. Lancaster

Echoed Mr. Williams' comments on the CRA.

Inquired about the telephone poles being placed close to property lines. Mr. Hickey will look into the matter.

Inquired when the sidewalk project would begin. Mr. Hickey informed Council Public Works was waiting on the estimate from the contractor.

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Ms. Bryant

Chief Lowe reported there had been no problems at the 14th Avenue Park the past weekend.

Expressed appreciation for the work by staff in preparing the budget. She asked the public to remember this is a beginning document; there is a lot of work to be done before arriving at the finished product.

Echoed the comments made concerning the CRA.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

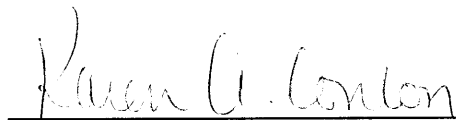
Bill Minchley and Meryl Howard expressed concerns regarding the proposed salary increases for the Mayor and Council

Alan Zirkelbach informed Council boaters had blocked the entrances to the construction site on Riverside Dr. over the weekend. He asked permission to erect signage advising the public the entrances should not be blocked. He also informed Council a field in back of Lombardo & Skipper's building would be available for boater parking for a few months until construction begins on the building.

Debra Gardner commented on the lack of parking for boaters. Council discussed how the City is trying to alleviate the problem by adding parking at its lot.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes approved: August 19, 2002



**Karen A. Conlon
City Clerk**