

Palmetto City Council
September 4, 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
Capt. Clyde Hedrick, Captain
Mike Hickey, Public Works Director
Allen Tusing, Public Works Superintendent
Jim Keranen, Finance Director
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Robert Nuberg, Mission Nueva Vida Bautista Church, gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bustle explained Mrs. Conlon was at a meeting and asked latitude to adjust the agenda items until Mrs. Conlon could be present.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded to approve the September 4, 2002 agenda.

Discussion ensued on the request the attorney be present at the meeting for the US Filter contract renewal. Mayor Bustle advised Council Attorney Prather reviewed the contract and proposed motion during the Department Head's meeting, stating his opinion the City could renew the contract. Mayor Bustle emphasized the contract was for the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant only. Ms. Cornwell stated her opinion that when the City is renewing or extending a contract, the attorney's statement needs to be on the record regarding the contract and asked the item be tabled until Attorney Prather could be present. It was suggested the item be left on the agenda and then make the decision if the item should be deferred.

The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

2. CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE/POLICE OFFICERS PRESUMPTION

MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried 5-0 to join the Florida League of Cities lawsuit and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter

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stating the City's willingness to serve as a party in the litigation challenging the constitutionality of SB 108.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes: August 19, 2002 Budget Workshop; August 19 and 26, 2002 Council Meeting
- B) Dye, Deitrich, Prather, Petruff & St. Paul billing through July 31, 2002
Professional Services - \$6,938.70; Litigation Services - \$3,497.75

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

4. AWARD OF BID - PUBLIC WORKS ROOF REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hickey explained the roofs at the Sutton Park bandstand and the 17th Street garage tool shed would be replaced by the bid.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 5-0 to award the Public Works roof replacement bid to PDF Roofing Concepts, Inc. not to exceed \$10,980.

5. AWARD OF BID - ESTUARY PARK EQUIPMENT

Discussion ensued on the park bench being purchased, as it could allow sleeping in the park. There was also discussion on the bids, two of which were unresponsive, even though they were the lower bids received.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 3-2 to award the bid for the purchase of the Estuary Park furniture to Upbeat, Inc. not to exceed \$13,966.10. Ms. Cornwell and Mr. Grace voted no.

6. 2002 ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

The item was tabled until the agreement can be corrected.

7. US FILTER

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried 5-0 to table the item until the September 9, 2002 meeting

8. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Mike Hickey, Director Public Works

Commenting on the recent rains, Mr. Hickey reported there was one reported incident where stormwater entered a church. Public Works will review the drainage around the building and Risk Management will review the claim. Mr. Hickey informed Council the compound lost power to its repeater, Fuel Master system, and the gas pumps. Measures have been taken to repair the damage and plans are being formulated to place the gas pumps on the master generator system.

Oakridge is being surveyed. Fences and mailboxes have yet to be moved. Materials should be delivered Thursday; the project should get underway Friday.

Carr Drain is working well. Public Works is researching the possibility of putting an additional pipe across 17th Street to alleviate the water in Jackson Park. When asked

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about maintenance in areas the City knows to flood, Mr. Hickey informed Council routine general maintenance is performed on drains and sewer stops.

An on-call policy is being researched. The EOC has funds that can be utilized to pay a designated employee to be available to address sanitary and sewer problems.

9. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams

Requested Council revisit the CIP, Stormwater Master Plan and evaluate the position of the City's projects. He also stated his opinion the need to evaluate the Department Heads.

Mrs. Lancaster

Also stated she would like the chance to evaluate the Department Heads so they could be aware of Council Members' concerns.

Ms. Bryant

Requested an update on the bid from Professional Automotive, information received from Manatee County on the vehicle maintenance and any response to Professional Automotive; status of the beepers; information on classes provided through the Work Force Development grant.

Requested the correspondence from William Ackles be distributed to the Department Heads and asked that it be included on the September 9, 2002 agenda.

Ms. Cornwell

Asked for an update concerning the Charter Review Committee.

A budget meeting was scheduled for September 10, 2002 at 4:00 pm.

Mrs. Conlon entered the meeting at 5:30 pm.

10. FY 2002/2003 BUDGET

IT DEPARTMENT

Technical & Training: *GIS Training cut to \$9,000.*

Furniture & Equipment Capital: *Personal Digital Assistant cut to \$2,250. PC for dispatch, PC for backup, PC for D. Kinn, Laptop for Chief Lowe, laptops (2) for check out, PD spare computer, and PD Replacement for Corp were deleted.*

Software-Capitalized: *GIS Licences were deleted. (\$49,000)*

Conference & Training cut to \$1,500.

Miscellaneous Software cut to \$2,000.

Printing cut to \$1,000

Mayor Bustle recessed the meeting for ten minutes

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Mayor Bustle presented a Certificate of Promotion to Sgt. Jerome Waiters, congratulating him on his recent promotion.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Inspector and all related expenses and benefits were deleted for the present. Consideration may be given further in the budget process.

Department Heads were charged with developing a policy establishing which employees will receive uniforms, as well as what and how many uniforms will be provided by the City.

Mayor Bustle recessed the meeting for ten minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 5-0 to correct the August 26, 2002 minutes to reflect the budget line item Friends of the Library was reduced to \$1,500.

Mr. Hickey and Mr. Tusing were excused from the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Captain Lowe presented the Police Department's proposed budget.

The following items were deleted:

Painting the exterior of the building totaling \$12,000.

Painting the interior of the building totaling \$6,000.

Upgrade of the dispatch area totaling \$15,000.

Duplicate vehicle keys totaling \$340.

Spanish lessons totaling \$2,500.

Resurfacing of the parking lot totaling \$15,000.

One speed trailer totaling \$8,000.

Ten video cameras for vehicles totaling \$47,000.

Squad room desks totaling \$5,600.

Collar brass reduced to \$2,500.

Vehicle cleaning supplies reduced by \$500.

Power supply totaling \$80.

Two 5-ton air-conditioners totaling \$16,000

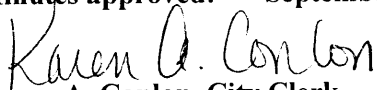
Captain Hedrick will report back to Council concerning the fleet of the Police Department.

The permanent rank for Interim Lt. Himes was discussed and placed on the September 9, 2002 agenda.

The entrance for Church on the Rock was discussed. The City may need to designate a school and speed zone on 17th Street. The item was placed on the September 9, 2002 agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes approved: September 16, 2002


Karen A. Conlon, City Clerk