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MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

**MARY LAWSON BROWN**  
VICE MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

**RUFUS J. BOROM**  
COMMISSIONER

**JUSTIN R. CAMPBELL**  
COMMISSIONER

**JAMES NORWOOD, JR.**  
COMMISSIONER



# CITY of *Palatka* FLORIDA

*Regular meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 6:00 p.m.*

**TERRY K. SUGGS**  
CITY MANAGER

**BETSY JORDAN DRIGGERS**  
CITY CLERK

**MATTHEW D. REYNOLDS**  
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**MICHAEL LAMBERT**  
CHIEF FIRE DEPT

**DONALD E. HOLMES**  
CITY ATTORNEY

## MINUTES CITY OF PALATKA May 12, 2016

Proceedings of a Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor	Terrill L. Hill
Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
Commissioner	Rufus Borom
Commissioner	Justin Campbell
Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Terry Suggs; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Matt Reynolds; Police Chief Jason Shaw; Fire Chief Mike Lambert; Planning Director Thad Crowe; Public Works Director Jonathan Griffith

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Minister Carl Davis, Associate Minister, Mt. Tabor First Baptist Church

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 4/28/16 – Commissioner Campbell moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Borom seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

### 1. PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

**PROCLAMATION** – National Safe Boating Week – May 21 – 27, 2016 – Kathy Fisk, USCG Auxiliary was present to receive the Proclamation, which was read and issued by Mayor Hill.

**PROCLAMATION** – Kids to Parks Day – May 21, 2016 – Shawn Ladd, Public Works, was present to receive the Proclamation, which was read and presented by Mayor Hill.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zinnie Bess, Hayes Avenue, Interlachen, said he has had a mental illness for 27 years. They want to bring a "recreation recovery" clubhouse to Palatka for those diagnosed with a mental illness so the mentally ill can apply for and receive services and medication. They are gathering signatures on this project now.

Linda Crider, 116 Kirkland Street, Palatka, said the Palatka Bike Festival was very successful. It was not as well attended as they'd hoped for. They hope to hold a major event next year. She thanked Corky Diamond and his crew for replacing all the cracked and broken boards on the Boardwalk. Today she received a quick preliminary print on the Palatka Boat Terminal/public restrooms. She supports this needed and useful project, which will help draw more people to

Palatka. She hopes they will look into keeping the footprint small and going up with a second story which can potentially be a viewing area and restaurant.

Ms. Crider said she is headed to Alaska tomorrow and will be taking lots of pictures of towns who are now dealing with Sea level rise. They are looking at going "up" with buildings and floating structures. Mayor Hill thanked her for all the work she does in the Community. It was a great weekend for Palatka with all the other events that were going on in the downtown.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-35** Certifying that the Putnam Habitat For Humanity Program is Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations of the City of Palatka
- b. **Special Events Permit No. 16-32** – Church of God by Faith Festival, 5/21/16 from noon to 4:00 p.m. - grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels and close portions of N. 15<sup>th</sup> & Washington Streets

Commissioner Norwood moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as recommended. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

**4. APPOINTMENT – Gas Authority Board – Remainder of a 3-year term to expire 1/31/2018**

Two applicants: Andrew Rabun, Bryan Screen. Neither applicant was present. Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Bryan Screen to the Palatka Gas Authority Board for the remainder of a 3-year term to expire January 31, 2018. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 202 Florida Ave. - Planning Board Recommendation to Annex and assign single-family residential land use and zoning to property, from Putnam County R-2 (Residential Mixed) - James Gary Wallace, Owner; Palatka Building & Zoning Dept., Applicant.

**ANNEXATION ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA CERTAIN ADJACENT TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS 202 FLORIDA DRIVE, LOCATED IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Borom seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT ORDINANCE – Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE AMENDED WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING PARCEL OF LAND (LESS THAN 10 ACRES IN SIZE): FROM PUTNAM COUNTY UR (URBAN RESERVE) TO CITY RL (RESIDENTIAL LOW) FOR 202 FLORIDA DRIVE, LOCATED IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

**REZONING ORDINANCE - 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED FROM PUTNAM COUNTY R-1HA (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) TO CITY R-1A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS 202 FLORIDA DRIVE, LOCATED IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 1620 Husson Ave. - Planning Board Recommendation to Annex, assign single family residential land use amend zoning from Putnam County R-1A (Residential Single Family) - Terry White and Cherane Wilford, Owners; Palatka Building & Zoning Dept., Applicant

**ANNEXATION ORDINANCE - 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA CERTAIN ADJACENT TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS 1620 HUSSON AVENUE, LOCATED IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

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7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 203 Central Avenue - Planning Board Recommendation to Annex and assign single-family residential land use and zoning to property, from Putnam County R-2 (Residential Mixed) - Robert Michael Ratliff, Owner; Palatka Building & Zoning Dept., Applicant.

**ANNEXATION ORDINANCE** - 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA CERTAIN ADJACENT TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS 203 CENTRAL AVENUE, LOCATED IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

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**REZONING ORDINANCE** - 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read and ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED FROM PUTNAM COUNTY R-2 (RESIDENTIAL MIXED) TO CITY R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: 203 CENTRAL AVENUE (SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 207 Skeet Club Rd. - Planning Board Recommendation to Annex and assign single-family residential land use and zoning to property, from Putnam County R-1HA (Residential Single Family) - Joseph and Angela Stillword, Owners; Palatka Building & Zoning Dept., Applicant.

**ANNEXATION ORDINANCE** - 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA CERTAIN ADJACENT TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS 207 SKEET CLUB ROAD, LOCATED IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was

taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

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**REZONING ORDINANCE - 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED FROM PUTNAM COUNTY R-1HA (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) TO CITY R-1AA (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS 207 SKEET CLUB ROAD, LOCATED IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING - 908 N 20th St -** Planning Board Recommendation to Annex, assign single-family land use and rezone from Putnam County R-2 (Residential Two-Family) to City R-1A (Single-Family Residential) - Gerald and Deborah Ragans, owners; Palatka Building & Zoning Dept, Applicant

**ANNEXATION ORDINANCE - 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA CERTAIN ADJACENT TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS 908 NORTH 20TH STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

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which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

**REZONING ORDINANCE - 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED FROM PUTNAM COUNTY R-2 (RESIDENTIAL MIXED) TO CITY R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: 908 N. 20TH STREET (SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Borom seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

10. **PUBLIC HEARING: 161 & 163 Comfort Road - Planning Board Recommendation to Annex 163 Comfort Road and rezone 161 & 163 Comfort Road to assign Planned Industrial Zoning to property, from R-1A (Residential, Single-Family - 161) and Putnam County IH (Industrial, Heavy - 163) - Pumpcrete America Inc., Owner and Applicant**

**ANNEXATION ORDINANCE – 163 Comfort Rd - 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA CERTAIN ADJACENT TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS 163 COMFORT ROAD, LOCATED IN SECTION 37, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Borom seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

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**REZONING ORDINANCE – 161 & 163 Comfort Road - 2nd Reading, Adopt –** The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED AS TO THAT CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN SECTION 37, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, INCLUDING 161 COMFORT ROAD TO BE REZONED FROM R-1AA (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY) TO PID (PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND INCLUDING 163 TO BE REZONED FROM PUTNAM COUNTY IH (INDUSTRIAL, HEAVY) TO PID (PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read.

Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no audience comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

11. **ORDINANCE** rezoning 7201 and 7220 PRC Way - Planning Board Recommendation to assign Planned Industrial Zoning to property, from Putnam County PUD (Planned Unit Development) - Sykes Realty (7201 PRC Way) and Premier Palatka, LLC (7220 PRC Way), Owners; Palatka Building & Zoning Dept., Applicant – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adopt - The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED FROM PUTNAM COUNTY PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO CITY PID (PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, PUTNAM COUNTY BUSINESS PARK) FOR TWO PARCELS IDENTIFIED AS 7201 AND 7220 PRC WAY, LOCATED IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Borom seconded the motion. There being no public comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.
12. **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE** revising subdivision plat for 6109 3rd Manor Road West, Parcel # 10-10-26-9130-0030-0250 – Planning Board Recommendation to vacate two City controlled easements in rear yard of property – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR VACATION OF AN EASEMENT LOCATED ON PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 6109 3RD MANOR WEST; LOCATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no public comment or discussion, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following result: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Commissioner Brown and Mayor Hill said it is good to see so many annexations. Commission Brown said they need to put a program in place to encourage annexations amongst enclaves.

13. **DISCUSSION** – Hours of Alcohol Sales (continued from 4/14/16) – Mayor Hill asked Chief Shaw to provide them with the data requested on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Jason Shaw said from 2010 to 2016, overall, reports of incidents on Sunday morning have declined from 44 calls for service to less than 5 calls for service during that time period. More so on DUIs, for a total of 77 DUIs, 15 occurred on Sunday, with 2 from 7 am to 1 pm. As to other alcohol calls for service, over that six year period there were 52 calls for service, 5 on Sunday, none from 7 am to 1 pm. As for Disorderly intoxication calls, there were 47 calls for service, 7 on Sundays, none from 7 am to 1 pm. There were very few calls for service during the 7 am to 1 pm time frame and very few in the period prior to 2004. The trend is the same throughout. Alcoholic related calls were lower than overall calls for service, and lower than other days throughout the week. There were a significantly higher number of nightclubs prior to 2004. During 7 am to 1 pm there were slim to no DUIs. From 2 to 4 am there was a higher rate of DUIs.

Chief Shaw noted that when reviewing data prior to 2004, he found no discrepancies in the data, but did see a wide range of data that was provided to the Commission. The calls were from different reasons other than alcohol. He didn't see discrepancies but he did see other calls for

service being brought into the picture. Mayor Hill asked should the Commission desire to modify this ordinance, if there anything that causes him concern with matching the County's ordinance? Chief Shaw said it is easier to make it uniform across the County for enforcement purposes. Just because something happens in Palatka, doesn't mean the alcohol is purchased in Palatka. It would be easier for citizens if it is uniform across the board. They found with the current alcohol ordinance in place, the total calls for service has declined tremendously. As to whether or not it is related to alcohol itself, he can't say, but with this 2005 ordinance in effect, the calls have declined tremendously. The ordinance has shown positive results. It is his recommendation to make the hours of sales uniform county-wide. You can purchase alcohol outside the City during times you can't purchase alcohol inside the City. This would not negatively affect calls for service. Mirroring the County would benefit both the City and County.

Mayor Hill said this may create some controversy. He believes this should be the topic of one or more Town Hall meetings to provide them an opportunity to take public input on the matter. There was general consensus to set a Town Hall meeting for action within the month. Mayor Hill suggested they take the workshop into the community. There was consensus was to hold a Workshop/Town Hall meeting at Price Martin Center, to meet with merchants in general, and to meet with churches and clergy in a separate forum. There was also discussion regarding the involvement of community partners such as the hospital and other community groups as well as those who sell alcohol. They will meet in different areas within the next 30 days and find entities that will host the meetings, which should begin at 6:00 p.m. to encourage participation.

#### **14. CITY MANAGER & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT – Jonathan Griffith – This was a separate distribution (filed).**

Mr. Suggs said letters were mailed out seeking donations for 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and donations are coming in. The Fireworks Service Agreement with Fireworks by Santore in the amount of \$18,000 is the same as last year. Discussion ensued on taking online donations and putting up a barometer showing how much has been raised.

Mr. Suggs said he appreciates the outpouring of support and sympathy upon the death of a family member, as well as staff members who stepped in and filled the gaps.

Shawn Ladd, Streets Superintendent, said they are soliciting quotes for milling and resurfacing the main corridors through town. They have a driveway replacement in the works for Mr. Vickers' property. As to the River Street wall, construction will begin as soon as notice is signed off on by the property owner. The permit has been pulled. The City will maintain the MOT. Mr. Suggs noted the beneficial turnaround at Public Works since they put new leadership in place.

#### **15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Brown said last week she attended the National League of Cities Risk Management training for FLC Insurance Trustees in San Antonio, TX. She brought back photos of the San Antonio Riverwalk, which borders a man-made river that has riverboats and restaurants. There are beautiful flowers lining the Riverwalk. They need to promote the St. Johns River. They learned about rules and regulations for drones, the pros and cons of body cameras, and opiate meds/prescription drugs and crime. They are battling drug houses by parking police vehicles in front of them. They also spoke about "millennium kids" and "The Z Generation" and how they need to consider these generations while planning for their future. They also spoke of Sea Level Rise brought about by climate change. They are looking at moving people out of the path of that rise. Mayor Hill said Bob Virmstein provided the Commission with a strong presentation on Sea Level Rise and he will come back for a presentation at any time. Commissioner Brown said the League is partnering with Cities on grants to battle Sea Level Rise.

Commissioner Campbell said over a year ago he promised that he would have office hours at City Hall. Over the summer he will hold those office hours at City Hall. He will get with Mr. Suggs to coordinate that. He will plan on having set hours throughout the week. He also wants to put a summer internship program in place that he will personally oversee. He will present a plan for that at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Norwood said he spoke to Mr. Suggs about the lights on the bridge, which Public Works is addressing. On the project status report, when they know they have certain dates coming up, he'd like to see those dates listed on the report. He'd like to approach the County about doing an overlay St. Johns Avenue from Moody Road to the stop sign in front of Palatka Health Care at Zeagler, as it is one of the worst roads they travel. Emergency vehicles travel on that road. Mayor Hill said they have had conversations with the County on repaving that road. The County has been very receptive to this.

Mayor Hill said they need to revisit a reduction of the Red Light program. They have had conversations on this, and they need to send another communication to ATS on this to see if they are willing to reduce the program. The program has already been reduced in many ways. They need to look at eliminating some of the lights. They are waiting out the contract which expires in 2017. The cost to eliminate the program before that is very high. He asked Mr. Suggs and Mr. Holmes to look into this.

Mayor Hill said the County-wide cleanup is coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup>. They are partnering with Keep Putnam Beautiful. Best Packers, SJRSC and Waste Pro are on board. They have an opportunity to continue forward with cleaning up the community. They want to get 500 volunteers throughout the County involved. They want to change the image of the community and remove blight. They are bringing other partners in from schools, churches and other entities on board. The PPD has done a great job coordinating this event. The hours are from 8 am to noon. They will gather back at City Hall at the end for lunch. They want participants and groups to register with Keep Putnam Beautiful at 386-325-9598. They have a presence on Facebook and on the KPB and City of Palatka Website.

As to tires, they need an agreement with Putnam County to pick up and dispose of tires that weekend for residential only. This is only for residential trash, not land-clearing and commercial/construction trash. There are pickup locations at National Guard Armory, Gas Authority and City Hall. Flyers are available.

16. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Mayor Hill.

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