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VICE MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

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JAMES NORWOOD, JR.
COMMISSIONER



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

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MINUTES CITY OF PALATKA October 14, 2010

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 14th day of October, 2010.

PRESENT: Mayor Karl N. Flag
Commissioner Mary Lawson Brown
Commissioner Allegra Kitchens
Commissioner Vernon Myers, Jr.
Commissioner James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Elwin C. Boynton, Jr.; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Matthew Reynolds; Police Chief Gary Getchell; Fire Chief Mike Lambert; Parks WTP Superintendent Melvin Register; Commissioner-Elect Phil Leary

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

INVOCATION – Police Chief Gary Getchell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PCSO Captain Larry Beaton

INTRODUCTION - Mayor Flagg introduced Allen Scott, Esquire, noting he will be serving as Legal Counsel to the Commission in the absence of City Attorney Don Holmes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/23/10 – Commissioner Myers moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:**

PROCLAMATION – Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October, 2010 – Dr. Anand Kuruvilla, Cancer Center of Palatka, was present to receive the proclamation, which was read and issued by Mayor Flagg.

PRESENTATION OF DONATION – Putnam County Historical Society – Sam Deputy, President, and members of the Putnam County Historical Society Board of Directors joined Captain Larry Beaton, Past President, to present a check in the amount of \$1,700 to pay for termite tenting for the Putnam County Museum. Mr. Deputy said they have 150 members of the Society and have many things going on. Captain Beaton said the Society appreciates the relationship they have with the City to operate the Bronson-Mulholland House and Putnam County Museum, noting this is the longest-tenured cooperative partnership in existence in Putnam County. Mayor Flagg said the City is grateful for the time the Society puts into managing and maintaining these facilities and

noted the importance of the preservation of Palatka's history. Mr. Deputy said the historical Society is sponsoring the Putnam County Historical Society Antiques and jewelry Show on November 13 and 14 at the National Guard Armory and presented each Commissioner, the Clerk's office and Finance Director with tickets to attend this show at their convenience.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Deputy, 917 Carr Street, distributed posters on "Boo on the Avenue," a children's costume parade followed by the pet costume parade, both taking place on Saturday, October 30. After the parade the children will then join the Swampfest Party being sponsored by area churches. The pets will go to the courthouse lawn for a Humane Society Pet Party.

Mr. Deputy said The Palatka Christmas Parade is held annually on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, and distributed that poster. He invited members of the Commission to participate in the Parade. This year the parade marshal is Mayor Flagg. They are working to put him in an airplane for the parade. This year's theme is "O Christmas Tree."

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Accept FEMA Grant HMPG #DR-1785-43-R in the amount of \$21,756** for engineering design of St. Johns Avenue-Oak Street Drainage Improvements Phase I (7th Street Area) per City Manager's Recommendation
- b. **Accept FEMA Grant HMPG #1840-6-R in the amount of \$21,375** for engineering design of St. Johns Avenue/15th Street Drainage Improvements Phase I, per City Manager's recommendation
- c. **Accept Poseidone, LLC as contractor** to refurbish/renovate water taxis per results of RFQ (sole submission) contingent upon negotiation of acceptable contract, per City Manager's Recommendation
- d. **Accept Banana Bay Tour Company, Inc.** as vendor to operate a water taxi service per results of RFQ (sole submission), contingent upon negotiation of acceptable contract, per City Manager's recommendation
- e. **Authorize transmittal of Draft Agreement with Banana Bay Tour Company, Inc.** (for the operation of the City of Palatka Water Taxi Service) to FDOT and FHWA for review and concurrence, per City Manger's recommendation
- f. **Authorize transmittal of Draft Contract with Poseidone, LLC** (to refurbish/renovate water taxis) to FDOT and FHWA for review and concurrence, per City Manger's recommendation
- g. **Accept resignation of Phil Leary from the Palatka Planning Board effective October 31, 2010.**
- h. **Accept resignation of Randy Braddy from the Palatka Planning Board effective immediately.**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. Mr. Scott said, based upon discussion with the City Attorney, he'd like input on Items (d) and (e) pertaining to Banana Bay Tour Company. He said there was concern voiced regarding holding discussion on those items related to whether or not there was some prematurity based on the absence of current funding for the projects. He assumes the information he has is correct. He was asked to make that point of discussion. Mr. Boynton said he spoke with Mr. Holmes about this today. There is nothing in the contract that notes the contract is pending funding by FDOT/FHWA. His memorandum states they are adding language to these agreements stating this. It is his belief that when they send these contracts to the FDOT, then FDOT will release funding pending approval. Mr. Holmes is looking at the

contracts now, and stated he had no other problem with either contract. He wants to see a contingency clause added. That will be added. The caption covers this. Commissioner Myers moved to add a contingency clause to the Banana Bay Tour Company draft contract. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed. There being no further discussion on the main motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, a vote was taken and the motion passed unopposed.

Commissioner Brown said with the Boat comes money for dockage, which is contingent upon them getting the boat. They can do part of this at the Riverfront Park. This comes only with the release of the funds. This has been a long road and she appreciates the Commission's support. It's been 16 years since they began this effort.

4. **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUSINESS:**
- a. **ACCEPT CRA RECOMMENDATIONS** as follows (CRA meeting held 10/14/10):
1. Approve a South Historic District TIF Funds Transfer in the amount of \$21,000.00 to reallocate additional funds for the SHD TIF Home Improvement Program;
 2. Approve the Main Street Board request to approve a Building Improvement Grant in the amount of \$10,512.00 to fund the Elks Lodge Roof Repairs, per Building Improvement Grant Guidelines (tabled and not considered)
 3. Approve Request from Downtown Palatka, Inc./Main Street to allocate up to \$15,000.00 from CBD-TIF Funds for the Palatka Azalea Festival
 4. Approve CBD TIF Funds allocation of up to \$10,000.00 to fund electrical and water upgrades to the Putnam County Courthouse Parking Lot

Commissioner Norwood moved to accept the CRA recommendations on Items 1, 3 and 4, and to table action on Item 2, approval for a BIG grant for the Elk's Lodge, until December 9. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

5. **PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Interview applicants for two (2) at-large positions:
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| a. Joseph Michael Petrucci | c. Clem Saccareccia |
| b. Joe Pickens | d. Leota D. Wilkinson |

Mayor Flagg noted the resignation of Commissioner-Elect Phil Leary and Randy Braddy from the Planning Board, and expressed appreciation for their service. Mr. Petrucci, Mr. Pickens and Mrs. Saccareccia were present for interviews. Mayor Flagg stated Mrs. Wilkinson had withdrawn her application as she was recently appointed to a Putnam County board. Mayor Flagg noted Appointments will be made on October 28, per policy.

6. **RESOLUTION** requesting a waiver in permit fees from St. Johns River Water Management District - Adopt – The Clerk read a Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, REQUESTING A WAIVER IN PERMIT FEES FROM ST. JOHS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes; Nays, none. Resolution 8-78 was declared adopted.
7. **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest a joint participation agreement with FDOT for REDI program funding for security and disaster preparedness improvements at the Palatka Municipal Airport – Adopt - the Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A 'JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT' WITH THE

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGN AND UPGRADE SECURITY ACCESS CONTROL, INSTALL EMERGENCY GENERATOR, CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION TESTING, ADMINISTRATION & PROJECT INSPECTIONS AT PALATKA'S MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KAY LARKIN FIELD). Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes; Nays, none. Resolution 8-79 was declared adopted.

8. **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest a joint participation agreement with FDOT for the construction of Taxiway B drainage, apron rehabilitation, an equipment building, and all construction related services at the Palatka Municipal Airport – Adopt – The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A 'JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT' WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TAXIWAY B DRAINAGE, APRON REHAB, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION TESTING, ADMINISTRATION & PROJECT INSPECTIONS AT THE PALATKA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KAY LARKIN FIELD). Commissioner Myers moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes; Nays, none. Resolution 8-80 was declared adopted.
9. **RESOLUTION** supporting policies that encourage healthier lifestyles – Adopt – The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING POLICIES THAT FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES IN ALL COMMUNITIES. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes; Nays, none. Resolution 8-81 was declared adopted.
10. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances to allow sidewalk displays for businesses in the Central Business District – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE PALATKA MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 70, SIDEWALKS; CHAPTER 94, ZONING; AND APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE PALATKA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PLACING MERCHANDISE, BENCHES OR OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS IN SIDEWALK; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT FEE; PROVIDING FOR FINES AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Myers moved to pass the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Commissioner Kitchens said she met with Mr. Holmes regarding this and there are a couple of things that should be cleaned up, in her opinion. One is on his wording, page 3, Item 14, she said they need to drop the term "upon demand by the City" because Section (c), Permit/Fee, states no person or business shall place an item on the sidewalk . . . without first having obtained a permit issued by the City under the authority of this Section" and goes on to state that the application shall be accompanied by proof of insurance and an indemnity statement, etc. She also believes they need to add "hold harmless agreement" to the items to accompany the permit application under Section (c) on Page 4. Mr. Holmes agreed with her. She'd like these changes made. The other change is on the top of page 3, Item Section (a)12(b), which states, "No obstruction shall be placed within 18" of the face of

any curb, within five feet of any fire hydrant, fire exit or building entry,” which conflicts with page 2, Section a(1), which states “Merchandise may be placed on the city sidewalk up to two (2) feet outside of and beyond the property line housing the permanent retail operation not to exceed more than fifth percent (50%) of the building frontage.” Section (a)12(b) needs to be reworded to include “no obstruction shall be placed in front of . . .” Mr. Holmes said he had no problem with this either way. Mayor Flagg asked what the differences are, as they are dealing with obstructions more so than the fact that items can be placed on the sidewalk. There is a difference in these two. One is placing items on the sidewalk and the other refers to obstructions. Commissioner Kitchens said this refers specifically to “within 18” of the curb” and doesn’t reference the sidewalk. Mayor Flagg said 12(b) is talking about obstructing traffic, whether pedestrian or vehicular. Items can be placed on the sidewalk, but when it creates an obstruction in a certain area, they cannot be placed. Mr. Boynton said the main issue was that several merchants wanted to place a bench or table in the bump-outs. The 18” lets someone open a car door or step onto the curb. This doesn’t deal with merchandise being placed next to the business. Commissioners Myers said this is for safety; Commissioner Norwood said this also refers to handicapped accessibility. Mr. Boynton said you have to take the ordinance as a whole. There may be an instance where a sidewalk is wide enough to put a table on the sidewalk where no bump-out exists. It all comes together to create a uniform 48” clear space. Mayor Flagg said they would not be remiss not to raise item 12 so that they can keep item (a) and (b) in context on the preceding page. If it stands alone, it has the appearance of a contradiction. Mr. Scott asked if this proposal has been run by the League of Cities. Mayor Flagg said in the workshop they used examples of several other cities’ ordinances. This has been vetted by other organizations. They are meeting all standards. Commissioner Kitchens said they looked at 44 sample ordinances. Commissioner Myers said the verbiage under Section (b), Violations, rows 6 through 13, should be moved up under (a) and numbered section (a) 15, and noted he’s discussed this with Mr. Boynton. Mr. Boynton said he discussed that with Ms. Banks and concurred with Commissioner Myers. Commissioner Norwood said on page 4 Item (c), permit fees, it adds the fee to the appendix, but it should be spelled out that it refers to the Code Book. Commissioner Brown moved to make all changes as concurred upon with the exception of revision to (a) 12 (b) regarding obstructions. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed all in favor, none opposed upon a roll-call vote. There being no further discussion on the main motion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the followings results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading as amended.

11. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Business Tax Receipts to levy a tax on all insurance companies doing business in the City, regardless of their permanent location – 1st reading - The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE V, SECTION 78-162 OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS TAXES TO REFLECT STATUTORY LANGUAGE RELATIVE TO THE LEVY OF A BUSINESS TAX ON INSURANCE COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A PERMANENT LOCATION IS MAINTAINED; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the followings results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.

12. **ORDINANCE** repealing Ordinance #87-14 (Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances) and adopting the City of Palatka Flood Prevention Ordinance – 1st Reading – the Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FLORIDA, REPEALING CITY OF PALATKA ORDINANCE 87-14 AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF PALATKA FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE; STATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY, FINDINGS OF FACT, PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES THEREOF; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; STATING THE LANDS TO WHICH THE CHAPTER APPLIES AND BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD; ESTABLISHMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS; COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS; ABROGATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENT OR RESTRICTIONS; INTERPRETATION OF CHAPTER; WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY; PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, ADMINISTRATION; SPECIFIC STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the followings results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.
13. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
- R. C. Willis Water Treatment Plant Upgrades** – Melvin Register, WTP Supt., said they recently received a final sign-off from FDEP on their construction permit. They started this in 2001 after noticing they had problems with the disinfection byproducts, per the safe drinking act of 1997. Hoyle Tanner & Assoc. reviewed the water disinfection process, and it was decided to go with an ultra-filtration process to remove organics and reduce chlorine in the water. The City received an 85%/15% grant-loan from FDEP for the construction. The original contract was for slightly less than \$11 million for the project on a 4 mgd capacity plan. For an extra \$833,000 they could add 1/3 more capacity to the plant to plan for future expansion and build a 6 mgd plant. The contract was amended to add the extra 2 mgd capacity to the Plant. Construction started in August 2007 and went fairly smoothly, while they kept the old plant running. The new plant was essentially completed in November, 2009. Other parts went on line afterwards, and final completion was in September of this year. Nine change orders brought the total engineering up to almost \$13 million, at a cost of almost \$14.5 million. The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation committed to funding \$13.7 million. Because they went with the secondary filtration system, they received a water reuse grant of \$293,000 from SJRWMD to install that. That left little better than \$330,000 to be funded by the City on the project. Before this system was installed, they were getting well over the maximum contaminant levels for TTHM. The limit set by the government is 80 parts per billion, and they were well over 100 parts per billion in the outlying areas. As soon as they started instituting the treatment, they realized a decrease of almost 55%. The second quarter of 2010 is the first quarter they've been under the maximum contaminant level since they began testing. They expect the same results for the 2nd quarter testing. They are looking at about around 50 parts per billion, and could reduce it further, but it's not cost effective to do so. For the past year they've managed to tweak the process so that they are operating efficiently and putting out good quality water. Things are running smoothly. Final construction is closed out and the only thing left to do is square away the books with Tallahassee and FDOT. They are operating at 1/3 capacity and have plenty of room to grow.

Mr. Boynton said he just received an e-mail from HTA stating this project was selected by the Membrane Society of North America, who will be presenting Palatka Water Treatment Plant in its premier article. Next March they will be in Long Beach, CA presenting this Plant. Commissioner Norwood said this was quite an undertaking for

this improvement being done so quickly and it running so efficiently. He congratulated the Water Dept. and City Manager & staff.

Holiday Meeting Schedule – The City Clerk read parts of her memorandum into the record (filed). She noted the Commission will be on its Holiday meeting schedule beginning in November. The Commission will meet once in November on the 16th, which is a Tuesday, as the 2nd Thursday is Veteran’s Day and the 3rd Thursday they will be in Orlando at Legislative Conference. The 4th Thursday is Thanksgiving. The Commission will meet again December 9th, which is the 2nd Thursday. The 3rd Thursday falls during the Christmas holiday. If there is business to transact, they can call a special meeting. They will meet next January 3rd to swear in incoming members.

14. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Mr. Boynton said he wanted to be sure everyone understood that the contract on the Price Martin Center upgrades is going through the County because the money is going to the County. The City will oversee design and construction. The engineering is contracted between the County and Robert Taylor. The City is in charge of that project, but the money flows through the County; therefore the contract is with the County. That project should begin within the next 30 to 45 days.

Mr. Boynton said that he and Don Holmes have met with Mr. Ham once to discuss the master lease agreement on the 100 Block project; this took place last week. They have a concept of what that will look like. They should have that ready for presentation to the Commission at the November meeting.

Commissioner Myers said two FLC resolutions concerning Florida constitutional amendments on the November ballot were addressed at the annual conference. One has to do with classroom size. The other has to do with Amendment 4, which will require every comprehensive plan amendment be subject to a referendum vote, which includes any annexations. The vote would occur after the preparation of the plan amendment and consideration of the governing body. Supporters state they are unhappy with growth management decisions by local government. Many other state organizations have come out in opposition. Their argument against this is that the amendment broadly applies to all comprehensive plan amendments, no matter the size or scale. If someone’s well goes out and that person has to annex to get water, that will have to go to an election. A representative democracy where decisions are voted on by an elected body is better suited to make policy decisions that impact a diverse group. He’d like to see the Commission address this at the next commission meeting. It’s imperative of them as leaders to take a stand on Amendment 4. He joins the League in opposing this amendment.

Commissioner Brown said the City of St. Petersburg Beach passed such an amendment. If anyone has any question about what this will do to a city, please contact them. It almost devastated that city. They are reversing that law. Commissioner Myers said he has a list of editorials from various newspapers around the state who recommend voting no on Amendment 4. Commissioner Norwood said he’d like to see them get an opinion from the League attorneys on the stance the Commission can take. He doesn’t think they can say yes or no as a commission. They need to make sure they can take a stance. Mr. Scott said the Florida League of Cities has already sent out a proposed resolution to oppose Amendment 4, which would be the most horrific thing to happen to municipalities in Florida. It will require a vote of the entire populace of the community to make simple changes. It’s insanity. The FLC has a form resolution for this. There should be proactive work in the community to block this move. He’s been in real estate development his entire career; this is a killer in a dead economy. Commissioner Norwood said they need an opinion regarding the legality of an elected

body telling individuals how to vote on anything on a ballot. Commissioner Myers said he believes it is perfectly legal to pass a resolution; they just can't spend any money to publicize it. Mayor Flagg said the resolution would reflect their position. Mr. Boynton will check this out. Commissioner Kitchens said she's worked hard and long for Amendment 4 since its inception. She didn't know they were going to discuss it tonight. She'll be prepared to present arguments for it at the next meeting. They need to give equal opportunity to the people that are for it. They need to give people the right to have a say on major changes to the comp plan. It won't kill jobs or raise taxes. The referendums can be done at regular elections. She wouldn't like to see this commission pass any resolution on any amendment stating its position collectively. It's not fair to taxpayers. Let the voters decide on Election Day.

Commissioner Kitchens said tomorrow at 11:30 will be the official unveiling of the Brevi Bus. If it works out it may be produced here in Putnam County. She had the honor of being at the reopening of the Taco Bell. The manager told her they will be hiring 50 more employees.

Commissioner Kitchens said FPL representatives came to the Tree Committee to speak on how and why they cut trees, and on landscape planning. She's asked them to get on the October 28th agenda to give this presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Kitchens noted Captain Larry Beaton's birthday is today. She wished him a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Kitchens thanked Mr. Scott for substituting for Mr. Holmes and voiced her appreciation for his attendance. Mr. Scott said he's been a part of the community for many years. He introduced his wife, Jean.

Commissioner Brown said she didn't attend the 10/14 meeting as she was attending three meetings on behalf of the Florida League of Cities: Executive Board of Directors, Board of Directors, and Insurance Trust Board. She's been in three cities since the last time they met. She brought back information regarding a corporate person to contact to concerning bringing a grocery store to Downtown Palatka.

Mayor Flagg expressed gratitude to Mr. Scott for sitting in for Mr. Holmes.

Mayor Flagg acknowledged the presence of Mr. Askew Vickers.

15. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Kitchens.