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

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MINUTES CITY OF PALATKA September 9, 2010

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 9th day of September, 2010.

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

Also Present: City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Matthew Reynolds; Police Chief Gary Getchell; Fire Chief Mike Lambert; Building & Zoning Administrator Debbie Banks; Airport Manager John Youell, Parks & Cemeteries Supt. Jeff Norton

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

INVOCATION – Commissioner Allegra Kitchens

MOMENT OF SILENCE - In Remembrance of Victims of 911

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner-elect Phil Leary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8/26/10 regular meeting; 8/31/10 Workshop – Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:**

PROCLAMATION – MDA Firefighter Appreciation Month – September, 2010 – Mayor Flagg read and issued the proclamation to Chief Lambert and Fire Department "A" Shift employees. Chief Lambert said "A" shift collected \$2,700.00, the most of any shift. They had a good turnout. Mayor Flagg commended all shifts for their dedicated fund-raising ability, even during the midst of a recession. Amberly Head, MDA Representative, was present for the presentation, and thanked all the Firefighters for raising over \$6,000 altogether.

PRESENTATION OF WEED & SEED EVALUATION for 2008-09 Program Cycle – Dr. Richard Schneider, University of Florida – Mr. Schneider said this evaluation was performed pursuant to US Dept. of Justice's Community Capacity Development Office guidelines, which funds the Weed & Seed (W&S) efforts. The City of Palatka has

received this money on two occasions. The purpose is to weed out bad things and seed in good things. It is a successful effort in terms of results. They did site visits & community surveys, debriefed the information, made an analysis and wrote a final version, which they submitted to Chief Getchell in June. The whole document is available on-line; it is around 50 pages long. Four areas they look at in detail are law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood restoration. They use a modified "SUNI" rating system to evaluate these components. They found that the law enforcement efforts (tracking down and capturing criminals and making sure the community is safer) is rated "S+", beyond the scale, as violent crime was reduced over 50%, which is significant. It is a big difference from the last evaluation. During the first on-site evaluation they actually saw drug deals being made on the streets and commented on that. This time they saw no drug dealing at all. There was virtually no crime. This corresponded with the reports from the citizens. The perception matched the reality. They ask the question, "Where did it go?" This is a question for follow up. They think it probably was moved outside the boundaries, as happens in other communities. He encourages the PD to look at this. Community policing, the 2nd major element, involves the building of trust between the community and policing agency. They found it has either increased or remained relatively consistent since the last evaluation. People are more willing to call the police, which is important, and to help their neighbors. There is more of a sense of watchfulness. They rated that "S". Prevention and treatment refers to the services provided within the area. Some were better than others. They found a need for increased marriage counseling based upon instances of domestic violence; despite that, people still had a lot of trust in the PD and felt they had reasonable services. People felt they needed more shopping in the area as in food sources. They rated this as "S". The 4th strategy area, Neighborhood Restoration, such as new housing and businesses, was more difficult due to the economy and proceeded slowly. This takes a long time to mature. They didn't think they couldn't rate it. There has been a lot of effort by the PHA to address housing. They rated it an "I", which means "incomplete" or "in process." This needs future review.

They had seventeen recommendations as outlined in their report (filed). They are:

- Crime prevention through CPTED
- Civil society based community leaders
- PPD's GIS crime mapping system should be supported to the maximum extent possible
- W&S and PPD should work with Code Enforcement to identify problem housing
- Better W&S records should be kept to assist comparison of community events/meetings
- Devote more effort to the provision of low-cost recreational activities for young adults
- Devote more effort to tracking crime displaced into other neighborhoods
- Provide low-cost reliable transportation for participants through fundraising
- The "neighborhood management" strategy should be implemented as soon as feasible
- Strengthen efforts to cement stable continuous relationships with area churches to achieve common goals
- Increase technical and vocational training opportunities
- Funding and fundraising programs should be directed towards the most successful current W&S programs
- Existing and new CRA boundaries and TIF-based funding should be extended to the Northside Neighborhood for economic and housing opportunities
- The business incubator should be sited and provided with Seed funding ASAP
- Home ownership versus rental housing data should be compiled and tracked annually

- Devote more effort to raise external, private support to sustain W&S initiatives beyond grants
- Devote more effort to working with the local media to increase knowledge and understanding of the W&S program's positive impacts to the wider community.

Mr. Schneider concluded his presentation and opened for questions. Mayor Flagg said the City is grateful for the effort he and others have put into making this program successful. They know if they are to maintain the gains they need to include CPTED provisions in the Comp Plan. The concept of Weed & Seed could be implemented city-wide. The Seed needs equal attention to the Weed. Mr. Schneider said much of the kudos go to the Palatka Police Dept. and Chief Getchell. His graduate students have learned from this program.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cravens Doggett, Champion Self Storage, 4001 Reid Street, said his commercial property was annexed into the City last year and with that comes taxes. He said logically he shouldn't have to pay the same amount of taxes to the County that he is now paying to the City. His taxes actually doubled because he came into the City. He can't afford this double taxation. At the public hearing held on this they didn't have an option of not annexing into the City. If they did have an option, they weren't given notice that their taxes would double. Now that they are part of the City, his taxes have doubled, and he doesn't know if he can afford to remain part of the City. He would like to know what his options are.

Mr. Holmes said he's not familiar with the circumstances surrounding this annexation, but he had to make application to come in. Mr. Doggett said this was a PUD they were overlaid onto. Mr. Holmes said the City doesn't have the authority to create a PUD for him. The City hasn't done any involuntary annexations since he came to be City Attorney. Mr. Doggett said it had to do with obtaining water & sewer. Mr. Holmes said the City only annexes upon request. As far as what to do about it, there is a process for seeking de-annexation, but it involves a petition or referendum process. He hasn't been involved with one in many years. It's not an automatic process. If he qualifies, the City would have some input in that process. The city's policy is not to grant sewage services unless it's to a city resident or property in the city. Commissioner Kitchens said the County millage is a little over double the City's millage. She asked if he built any buildings on his property this past year that weren't on last year's taxes. Mr. Doggett said they took in the new value last year. This year the taxes increased nearly \$17,000 because of the City's millage. Commissioner Kitchens said his property insurance cost may decrease because he is now in the City.

Mayor Flagg suggested Mr. Doggett provide the Finance Director and City Manager with his contact information. There are many businesses who feel the same burden as he does. The issue of double taxation has been discussed in many forums. The City Manager will take the time to meet with him. The Commission should workshop this subject. Mr. Holmes asked for the amount of this total assessment. Mr. Doggett said it is almost \$2 million. Mr. Holmes said he would be paying over \$16,000 at 8.65 mills. Mr. Doggett said some of the county's taxes should be offset because he is now in the City and paying for those services from the City. Commissioner Norwood said the appropriate place for this conversation is the County Property Appraiser's office. Mayor Flagg said the issue is that there should be some relief from the County's taxes when you come into the City. Mayor Flagg asked Mr. Reynolds to get Mr. Doggett's information to give to the City Manager next week upon his return.

Chris Smoot, 922 St. Johns Avenue, said he praises the efforts of the Weed & Seed program. On his block they have many new business targeting youth coming in. They

are offering many after school programs for youth at the 900 block businesses. They are concerned with two-toned sidewalks. Sherwin Williams said if they paint with cement sealer they can paint sidewalks different colors according to the block. It costs around \$700 - \$800 per block. This will get rid of imperfections on sidewalks. They have paid out of pocket to install speakers outside of Sound Garden. They'd like permission to paint their sidewalks at their expense if the City doesn't want to pay for it. They'd like the lines re-painted on their street, also.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Mayor Flagg said each item would be taken up separately.
 - a. **Award Bid/Contract to Carter Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$74,780.13** for Crill & Moseley Avenues Drainage Improvements (FEMA Hazard Mitigation Proj. #1561-137-R), per results of RFQ and Recommendation of Project Engineer – Commissioner Myers moved to passed the item as presented. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

- b. **Concur on Ranking of Airport Engineer Respondents** and authorize contract negotiations to begin with Passero Associates, highest ranked respondent, for Airport Engineering Services, per results of RFQ and Ranking Committee Recommendation – Commissioner Brown moved to approve the item as presented. Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

- c. **Issue Permit to exceed noise levels established by Chapter 30, Palatka Code of Ordinances to St. Johns Super Dogs** for one-year anniversary celebration to be held September 10, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the City Dock -- Special Events Permit #10-37 – Lisa & Dennis Moore, applicants – Mr. Norton said the application was turned in the first week of August but he was not available to review it until after he returned to work on Sept. 1. The special events committee looked at it and recommended it be approved by the City Commission. Commissioner Kitchens said the organizer applied for a variance on the noise, but not the time for the noise variance. She asked why they weren't sent to the amphitheater instead of the City Dock. Mayor Flagg said their business is at the dock. Mr. Holmes said this has been designated as a Class B event. According to the Code, the decision about whether to approve a Class B event is the decision of the City Manger. If it were a class C event, the special events coordinator could approve it. A Class A event would be decided by the City Commission. Mr. Holmes asked if the permit was issued by the City Manger. Mr. Norton said not at this time. Mr. Holmes said when an application is made for a class B event, it goes to Mr. Norton first to determine the classification of the event. Once the event type is assigned, the hours of operation are included in the permit. The Code states the City Commission can issue a noise permit variance subject to limitations under the noise control variance. According to Chapter 30, Noise, section 109 it says the Commission can grant a variance for noise, but hours are limited to any 8-hour time frame between 7 a.m. and midnight only. As to Commissioner Kitchens' question, although it is an issue for the City Manager, the definition of a Class B event, states hours of operation should be no earlier than 8 am and no later than 10 pm. The next sentence says no amplified sound shall be permitted before 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. The ordinance doesn't contain any specific provision for extending hours of operation. He has to believe should means there is some discretion on a class B permit. The City Manager could have granted hours of operation to 12 midnight. It says normally the hours should be between 8 and 10, but can be beyond that. He doesn't like the word "should". If you assume the permit will be granted, because the City Manger is going to grant it, the Commission can grant the noise variance. Mayor Flagg said there is nothing that indicates there is a request for a noise variance other than an interview process. They need to understand that several things happened that caused this to be before the Commission on the night before the event. If Mr. Norton has another illness, someone

needs to be able to send the application through the process. The event is tomorrow. Mr. Reynolds should be authorized to sign this.

Commissioner Kitchens said in 2008 and 2009 some biker groups wanted to put something on at the waterfront, and because they weren't a non-profit group, they weren't allowed to do it. This would be setting a precedent. Commissioner Brown said this town is going through a change. They say they want tourism. When you want tourism, you need to make changes. They have rented this property to these people to bring people to the waterfront. They want to do something to enhance the waterfront. They need to broaden their vision. This is a way to get people Downtown. Mr. Holmes said procedurally the first step would be to authorize Mr. Reynolds to sign the permit in lieu of the City Manger. Commissioner Brown moved to authorize Matt Reynolds to approve and sign Special Events Permit #10-37. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion, which passed unopposed. Commissioner Brown moved to grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels from 7:00 p.m – 11:00 p.m. as part of Special Events Permit No. 10-37. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Norwood to ask the Moore's to be respectful of the surrounding neighborhood in respect to the volume. Commissioner Kitchens said she has a neighbor that gets up at 3 am to go to work. It disturbs people in general, especially those who work on weekends. They need to use common sense. This is not something to draw people downtown, but to draw people to this business for their anniversary. The sound doesn't need to be excessive.

Mayor Flagg read the disclosure concerning the noise ordinance on the back of the special events process. He stated the form needs to be revised and they need to tighten up the procedural process. Future applications shouldn't take this much deliberation. There being no further discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed 4 -1, opposed by Commissioner Kitchens.

Mr. Norton said the Special Events Committee will meet Tuesday morning at the PD and he'd like Mr. Holmes to attend. Mayor Flagg said there needs to be something in the application that states there may be a need for a noise variance notice.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING – TRIM Calendar** - Tentative Budget and Proposed Millage Rate (8.65)

a. Levy Ordinance – 2010/11 Budget year – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2010 TO RAISE THE NECESSARY REVENUE TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on 1st reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioner Norwood, Kitchens, Brown, Myers and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared passed on 1st reading.

b. Appropriation Ordinance – 2010/11 Budget year – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE SEVERAL GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, AND FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE SEVERAL SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY TO PAY INTEREST ON AND PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING BONDS AND OTHER FIXED OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, AND FOR PALATKA GAS AUTHORITY, FOR AND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR A.D. 2010-2011. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on 1st reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioner Norwood,

Kitchens, Brown, Myers and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared passed on 1st reading.

5. **CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE** on recommendation to earmark all fees collected for Code Enforcement actions to be used for demolition and/or lot clean up – Kenny Downs, 2020 Ashbrooke Lane, CED Chairman, said the Board asked him to make this presentation tonight. He realizes how tight budgets are. Ten years ago they started taking down derelict housing cooperatively between the City and County. There have been around 25 – 30 houses taken down. Had they had to hire this out, it would have cost much more than the \$3,000 budgeted for this purpose at that time. This cooperative arrangement has saved the City between \$350,000 - \$500,000 over time. The County has the heavier equipment to take down the house and the City and County then haul off the debris. They took down two houses a few weeks ago. The situation has changed; he has been advised by the County Administrator that the City will have to start paying to dispose of construction material. The County is opening a new cell and is not accepting construction material at this time. He negotiated a good price of \$5.00/ton for the City to dispose of construction material in the privately owned landfill next to the County landfill. He realizes the City and County both pay the employees they use for demolitions. The County has not been using the City/County arrangement to take down derelict housing; the County has been hiring contractors for their demolitions and not using the City's workers for that. He'd like money collected from Code Enforcement fines set aside in a special Code Enforcement Account to take these houses down. The City has set aside \$19,000 to pay landfill fees on these demolitions. They have used around \$3,000 of that. The situation has changed. The City now has to pay to dispose of construction debris. There is some money left but it won't last long. He hopes they can take houses down as needed. The request reads "all" the money should be put into an account, but they will be happy with a portion of the fees. In most cases, Staff has been working on a case for several months before a fine begins; they are consistent and fair with all. They need to look ahead as they will need to use the private landfill for disposal of construction debris. The County is just opening their new cell and aren't putting any debris into the landfill until they get several feet of household garbage down. Per Mayor Flagg's question, Mr. Downs said he is not sure if the County will be using the private landfill for their construction debris.

Mayor Flagg said every citizen in the City is also paying county taxes. No one should be negotiating any agreement for disposal of anything outside the City if the County is not also having to negotiate a private landfill arrangement. It is not fair for citizens of the City to pay for landfill services if the County is not also paying those fees. The City shouldn't have to negotiate for private landfill fees when citizens are paying the same taxes to Putnam County as county residents. City residents are also county residents. Mr. Downs said over the last 10 years the City has not paid any landfill fees for construction debris. Mayor Flagg said just because citizens are in the city limits, this doesn't mean they don't also deserve county services. He's not interested in any separate negotiations for City residents if they don't also apply to the County. Mr. Downs suggested he take this to the Putnam County BOCC and they will likely quickly back away from the agreement they made 10 years ago and the City will begin paying to take down their own houses as well as paying for disposal of landfill debris. Mayor Flagg suggested this item be tabled until the City Manager returns and makes a recommendation. He believes in the City-County partnership to take down derelict housing, but he is concerned with this request. Commissioner Kitchens said she understands the County doesn't want construction debris in the landfill until they get a liner of soft garbage. She asked where County residents are taking their construction garbage. Mr. Downs said to the private landfill. Mayor Flagg said what's good for the County is good for the City. Commissioner Kitchens said she served on the Codes

Board and this Board bent over backwards to work with people to get property into compliance. She commended him and the board for their good work. Mayor Flagg said whatever rate the County gets, the City should get, and the City should be dumping where the County is dumping. Commissioner Norwood moved to remand this issue to the City Manager and readdress it on October 14. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed opposed.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING** – 100 Underwood Drive - Planning Board Recommendation to Annex, Amend the Future Land Use Map and Future Land Use Element from Putnam County Commercial to City of Palatka Low Density Residential, and rezone from Putnam County R-1A to City of Palatka R-1A – Virginia C. McColm, owner/petitioner. Mayor Flagg opened the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE #10-20 annexing 100 Underwood Drive – 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 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 pass the ordinance on 2nd reading for adoption as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioner Brown, Kitchens Norwood, Myers and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. Ordinance No. 10-20 was declared adopted.

ORDINANCE #10-21 – 100 Underwood Drive – amending the Future Land Use Map and Future Land Use Element from Putnam County Commercial to City of Palatka Low Density Residential - Adopt - The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE AMENDED WITH RESPECT TO ONE PARCEL OF LAND (LESS THAN 10 ACRES IN SIZE) IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST FROM COUNTY COMMERCIAL TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on 2nd reading for adoption as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioner Norwood, Kitchens, Brown Myers and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. Ordinance No. 10-21 was declared adopted.

ORDINANCE rezoning 100 Underwood Drive from Putnam County R-1A to City of Palatka R-1A – 1st Reading – 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 PROPERTY IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST; FROM COUNTY R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO CITY 2-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL); REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Kitchens moved to pass the ordinance on 1st reading. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioner Kitchens, Brown, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was passed on first reading.

7. **ORDINANCE** rezoning 500 S. Palm Avenue from Putnam County R-1A and C-1 to City of Palatka C-1 – Harvest Temple Ministries, Inc., owner/petitioner – 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 PROPERTY IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST; FROM COUNTY R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND C-1 (COMMERCIAL) TO CITY C-1 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL); REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

8. **ORDINANCE** – Planning Board Recommendation to rezone Putnam County Business Park, consisting of six parcels of land (257.39 acres) north of St. Johns Avenue, west of the Palatka Municipal Airport and east of CR309 from Putnam County PUD to City of Palatka M-1/PID – Putnam County Port Authority/Putnam County, owners – 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 THOSE CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN SECTIONS 04 AND 09, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST; FROM COUNTY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO CITY LIGHT INDUSTRIAL/PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (M-1/PID); REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Myers moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results; Commissioner Myers, Kitchens, Brown, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.
9. **ORDINANCE** - Planning Board Recommendation to vacate and abandoned unnamed roads located in J. W. Glisson's Subdivision located north of Jenkins Middle School – Putnam County School Board, applicant – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, CLOSING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING UNNAMED ROADS LOCATED IN J.W. GLISSON'S SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 2, PAGE 12B, WITHIN THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results; Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.
10. **ORDINANCE** providing for local implementation of the St. Johns Water Management District's Landscape Irrigation Water Conservation Rule – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER CONSERVATION RULE FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES FROM THE SPECIFIC DAY OF THE WEEK LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading as read. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results; Commissioners Brown, Myers, Norwood and Mayor Flagg, yes. Commissioner Kitchens, no. The ordinance was declared passed and adopted, four in favor, opposed by Commissioner Kitchens

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

The Clerk noted the NEFLC dinner/meeting will be hosted by the City on Thursday, Sept. 16th at Palatka Golf Club. Commissioner Brown said Ride Solutions has built new buses that can go onto different terrains. She'd like to ask that the tour make a stop at the bus garage to see the new buses.

12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kitchens said she's not trying to be hard on Downtown, but when they have special events, especially those that produce noise, there are over 10,000 people in the City and they need to consider those citizens. They contribute a lot to the community. This is their home. They can have events Downtown that won't disturb the citizens. The downtown is only one small portion of the City. They need to remember all the citizens. They all need to work together.

Commissioner Norwood said the FLC Urban Administration Committee is working on the issue of effective public notice. Currently the City is providing notice only through the newspaper. Media has changed. They also have internet now and there are other ways to communicate. Young people get all their news off the internet. He would like to know what it costs the City per year for public notices for the newspaper. They've had several complaints from individuals on notice because some people don't use newspapers. They need to be sure they are at the table on this.

Commissioner Brown said Seminole County has applied for a permission to draw down the St. Johns River. They need to make sure someone is watching this. The study is ongoing. There is money available for Brownfield grants. There are brownfields within the City they need to address. Enterprise Florida has a lady stationed in Green Cove Springs that can help to promote things that will enhance and bring business to Florida. They need to take advantage of this.

Commissioner Myers said, going back to Item 3(c) concerning the noise request, this brings to light they should establish protocol for dealing with these issues. Someone should be authorized to act in the City Manager's place. The City Manger should look at this when he comes back to town. Commissioner Norwood said they received a memorandum advising that Matt Reynolds and Jonathan Griffith would be acting on his behalf. Mayor Flagg said that was just for questions.

Mayor Flagg said it was brought to his attention concern over the lack of services in the post office. They used to be able to purchase stamps there, but citizens are paying more to purchase stamps at other locations. He doesn't understand why the machines are down more than they are up and the citizens are deprived of a service they all deserve. They should be able to get a stamp at the post office any time of the day, not just during business hours. Commissioner Kitchens said you can buy stamps at Publix and they don't cost extra. She purchases them there when the post office is closed. The post office still needs their stamp machine box. Mayor Flagg said he cannot fathom only being able to purchase a stamp from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He is not sure who they need to contact, but they need to be able to find out if this is the norm. The level of service is decreasing.

13. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Commissioner Myers, seconded by Commissioner Kitchens.