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

MINUTES
CITY OF PALATKA
October 27, 2011

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 27th day of October, 2011.

PRESENT:

Mayor	Vernon Myers
Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
Commissioner	Allegra Kitchens
Commissioner	Phil Leary
Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Matthew Reynolds; Planning Director Thad Crowe, Police Chief Gary Getchell; Fire Chief Mike Lambert; Fire Marshal Mark Lynady; WWTP Superintendent Platt Drew

CALL TO ORDER: Student Mayor Cadet Matthew Rosenberger called the 2011 ROTC Students in Government Special Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION - JROTC Cadet Chaplain Morgan Walden

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – JROTC Cadet Kaishia Robertson

ROLL CALL - Roll Call: Presentation of Honorary "Cadets in Government" City Officials

Commission:

Mayor Matthew Rosenberger
Vice Mayor Kaithia Robinson
Commissioner Kaishia Robinson
Commissioner Stephon Edwards
Commissioner Morgan Walden

Appointed Officials:

City Manager Johnathan Gray
City Clerk Samuel Parrish
Finance Director Timothy Brown
Police Chief Payton Stoudt
Fire Chief Dakota Johnson
City Attorney Travis Hendley
Planning Director Austin Wilkerson
Chief Building Official Joseph Peck
General Services Director Michael Hibbs

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

PROCLAMATION - PHS Junior ROTC Cadet Corps Day – November 4, 2011 – Honorary Vice Mayor Robinson joined Honorary Mayor Rosenberger in presenting ROTC Colonel Charles Coxwell with a proclamation designating Friday, November 4, 2011 as PHS JROTC Cadet Corps Day in the City of Palatka. Colonel Coxwell said 37 years ago he was a 9th grader in JROTC and

is one of the few instructors who's returned to the classroom pass forward his knowledge and experience to today's students, as did those who mentored him. You don't learn leadership and character from a book; it takes conversation, mentorship, teaching and counsel to teach students morality, character and citizenship during school hours, as well as after class. There are well over 500,000 cadets throughout the nation who set the example for and amongst their fellow students throughout their communities. They'd like to see more parents encourage their children to join JROTC to learn how to be successful in the future.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Cadet Vice-Mayor/Commissioner Kaithia Robinson moved to keep the Clock Tower in its present location. Cadet Commissioner Kaishia Robinson seconded the motion. Following discussion regarding historic significance, aesthetics, downtown redevelopment, and laws governing historic monuments and landmarks, the question was called and the motion passed, three in favor, with two opposed.

Cadet Commissioner Walden moved to make one semester of JROTC a mandatory requirement for high school; graduation. Cadet Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. After much discussion regarding the benefits of JROTC as it relates to character building, patriotism, morality, team-building, organization and citizenship, a vote was taken and the motion passed unopposed.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING: Honorary Mayor Rosenberger announced that this concluded the items on the Special Agenda, and returned the gavel to Mayor Myers at 6:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Myers called the regular 10-27-11 Palatka City Commission meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/13/11 – Commissioner Brown move to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

Employee Retirement – Gary Denmark, WWTP Class A Operator – 1/12/75 to 10/31/11 – Mr. Denmark was present to receive his plaque, which was presented by Mayor Myers. Platt Drew, WWTP Superintendent, said they were both hired by Pete Willis and both worked at the plant formerly located behind the golf course. Mr. Denmark met all challenges with dedication and professionalism. He has achieved the highest certification level, is a model employee and a valued friend.

PROCLAMATIONS

City Government Week – October 23 – 30, 2011 – Read by Mayor Myers, who stated municipal government is the government closest to the citizens.

National Hospice Month – November, 2011 – Rodney Phillips, Hospice of the Nature Coast, was present to receive the proclamation, read and presented by Mayor Myers, as well as the following proclamation.

Children's Grief Awareness Day – November 17, 2011 – Rodney Phillips, Hospice of the Nature Coast Public Relations Manager, Palatka, was present to receive the proclamation, which was read and presented by Mayor Myers. Mr. Phillips said it is important to get the word out and let the community know what services are available. They provide grief services to patients and their families during their time of need. The "Partners In Care" program is for children that are born with life limiting illness, and they are the only provider that services this program. They are there to provide nursing support for patients and support for families. They provide "kid time" for grieving children in the Putnam County schools for children struggling with

a loss, to provide services and teach them how to deal with grief. They also support Camp Good Hope, which provides grief services. There are many children's grief services programs available to the community.

WATERWORKS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER UPDATE – Jim Townsend & Shann Purinton – Mrs. Purinton provided a brief historical aspect of the Old Palatka Waterworks, and said for more than 100 years, when this waterworks was in operation it could pump up to a million gallons per day for residents, businesses and fire prevention. Water initially came straight from the Ravines. A journal was shown that stated Palatka had “state of the art water production, surpassing that of any city in the state,” around the turn of the century. She showed slides of the settling tanks. She said the building fell into disrepair after being phased out in 1986. In the 1990's a group was organized with a goal to preserve the building. In 2002 the building was preserved with the re-pointing of the brick and reroofing. The group is now managing the Waterworks Environmental Education Center, which serves three main purposes: 1) as an environmental education center, 2) a cultural and natural history museum and 3) trails center. They have a waterworks committee with around 30 members. If anyone is interested in being on that committee, she welcomes their support and involvement. They have 6 – 8 subcommittees and have a 7-member advisory group. They have had many accomplishments. They are open to the public on the first Sunday of every month in the afternoon and every Wednesday morning from 8 to noon. Slides of accomplishments were shown. They welcome all visitors.

JROTC GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS: Mayor Myers presented Good Citizenship Awards to “Cadets in Government” Student City Commission members and honorary staff, recognizing their participation in City Government Week activities.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – October, 2011 – Commissioner Kitchens joined Mayor Myers in presenting the following students with certificates in recognition of their academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and attendance at their respective schools:

Bradley Aaron Tilton	Beasley Middle School
Garrett Adkins	Browning Pearce Elementary School
Kylie Womack	Children's Reading Center Charter School
Maryana Bolden	E.H. Miller School
Kole Yelvington	James A. Long Elementary School
Zach Prioletti	Jenkins Middle School
Amy Kennedy	Kelley Smith Elementary School
Natalynn Brown	Mellon Elementary School
Leeah McMahon	Moseley Elementary School
Jacob Sevearance	Palatka High School
Hannah Gipe	Peniel Baptist Academy

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - (Speakers limited to three minutes – no action taken on items)

Dave Cobb, Florida Power & Light, External Affairs Mgr, Lake City, said his purpose for being here tonight is to make sure City Commission & Staff know who he is and to leave them with his contact information so if they have any issues or concerns, they can contact him. He is available 24 hours a day. The City works closely with Jeff Womble, who services major accounts in this area. As to rates, they were approved to recover some nuclear costs and that will be on the bill. Of the 55 electric companies in the State they are the company with the lowest cost. They serve more customers with fewer people by investing in new technology. They have invested in some large solar sites with zero fuel costs. They are changing design standards and improving reliability and putting greater emphasis on vegetation management. Lately their central corporate focus has been on forming a corporate economic development department. They will provide assistance to local and state agencies. Commissioner Brown

asked if they will ever have another local FPL office where people can go to pay their bill. Mr. Cobb said maintaining an office is very expensive, so they try to meet this need through a myriad of other ways people can pay their monthly electric bill.

Askew Vickers, 207 N. 18th Street, complimented the RR track repair. He said he was unaware until a few days ago of the City's homeless situation. There are 12 families sleeping under the bridge. They've been there for quite some time. The Palatka Police Department is aware of this. It is bad that the City can't afford to help the homeless people. They have a shelter for animals, but there is no homeless shelter. He asked if there is anything the Commission will do about this. A shelter can be built. The community can't ignore the situation. Commissioner Brown said there was a homeless shelter in Palatka at one time.

Julia McCoy, 121 Penny Acres Road, Fruitland, FL said she is here to address the newly painted murals in the windows of this building. She painted the original murals. The newly painted murals are bad copies, but she thought maybe the murals were painted by art students. She discovered through local articles that an out-of-town artist was contracted and paid to copy the murals she painted. There are no local artists that are painting these murals anymore. The City owns the murals, but not the designs. She provided history of the murals and mural committee. She said Palatka Main Street initiated the Welcome to Palatka mural. She received permission from the original mural painter to repaint his design. Following this, the mural committee was formed and engaged Florida School of the Arts to paint the City Hall murals. She did the five original designs for the paintings, but The School of the Arts was awarded the bid to do the work. In the interest of cost savings, the School pieced the panels together, against her advice. Because the School couldn't complete the murals, she volunteered to complete the murals. She did this for the good of community at great personal sacrifice. She put in 400 hours or more. Her designs are not owned by the City. Tax dollars were used to re-do this work, paid to an artist who spends the money he makes on these murals outside of this county. She'd have spent the money here in Putnam County. Terry Smith, the artist who copied her designs, knew it was wrong to do so. He pays taxes and buys his supplies elsewhere. She's been written out of the history of the murals, according to the articles she's read. She suggested murals on the former Blue Room and Negro Baseball League. She's here to make a point that they should use local artists.

Robert Baumer, 415 Hollis Street, Palatka, appeared with his neighbors from the N. Historic District. He said the property at 415 N. 5th Street in the North Historic District has been neglected by its owner. He is here to urge adoption of a nuisance ordinance. Code Enforcement has done all they can to remedy this property. They cannot collect the fines. The homeowner has not paid them. The homestead exemption has now been removed. Other nearby communities have a nuisance ordinance, which would be for the betterment of all the City to remedy blighted properties.

Patrick Halloran, 416 N. 5th Street, said he lives across the street from 415 N. 5th Street, and no one has lived there for the six years he's lived in his house, although the owner was claiming a homestead exemption. That property is a fire hazard for the properties around it and is a haven for drug users and squatters and thieves. The property needs to be demolished or rehabilitated. It is an eyesore and a danger to the community. They need some teeth to enforce the City Codes. Fines on this property total over \$23,000.

Commissioner Leary said they are in the process of preparing a nuisance ordinance and will start the process of adopting that ordinance in January. He thanked them for coming. Commissioner Kitchens said she served on the Code Enforcement Board from 1998 to 2005. They have the ability to foreclose on property; since it is not homesteaded maybe they can request action from the Code Enforcement Board to foreclose on that property. Mr. Halloran

asked, when this comes up for a public meeting, will the North Historic District be notified? Commissioner Leary said they do public notification through the newspaper, and asked Mr. Crowe to notify them when it comes up.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Declare as surplus property Building & Zoning office equipment** as listed, for disposal at auction
- b. **Appoint Robert W. Baumer to the Palatka Code Enforcement Board** as member with sub-contractor experience for the remainder of a 3-year term to expire 9/30/12
- c. **Reappoint John Lyons as Alternate and Leroy Miles as Member with Legal Experience to the Palatka Code Enforcement Board** for 3 year terms to expire 9/30/14 (incumbents – sole applicants)
- d. **Set date and time for City Commission Workshop on November 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** concerning the Downtown Waterview Property Redevelopment and RFP

Mayor Myers asked to pull Item (d) for discussion. Commissioner Norwood moved to approve Consent Items 3 (a) through (c) as presented. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

Set date and time for City Commission Workshop on November 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. concerning the Downtown Waterview Property Redevelopment and RFP - Mayor Myers suggested they hold a Town Hall Meeting instead of the Commission Workshop. The intent is to solicit public input from citizens. A Town Hall Meeting will be more relaxed and they will get more input. Following discussion, Commissioner Kitchens moved to set a Town Hall meeting date for Monday, November 14th at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** – 2908 Kennedy Street (.15 acres) - Application to Annex, Amend the Future Land Use Map and Future Land Use Element From Putnam County R-1A (Residential 1, Single-Family) To R-1A (Single-Family Residential) – Dene and Deborah Berry, Applicants

ORDINANCE annexing 2908 Kennedy Street - 1st Reading – 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 2908 KENNEDY STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 12, 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 1st reading. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The Ordinance was declared passed on 1st reading.

ORDINANCE rezoning 2908 Kennedy Street – 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 LOCATED IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, LOCATED AT 2908 KENNEDY STREET FROM PUTNAM COUNTY R-1A (RESIDENTIAL 1A, SINGLE FAMILY) TO R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on 1st reading. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood, and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The Ordinance was declared passed on 1st reading.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** – 2920 Kennedy Street (.29 acres) – Application to Annex, Amend the Future Land Use Map and Future Land Use Element From Putnam County R-1A (Residential 1, Single-Family) To R-1A (Single-Family Residential) – Terry N. Turk, Applicant

ORDINANCE annexing 2920 Kennedy Street – 1st Reading – 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 2920 KENNEDY STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 12, 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 1st reading. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood, and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The Ordinance was declared passed on 1st reading.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY - Mayor Myers asked for and received consensus to move Agenda Item 10 to the front of the Orders of the Day.

10. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 94 of the Zoning Code of Ordinances to allow Farmer's Markets as conditional uses in the Downtown Riverfront and Business Districts – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTION 94-161, 94-162, AND 94-200 AND TO ADD NEW SECTION 94-201 TO ALLOW AS PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USE AND ACTIVITY IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AND DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT ZONING DISTRICTS, REVISE DEFINITION OF FARMERS MARKETS, AND PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THIS USE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance on 2nd reading as read. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion.

Ramicah Watkins, Keep Putnam Beautiful Executive Director, 205 Higgins Street, Palatka said they have been trying to get a Farmer's Market in Palatka for some time, but the ordinance is restrictive in allowing them to do this. She feels this is more restrictive than Florida Law allows. There are other types of food that should be permitted, such as prepared food, shellfish, relish, etc. If the vendor or producer of these products has a permit from the Department of Agriculture, they need to allow them to participate in order to be competitive with other farmer markets in the local area.

Thad Crowe, Planning Director, said he has no objection to this change. Mr. Holmes said the restriction is by reference to the definition of Farmer's Markets in 94-201 where it references they are for sale in an unprocessed condition. The definition includes "cottage foods." Mr. Crowe said they should include milk and dairy products, and foods prepared "off site." Commissioner Brown said years ago they tried to start a farmers market to get roadside vendors off the sides of

the road. They need to make this broad so it will be successful. They need to be as open as surrounding communities. Mr. Crowe suggesting passing as it is as they wanted to get started on this. Mr. Holmes said that can be done; the terms he read off were added and other sections were struck. After further discussion there was consensus to pass the ordinance as it reads and amend it at a later date. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY – Mayor Myers then returned to the Orders of the Day.

6. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances to delete Section 46-6 to remove firearms regulations - 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA BY DELETING SECTION 46-6, RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF GUNS OR PISTOLS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR THE RENUMBERING OF CHAPTER 86, ARTICLE II ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Kitchens moved to adopt the ordinance on 2nd reading as read. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood, and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The Ordinance was declared adopted.
7. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances to delete Section 50-49 to remove local firearms regulations – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA BY DELETING SECTION 50-46, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OR DISCHARGE OF GUNS OR PISTOLS WITHIN OR INTO CITY PARKS, IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR THE RENUMBERING OF CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE II ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood with reluctance moved to adopt the ordinance on 2nd reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion.

Askew Vickers, 207 N. 18th Street, asked if there was any clarity provided on bb guns being in this category. It was noted that bb guns were not in the category at the last meeting. Mayor Myers said this refers to firearms only.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood, and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

8. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 94 of the Zoning Code of Ordinances to allow ground signs for churches and child care facilities in residential areas – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTIONS 94-141, 94-142, 94-143, 94-144, 94-145, AND 94-146 TO ALLOW GROUND SIGNS LIMITED TO SIX FEET IN HEIGHT AND THIRTY SQUARE FEET IN SIZE AND WALL SIGNS LIMITED TO THIRTY SQUARE FEET IN SIZE FOR CHURCHES AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Leary moved to adopt the ordinance on 2nd reading as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

9. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 94 of the Zoning Code of Ordinances to allow ground signs in the Downtown Riverfront and Business Districts – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read and ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTION 94-161 AND 94-162 TO ALLOW GROUND SIGNS LIMITED TO SIX FEET IN HEIGHT, THIRTY SQUARE FEET IN SIZE, AND EIGHT FEET IN WIDTH IN THE DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on 2nd reading as read. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Thad Crowe, Planning Director, said several new uses that jurisdictions have had trouble regulating, as in internet cafes and pill mills, have become big issues in other communities, and a number of communities are looking at better ways to regulate them. He has concerns about internet cafes; they have approved two in the past two months. There are concerns with traffic, security and other impacts. They have instituted basic safety requirements after the fact to protect against crime and robbery. Some of these places are offering liquor and alcohol to entice people in. This seems to be a hot topic.

Commissioner Leary said he met with the Commissioner of Agriculture's Chief of Staff, and they have the same concerns. They are looking at this State-wide. Legislation has been filed this week concerning this. Commissioner Norwood said the FLC is urging adoption of legislation to do away with those types of businesses, as well as pill mills, in our communities.

Mr. Crowe said other communities are currently taking action. Commissioner Leary said they should revisit this in February if regulatory legislation has not passed legislation. Commissioner Norwood said they will be discussing this during his Urban Services Committee meeting tomorrow. There was commission consensus to revisit this in February.

12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Discussion of Water Taxi Launch Celebration – Vice Mayor Brown said she'd like to plan for a launch of the water taxis which will be an excellent way to showcase the entire town. She'd like to get the assistance of the Main Street Manager and Mr. Norton as special events managers. She's contacted people in the community to help pull together a golf tournament, a fly-in, and historical tour of homes. Churches and cemeteries need to be toured. They should make this a really special occasion. They can make a video of this to promote the town. She's also asked a realtor to show houses for purchase. The boats will be ready by the end of January or February. She asked Mr. DeVitto if he could join the committee. He said he could not, but he will be glad to write articles on the City's behalf. Mr. Rudd was present and agreed to help work on this. She asked Mr. Cobb to work on this with her; he agreed. She said she will enlist the help of the commission on this.

Commissioner Leary said as to the issue with the gasoline prices, he bought gas at 210 and I-95 for \$3.33 a gallon on Monday morning. When he arrived in Palatka the gas prices along Reid Street were \$3.45 and up. He'd like to find out why. He asked the Chamber to get involved. The gas tax does not make that much difference. There was commission consensus to have the City Manager to look into this.

Commissioner Leary said The Waterways Mooring Field Subcommittee will be meeting on the proposed mooring field bill next Wednesday and he will report back to them on whether or not they will be going forward with the bill, or if the City will go through the regular regulatory process.

Mayor Myers said the gentleman with DEP said there is no magic to issuing permits for mooring fields. He does it all the time. He has his name and will get it to him.

Commissioner Norwood said he'd like to see the City Manger pull together volunteer resources to address the homeless issue. There are several shelters and a food pantry, and they need to start addressing this issue. All communities are faced with this. They have a responsibility to address this. These citizens need benefits. Commissioner Kitchens said the Greater Ministerial Association works on this issue and they can address this. Commissioner Norwood said they need to organize this and the City Manger can organize this. Mayor Myers said he knows of no organization that provides shelter in the community. Commissioner Norwood appealed to the public to pull together a shelter for the homeless. Mayor Myers said one of the agencies United Way funds is Catholic Charities, and they provide assistance to homeless people. Commissioner Brown said they had the Caring Center here that housed homeless people and Red Cross sheltered homeless. The Salvation Army also addressed homelessness.

13. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Brown.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. FS 286.105