

VERNON MYERS
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VICE MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

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CHIEF FIRE DEPT.

DONALD E. HOLMES
CITY ATTORNEY

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

AGENDA

CITY OF PALATKA

March 22, 2012

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 22nd day of March, 2012.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: City Manager Elwin C. "Woody" Boynton, Jr.; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Matthew Reynolds; Planning Director Thad Crowe, Police Chief Gary Getchell; and Fire Chief Mike Lambert

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

INVOCATION – The Reverend Chad Perry, Pastor; Dunns Creek Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Phil Leary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/23/12 workshop meeting, 3/8/12 regular meeting – Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION – Tobacco Free Florida Week – Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) – David Powell with the Health Department and Savannah Ross, member of PHS SWAT, were present to accept the Proclamation, which was read and presented by Mayor Myers. Mr. Powell said every year the State acknowledges Tobacco Free Week and this has had a great impact on the number of smokers, which has declined over the past several years.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – **Service Above Self:** Sissy Webber & Christy Wilkinson, Water Utilities – Mayor Myers presented certificates and a check to Sissy Webber and Christy Wilkinson, water utility desk employees, in recognition of their outstanding productivity and dedication to their job duties.

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DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION – Dan McLean, CEO, PCMC – Mayor Myers noted this was presented to Mr. McLean, retiring CEO of Putnam Community Medical Center, at a Chamber function earlier this evening.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION – 2012 Azalea Festival Mayor’s Reception Partners – the following partners were recognized by Mayor Myers:

1. **Sponsor – Prosperity Bank** – Connie Romy, Prosperity Bank, was present to receive a plaque in recognition of the Bank’s sponsorship of the Azalea Festival Mayor’s Reception
2. **Volunteer Azalea Hosts/Hostesses** – Certificates were presented to Taylor Driggers, Samantha Story, and Taniqua Wilson in recognition of their volunteering as Hosts and Hostesses. Kayla Peoples, Brianna Bostic, Breanna Currie and Willie Miller were not present and were recognized in absentia.
3. **Flo-Arts Students** – Mayor Myers said the Flo Arts students had rehearsals tonight for an upcoming production and could not attend tonight’s meeting. The following students were recognized in absentia: Anastasia Calhoun, Jamaica Reddick, Tyler Lindauer, Kelsey McGary, Gregg Baker, Cheyenne DeBarros, Stephan Pineda, Lindsay Schroyer and Matthew Quick.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Service Above Self – Mayor Myers presented a certificate of recognition and check to City Clerk Betsy Driggers in recognition for her outstanding work on the 2012 Mayor’s Reception.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – March, 2012 – Commissioner Leary joined Mayor Myers in presenting certificates to the following students in recognition of academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and attendance at their respective schools:

Hannah Alexander	Beasley Middle School
Rachelle Clark	Browning Pearce Elementary School
D’Tavia Givens	Children’s Reading Center Charter School
Angel Soto	E.H. Miller School
Hunter Vaught	James A. Long Elementary School
Ja’kobi Dasher	Jenkins Middle School
Tyler Lee	Kelley Smith Elementary School
Chelsea Welch	Mellon Elementary School
Enyssa Davis	Moseley Elementary School
Mimi Ho	Palatka High School
Rebecca Brown	Peniel Baptist Academy

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were none.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Declare as Surplus** Fire, Parks & Police Vehicles and City Hall window a/c units for disposition
- b. **Adopt Revised Public Records Policy** per staff recommendation
- c. **Grant permission to exceed noise levels established by Chapter 30, Palatka Code of Ordinances to Abundant Life Ministries** for SE Permit #12-20 on March 25 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. to hold an outdoor church service at the Amphitheater, per Special Event Coordinator’s recommendation

- d. **Grant permission to exceed noise levels established by Chapter 30, Palatka Code of Ordinances to Kairos Sea Ministries** for SE Permit #12-19 on March 31, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for Spiritual Outreach event at the Amphitheater, per Special Events Coordinator's recommendation
- e. **Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels established by Chapter 30 of the Palatka Code of Ordinances for "4th Saturday Dancin' In The Street Downtown Cruise-In Block Party"** SE Permit #12-06 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on 4th Saturdays of April (28th), May (26th) and June (23rd), 2012 – Palatka Main Street, Applicant – per Special Events Coordinator's recommendation
- f. **Approve special request items for Class B Special Events Permit #12-14, 2012 Wolfson's Children's Bass Tournament, May 17, 18 & 19, 2012, per Special Event Coordinator's recommendation:**
 - 1. Approve Noise Ordinance variance May 17, 18 & 19 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
 - 2. Close boat ramp to public from 6:00 p.m. Friday, 5/18 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 5/19
- g. **Approve special request items for Palatka Yacht Club Class B SE Permit #12-13 for 59th Annual Mug Race** from 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2012 as follows per Special Event Coordinator's recommendation:
 - 1. Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels
 - 2. Grant permission to serve/consume alcoholic beverages on public property/street confined to Riverfront area as noted

Commissioner Norwood moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

- 4. **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE** – 320 Zeagler Drive – Planning Board Recommendation to amend the Future Land Use Map from RL (Residential, Low Density) to COM (Commercial) – 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 ONE PARCEL OF LAND (LESS THAN 10 ACRES IN SIZE) IDENTIFIED AS 320 ZEAGLER DRIVE FROM RL (RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY) TO COM (COMMERCIAL), PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance as read. 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 adopted.
- 5. **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE** – Parcel immediately south of 320 Zeagler Drive – Planning Board Recommendation to amend the Future Land Use Map from RL (Residential, Low Density) to COM (Commercial) - 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 ONE PARCEL OF LAND (LESS THAN 10 ACRES IN SIZE) IDENTIFIED AS THE PROPERTY SOUTH OF 320 ZEAGLER DRIVE FROM RL (RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY) TO COM (COMMERCIAL), PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance 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.
- 6. **ORDINANCE** repealing and readopting Section 38 of the Palatka Code of Ordinances to adopt new Flood Zone Rules, Regulations, Development & Variance Criteria and Maps – 2nd Reading, Adopt - The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA AMENDING THE PALATKA CODE OF ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 38; TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION 38; TO ESTABLISH CONSISTENCY WITH THE 2010 BUILDING CODE; TO

ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DEVELOP RULES OF INTERPRETATION AND DEFINE TERMINOLOGY; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ESTABLISH VARIANCE PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES; AND TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the ordinance on 2nd reading as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood, Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Boynton said this past weekend the Bass Tournament was here and this couldn't have happened without all the staff from the City working together. Every department had a roll. He thanked everyone for carrying out their duties. He recognized Harley Robbins for building the walkway at cost and noted he had many hours in that project. They couldn't have done it without his efforts. He thanked his staff for representing the City well over the past weekend.

Mayor Myers said it was truly a magnificent, magical weekend. All those associated with the Tournament had a wonderful time. The Riverfront Park looked great, thanks to Jonathan Griffith and all departments that were keeping the park clean. Commissioner Kitchens said she had nothing but good comments and she emailed a slide show the St. Augustine record put together all over the US, and got great comments. Commissioner Brown said she received great comments on the Riverfront Park and thanked the City Manager for painting the buildings on the 100 Block. She noted if someone says there's nothing to do in Palatka they haven't been paying attention. Commissioner Leary said he hopes the Bassmaster Classic will be hosted here one day.

8. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** – There were none.

9. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Commissioner Norwood at 6:45 p.m.