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

AGENDA

CITY OF PALATKA

March 28, 2013

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 28th day of March, 2013.

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 Matt Reynolds; Assistant Police Chief James Griffith; Main Street Manager Charles Rudd; Project Manager Jonathan Griffith; Golf Course Manager Andy Heartz

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

INVOCATION – The Reverend Ben Tippet, Pastor Emeritus, Victory Christian Fellowship Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Carl Stewart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/28/13 Workshop and 3/14/13 Regular Meetings – Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:**

PROCLAMATION – Bicycle Festival Days – March 29 & 30, 2013 – Charles Rudd, Main Street Manager, & Gay Esperson, Bicycle Festival Organizer, were present to receive the proclamation, which was read and issued by Mayor Myers.

PROCLAMATION - Anti-Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Addiction Month – April, 2013 – Read by Mayor Myers, who noted this is for Southside Baptist Church's U-Turn Event, scheduled for April 13, 2013 at the Palatka Riverfront Park.

PROCLAMATION – Relay for Life Week – April 8 – 14, 2013 – Trent Higginbotham, Chairman, & Keith Gaylord, Operations Chair, were present to receive the proclamation, which was read and issued by Mayor Myers.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor’s Day of Recognition – April 9, 2013 – Lisa Valukevich, Communities in Schools Foster Grandparents’ Program, and Foster Grandparent Juanita Gilyard were present to receive the proclamation, which was read and issued by Mayor Myers. Ms. Valukevitch thanked Mayor Myers for recognizing foster grandparents through this nationwide initiative. She said these volunteers serve in the school system and work with the children on basic skills. They have 44 volunteers in Putnam County’s program, which has been in place since 2003. Mrs. Gilyard said she began volunteering in the Foster Grandparents Program after she retired, and has enjoyed every moment. It is heartwarming to see their faces when they learn how to read a book.

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

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Adopt Resolution No. 2013-9-91** amending Resolution No. 9-59, adopted by the City Commission on 12/13/12, authorizing submission of a Rural Development Grant application with USDA to purchase Police Patrol Vehicles to more accurately reflect the amount of grant funding
- b. **Adopt Resolution No. 2013-9-92** amending the City of Palatka FY 2012-13 Budget for February, 2013 adjustments
- c. **Adopt Resolution No. 2013-9-93** declaring the 1989 Spartan Fire Engine as surplus for disposition
- d. **Adopt Resolution No. 2013-9-94** authorizing the execution of a Florida Humanities Council Grant Agreement for the Bartram Historic Trail Project
- e. **Adopt Resolution No. 2013-9-95** urging the US Administration and Congress to preserve the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds (requested by FGFOA and Fla. League of Cities)
- f. **Adopt Resolution No. 2013-9-96** relating to the 2013 Update to the Northeast Florida Regional Council’s Regional Policy Plan, pledging support for regional cooperation and the common policy framework provided by the updated plan. (requested by NEFRC Board President Williams)
- g. **Introduce Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict** into the record filed by Commissioner James Norwood, Jr. on votes taken 1/10/13 (Agenda Items #5 and #6)
- h. **Introduce Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict** into the record filed by Commissioner Mary Lawson Brown on votes taken 2/14/13 (Agenda Items #4 and 4a)
- i. **Grant permission to exceed noise levels** established by Chapter 30, Palatka Code of Ordinances for the following Special Events Permits:
 1. **Permit #13-15, Southside Baptist Church “Community Outreach”** – April 13, 2013, 10am to 4pm, Memorial Parkway & St. Johns Avenue area to 2nd Street.
 2. **Permit #13-01, NE Fla. Association of Realtors “Hospice Bass Tournament”** – April 27, 2013, 6 am to 5 pm – Palatka Riverfront Park

Commissioner Leary moved to approve all items on consent as recommended. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

4. **MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT** – Matt Reynolds, Finance Director, said this is for the months October, 2012 through February, 2013. This is for information only. There were no questions or comments.

5. **RESOLUTION No. 2013-9-97** authorizing the submittal of a Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant for the Design, Permitting and Construction of a Downtown Palatka Riverfront Fueling Facility – Jonathan Griffith, Project Manager, said the total project cost is \$240,000 and the amount of the grant request is \$180,000.00. They have not

specified a location for this facility; however, it is noted the City owns property sufficient for this use. They can also use this for an existing facility. Commissioner Leary asked if he'd spoken to FWC regarding funding availability; Mr. Griffith said he has spoken to them of the type of project and amount of funding the City is seeking, and they were receptive to that. Mayor Myers noted the City has to provide a 25% match. Commissioner Kitchens said she understands there is an RFP out for a dock operator, and asked him to explain that person's duties and responsibilities in detail. Mr. Griffith said they are looking for maintenance, oversight and operation of several facilities at and around the Dock. They really want oversight; they want to replace bad behavior with good behavior. This individual will oversee the docks and concessions, and this person will be responsible for collecting a nominal fee for services that will go back into maintaining the docks. This person will maintain the docks on a daily basis, and will have other associated responsibilities. She asked if the floating docks will be blocked off to the public. Mr. Griffith said boaters do not want their boats to be accessible to the public. They haven't committed to anything with the granting agency. If there is a fuel facility there, that will be included.

Mr. Griffith said they'd reached out to the Boathouse Marina about providing fuel. The State said there was an issue on that with site control; as long as the city can obtain site control via a 20-year lease agreement, they can work that out. That option is still open. Commissioner Leary asked who he's spoken with about this Grant; Mr. Griffith said FWC grant staffer Pat Carroll.

Commissioner Brown said they have to have certain things to attract boaters. They have to have a pump out station, gas and security. Most cities that have marinas attached to them have a secure gate to those boats. Commissioner Kitchens said she spoke to Mr. Czymbor in detail about this; he did say there will be no fishing off the floating docks or the Riverfront behind the city docks. He said the city dock will remain open for fishing. They will have to be a joint owner with whomever they partner with on the fuel, and that joint ownership would have to be maintained for twenty years. If the private entity goes bankrupt, the City would be able to continue to operate the fuel business. Selling fuel is a good way to make money for the City; he called this a marina-type operation. While this is not being called a marina, the people who are moored there will be asked to move for fishing tournaments. In operation, it is in fact a marina, and she has great concerns about this. It will eventually be 40 floating docks. It can't be long-term mooring, but it can be two days to several weeks. Mayor Myers said this Commission will have input and decisions to make on this in the future. Commissioner Brown said if someone wants long-term dockage, they can be directed to area marinas. These facilities would be for people who come in to fish on a short-term basis. It may bring more business into the local marinas.

Commissioner Leary said he has a relationship with the FWC. He said he believes they need to stay out of competing with the private sector. He's confident a public-private partnership can be worked out.

The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RIVERFRONT FUELING FACILITY AND MOORING FIELD; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Myers opened the floor for public comment.

Albert Stoddard, 330 River Street, said many of his concerns were answered. The worst outcome would be two fueling facilities that would be competing against each other. He objects to using taxpayer funds to create a facility to compete with another tax-paying facility. The time limit on dockage should be 72 hours. Cost of operation will be a factor.

Suzanne Jacob, 117 Hotel Street, former owner of Boathouse Marina, said they built the business up to an active marina with a live-aboard dock master. This would be more efficiently done by the Boathouse Marina. If there is a problem with a long-term lease she suggested they put the fueling facility on a floating dock that could be moved, but locate it on the marina property to begin with.

Glenda Lynn, 118 Poinsettia Drive, Satsuma, said the Boathouse Marina offers all facilities she looks for as a boater. The City should not be competing with the Boathouse Marina. She objects to a gated city dock. Page 2 of 8 of the application requires the City to provide all marine operations within 10 miles and asked how the Boathouse Marina was left off that list. She asked for a full review of the application. Mr. Griffith said she is referring to an application that was submitted in a prior year; the form they are looking at is not included in the new application package. The new application form was not available on the website and they used an old application. In concept this is the exact same application minus some of the sections.

Sam Carr, 108 Riverside Drive, Satsuma, said he's involved with the Bartram Trail and Blueways Grants. The idea of putting fuel on the riverfront is an absolute necessity. He asks the City consider not getting into the marina business; he asked they partner with the Boathouse Marina and help them put in a fueling facility there.

Scott Lagasse, Sr., 135 Middlepoint Lane, E Palatka, co-owner, Boathouse Marina, said he appreciates the opportunity to work with the city on a public-private relationship. They are moving forward with putting a fueling station in and are submitting a private-entity FBIP grant next Wednesday. He thinks the floating docks are a good idea for transient boating public. When you put in electricity and begin charging for overnight stays, you are competing with local businesses. They depend upon those revenue streams. They work very hard to get the boating public to come here. Adding a third marina will not serve this purpose. They didn't purchase the marina to compete against a third city-owned marina. He opposes the City being in the marina business.

Clyde Easterbrook, 308 Dodge St., said the City should leave the marina business to the private sector.

Bob Wendling, 112 Cheffey Road, said a fuel dock is a safety issue. Fueling has to be done carefully. Fueling facilities should be kept separate. Preserve the waterfront property.

Christy Sanford, 312 Dodge Street, said this is a wonderful opportunity to partner with the Lagasse's and the Boathouse Marina to bring a needed service to Palatka. She hopes the City doesn't compete with business.

Commissioner Kitchens said this grant is for a fueling facility; Mr. Lagasse is going ahead with an application for funding for a fuel facility, also. She doesn't think the City should do this. Commissioner Leary said these grant funds are very competitive; he recommends they both apply. One or the other could get the money. Commissioner Brown said many people approach her about doing something about the Downtown. They are always looking for something to improve the Downtown. They are looking at a marine operation to get people to come to Palatka. They need to supply what people want in order to entice them to come here. She hopes the public will trust them to make good decisions; she is not in favor of putting anyone out of business. Commissioner Kitchens asked Mr. Holmes, if the City gets the grant, and the City decides not to go into business with Mr. Lagasse, can they not accept the grant, and if they turn it down, will it affect their possibility of being awarded future grants. Mr. Holmes said they can turn the grant down. Commissioner Leary said if they turn the grant down, they will hurt their chances

of getting future grants. Commissioner Norwood said the Commission doesn't need to compete with local businesses. He very much opposes this.

Marlene Lagasse, 125 Cypress Point Circle, said the grant the City is applying for is a different grant; they are not in competition with the City.

There being no further discussion a roll call vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Brown, Leary, Norwood, and Mayor Myers, Yes; Commissioner Kitchens, No. The Resolution was declared adopted by a vote of four in favor, opposed by Commissioner Kitchens.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. **ORDINANCE** Renewing and Extending the Electric Franchise Agreement with Clay Electric, originally adopted by Ordinance 81-25 on October 21, 1981 – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, EXTENDING AND RENEWING AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED TO CLAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.; AMENDING CERTAIN TERMS OF ORDINANCE #81-25; IMPOSING CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE AND TERMS RELATING THERETO; EXTENDING OTHER UNAMENDED TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. Mayor Myers opened the public hearing. There being no discussion or comment, a roll-call vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, Yes; Nays, none. The Ordinance was declared passed on first reading. Mayor Myers thanked all involved in negotiating this agreement.

7. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 10, Alcoholic Beverages to allow Sunday morning on-premises sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the municipal golf course – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA TO ADD PROVISIONS TO CHAPTER 10, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AT THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE ON SUNDAYS BEGINNING AT 7:00 A.M. INSTEAD OF 1:00 P.M.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Leary moved to adopt the Ordinance as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Myers opened the public hearing.

Ted Stackpole, 102 Ashley Drive, Pastor, First Assembly of God, said he objects to the passage of this ordinance. This opens a doorway to other local businesses serving alcoholic beverages. These hours are for worship.

Askew Vickers, 207 N. 18th Street, Palatka, said he believes this should be opened up to other similar businesses, and not just the golf course. This is a legal business to be in. This impacts his business. You cannot stop people from drinking.

Ben Tippet, 125 Cypress Drive, E. Palatka, said the Victory Christian Fellowship Church membership voted unanimously against changing the present ordinance to allow serving alcohol at the golf course on Sunday mornings. He objects to any change in the ordinance. Per Commissioner Kitchens' question, he said approximately 40 people were present for the vote.

Michael Hudson, 107 Pioneer Road, Pastor, Christ Independence Methodist Church, said he plays at the golf course and has started the St. Johns River Christian Golf Fellowship to help the course. He does not support this change in the ordinance. He urges them to leave it as it is. His church membership is over 300, with attendance of around 220 each Sunday.

Barry Beauchamp, 905 Tierra Woods, Palatka, Pastor, College Park Baptist Church, said he strongly opposes any amendment to the existing ordinance regarding sales of alcohol. This will lead to other businesses selling alcohol on Sunday mornings. Their attendance is between 125 – 150 on Sundays.

Dan Phillips, 109 Karen Court, Pastor, Lemon Heights Baptist Church, Palatka, said amending this ordinance is disrespectful to churches. He does not want to see hours of alcohol service extended. They have approximately 40 members.

Rosie Harrell, 271 E. River Road, E. Palatka, said young people are dying with addictions. She objects to the passage of this ordinance. The public notice was difficult to find. She owns buildings in Downtown Palatka and by the hospital

Jay Craven, 187 Federal Point Road, East Palatka, said he sees no good reason to allow alcohol sales on Sunday mornings. He objects to the passage of this ordinance.

Vivian Wrenn Craven, 187 Federal Point Road, East Palatka, cited the recent article comparing Putnam County life expectancy to St. Johns County life expectancy rates. She objects to the passage of this ordinance as she believes it will be detrimental to families.

Karl N. Flagg, Pastor, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, objected to the passage of this ordinance. The attendance at his church is just over 300 on Sundays.

Kirby Kennedy, 106 Lisa Lane, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Palatka, said he represents three pastoral groups. The Putnam Ministerial Association and the Southern Baptist Pastor's Fellowship are opposed to the passage of this ordinance for several reasons. To ease the golf course deficit, they suggest a comprehensive strategy with short and long term solutions through community input so they can all have a role in eliminating the golf course debt. The passage of this ordinance will produce more amendments to allow other restaurants to sell alcohol on Sunday mornings. They request the City vote no and want the Mayor and Commissioners to go on record committing not to change the alcohol ordinance in the future. He said the Ministerial Association has 47 members the Southern Baptist pastors had 12 in attendance today and there are 22 members in the area; First Baptist Church averages 350 to 400 in attendance on Sunday.

Neil Chancey, 2615 Lane Street, Palatka, member/deacon, First Baptist church, said he concurs with all prior comments. He understands they are trying to raise revenues for the golf course. This will put a strain on the Police force. He objects to the passage of this ordinance.

John Lyon, 309 St. Johns Avenue, owner, Steamboat Willie's, said revisiting this ordinance is exactly what needs to happen. Changing it impacted the golf course as well as other businesses. What they do for one, they should do for all. Closing times should be uniform. This will not deter people from going to church. This will help the golf course. He has 400 – 600 visitors a week that are for revising the alcohol ordinance.

Doug Fornier, 119 Peniel Road, Children's Pastor, First Assembly of God, said he deals with youth and children. Alcohol is affecting families and homes. He is very much opposed to the passage of this ordinance.

Reuben Joseph Welch, 215 St. Johns Avenue, E. Palatka FL, said he is opposed to the passage of this ordinance. The City will not realize any money from this.

There being no further comment, Mayor Myers closed the public comments.

Andy Hartz, 145 Brittany Lane, Palm Coast, General Manager, Golf Course, said this touches a lot of nerves. In three years they've never had a problem with alcohol at the course. There's no problem with serving on any other mornings. Most of their guests come from outside the City. During the Azalea tournament at least 450 hotel rooms/nights were rented as a result of that tournament. This is a financial driver for the City. They will host fundraisers for March of Dimes and other causes. People come in for these tournaments and spend money in other places. This is an asset to the community. They are getting closer to breaking even. It's hard to say how much this will generate, but it will get them closer to breaking even.

Commissioner Leary noted Mr. Hartz works for BWGD and this is a recommendation from the golf course management company. Mr. Hartz said they don't want to upset people; they support everyone playing golf. They support the Christian Fellowship of Golfers. This is a way to help the Course break even. This was also the recommendation of the Golf Course Advisory Board; it won't generate the entire \$400,000 but it could generate \$25,000 - \$50,000 a year. People are bringing their own alcohol onto the course now, which they can buy less than a mile away.

Commissioner Kitchens said the concern is with this ordinance being opened up to other businesses serving on Sunday morning. The hospital explained how this creates more accidents on Sunday nights. On Sunday morning it may not affect safety, but it is not fair to other establishments. She is not in favor of this. Based on the tally she just took, the 25 pastors represent more than 2,500 parishioners, or a high figure of 4,500 citizens that are against this. If each of those people pays \$400 a year, this is over a million dollars in property tax. When they amended this ordinance in 2003, this was based on many studies. These speakers represent thousands of citizens. She recommends they vote this ordinance down. If they pass this on first reading, they will have to meet at Price Martin Center for the 2nd hearing.

Commissioner Leary said as much as he'd like everyone to be at church on Sunday morning, that's not reality. People play golf on Sunday mornings. They are bringing their own alcohol to the course. There has never been one alcohol-related incident at the golf course, let alone on Sunday morning. This was brought to him by the golf course management team. \$50,000 is not a small amount. He does not want to fix the golf club's problems on the backs of the taxpayer.

Commissioner Norwood asked how many special events a business can have during the year. Thad Crowe, Planner, said there is no limit. Per the question, Assistant Chief Griffith said it is not legal to bring alcoholic beverages onto public property. Commissioner Brown said she's been asking questions about the impact of what they are doing. They have people working for the City who have not gotten raises in five years; in the past several months their paychecks have dropped. She does not drink or smoke. She has lived with an alcoholic. They cannot make people stop drinking unless they want to. People aren't supposed to drink in public, but they do it. If you close one facility to drinking, people will just go somewhere else where they can drink. They have to be realistic and find a way to turn the City's finances around. She has to think of taking care of everyone. They are looking for ways to create tourism; most people take trips to get away from things and relax. This is revenue they are losing at the golf course. Their employees are working hours they are not getting paid for. They want good businesses, not bad businesses. Bars are a business; proprietors spend a lot of money to run them correctly. They need to be fair and if they do this for the golf course, they need to let others in the restaurant business do this, also. They can put something in place that will not allow all to do it, but allow

those with properly licensed restaurant establishments. The thing that hurt the bar business the most was the loitering. They need to look at a broader scope. They put people out of business when they changed the alcohol ordinance. She has to consider the impact on the total community.

Mr. Holmes said it is not unlawful to have alcoholic beverages on the golf course, but they are restricted as to hours of service. He read from the alcohol ordinance. Commissioner Kitchens said the people speaking are concerned about allowing alcohol sales on Sunday mornings; they are not trying to stop people from drinking. They don't think that not serving alcohol at the golf course will encourage people to attend church. Spurs did not go out of business because of the alcohol ordinance. They did so because of crime in the parking lot. The same thing happened with another establishment across from McDonalds. Businesses that serve alcohol have opened up in Palatka and are doing very well. This ordinance did not stop people from serving alcohol at their business. Businesses are allowed to serve alcohol 84 hours a week. They need to turn this down because it will open the door to other businesses being allowed to serve alcohol. They need to have respect for Downtown churches. Some of the local bar owners are hiring attorneys to sue the City, should this ordinance pass.

Commissioner Norwood said they put a lot of work into the ordinance now on the books. There are provisions in it for special events. He doesn't see the need to change the ordinance at this time. They put many years and hours into putting this ordinance together. They no longer have the issues they had prior to the enactment of that ordinance. He understands people put a lot of money into their business to allow them to serve alcohol. The City is back under control because of the changes they made in 2003. They need to re-evaluate whether or not they can afford to own the golf course. They couldn't personally lose this kind of money. They need to put a strategic plan together and get everyone involved in raising revenue streams to make the golf course solvent. There are other solutions available. Commissioner Leary said this is the recommendation of the golf course management team, which has put together a short and long term plan. Mayor Myers said he agrees with much of what's been said, but he also disagrees with much of what's been said, too. Alcohol can be consumed responsibly.

There being no further discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioner Leary, yes; Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Norwood and Mayor Myers, No. The ordinance was not passed on first reading.

8. **ORDINANCE** amending Palatka Municipal Code Section 22-2, Cemetery Fund, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule, in regards to zoning matters, vehicles for hire and references to occupational license fees – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, REVISING SECTION 22-2 OF THE PALATKA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED CEMETERY FUND; REVISING APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE IN REGARD TO VEHICLES FOR HIRE, VARIANCES AND CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS, AND AMENDING ALL REFERENCES PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 78, TAXATION, REGARDING REFERENCES TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAXES TO REFLECT STATUTORY CHANGES RELATIVE TO THEIR DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Leary moved to pass the ordinance on second reading for adoption. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion. There being no public comment or discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, Yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.
9. **ORDINANCE** amending the Palatka Municipal Code to eliminate minimum lot sizes for churches in residential areas – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE

OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, ELIMINATING MINIMUM LOT SIZE STANDARDS FOR CHURCHES AS ALLOWED BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on 2nd reading for adoption. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. There being no comment or discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

10. **ORDINANCE** amending the Palatka Municipal Code regarding Outdoor Sales, seasonal or temporary goods and Farmer's Markets – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, ALLOWING STAFF REVIEW OF OUTDOOR PROMOTIONAL SALES, SALE OF SEASONAL GOODS OR COMMODITIES, SALE OF TEMPORARY GOODS, AND FARMERS' MARKETS; EXTENDING THE MAXIMUM SALE PERIOD TO 45 DAYS FOR SALES OF SEASONAL GOODS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN APPEAL PROCESS FOR STAFF DECISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on 2nd reading for adoption. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. There being no comment or 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.
11. **ORDINANCE** revising sign standards for Reid Street business locations in the Downtown zoning districts – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, REVISING SIGN STANDARDS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED ON REID STREET WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AND DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on second reading for adoption. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. There being no comment or discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.
12. **CITY MANAGER & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** – There were none.
13. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
 Commissioner Kitchens said they are limiting speakers to three minutes, but she believes the constitution gives people the right to freedom of speech. Mayor Myers said they treat people with respect and try not to limit people. Commissioner Norwood said they have to be consistent with those limits. Mr. Holmes said all should be limited similarly so as not to be accused of favoring one side over another. Commissioner Kitchens said speakers have been previously allowed to go over three minutes. Commissioner Leary said no one tonight was held to three minutes. It would be more procedurally correct if people were asked to be recognized before speaking.

 Mayor Myers noted the first annual Bicycle Festival would be held in Downtown Palatka this week.

 Commissioner Brown said she attended the FLC Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee. They believe the State's budget is in a better position this year.
14. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Brown.