

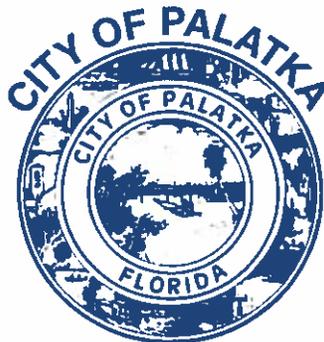
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Regular meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES
CITY OF PALATKA
March 27, 2014

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 27TH day of March, 2014.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: City Manager Michael J. Czymbor; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Assistant City Clerk Vicki Young; Finance Director Matt Reynolds; Police Chief Gary Getchell; Fire Chief Mike Lambert; Planning Director Thad Crowe; Grants/Projects Manager Jonathan Griffith; Main Street Manager Charles Rudd; and Airport Manager John Youell

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

INVOCATION – The Reverend Jim Obrecht, DO, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church of Palatka

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – County Commissioner Walton Pellicer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/13/14 – Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATION – Mayor's Day of Recognition – April 1, 2014 – Lisa Valukevitch, Communities in Schools, was present to receive the proclamation, which was read and presented by Mayor Myers. Ms. Valukevitch thanked the City for recognition of the program. This is a community collaboration and they have worked closely with the school districts. She introduced some of the foster grandparents and AmeriCorp and Vista volunteers, Cathy McCoy, Dolores Purdy, Rosetta Turner, and Taylor Fox. Mrs. McCoy spoke of her first year as a volunteer service participant in the Foster Grandparent's Program at Browning Pearce Elementary.

PROCLAMATION – Aviation Appreciation Month – April, 2014 – John Youell, Airport Manager, and Jud Neufeld, Chairman of the Airport Advisory Board (AAB), were present to receive the proclamation, which was read and presented by Mayor Myers. Mr. Neufeld thanked the Commission for their support and complimented Mr. Youell and his staff, who do a great job

serving staff and the Community. He acknowledged the members of the AAB, staff and advisors. Mr. Youell said in addition to being an economic boon to the State and Community, it's also a boon to the citizen moral and imagination of children. He invited all to visit the airport any time. Mayor Myers noted the Airport is a "state of the art" facility.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION – Women's History Month – Pauline Pellicer was present to receive a certificate and recognition for her role in shaping the history of Putnam County as the wife of former Sheriff Walt Pellicer, Putnam County Jail Matron, community volunteer and successful businesswoman as founder and owner of Walt's Barbeque for many years. She was accompanied by her daughter, Pam Garris and son, Commissioner E. Walton Pellicer, and grandchildren. Mrs. Pellicer said Palatka was good to her.

SPONSOR RECOGNITION – 2014 Azalea Festival Mayor's Reception – Waste Pro USA; Daniel Carle, Area Manager, was present to receive a plaque, which was read and presented by Mayor Myers in appreciation for their sponsorship of the reception.

DONATION OF FLAGS – Gene Mills & Stephanie Wilson, Woodmen of the World Fraternal Order were present to present an American Flag to the Commission. Mayor Myers said at 5:30 today there was a dedication ceremony at the Riverfront Park flagpole that was donated to the City by Woodmen of the World. Woodmen of the World have been in the community for 103 years and they do a lot for this community. Mr. Mills said WOW enjoys donating flags to the City and schools, as that is their job, and thanked Palatka for their support.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – March 2014 – Commissioner Leary joined Mayor Myers in presenting certificates of achievement to the following students in recognition of academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and attendance at their respective schools:

Bailey Brown	Browning-Pearce Elementary
Carly Maddox	C. L. Overturf, Jr. 6 th Grade Center
Kinley Carlton	Children's Reading Center Charter School
Holly Donahoe	E. H. Miller School
Taylor Davis	James A. Long Elementary School
Kacen Byrd	Jenkins Middle School
Mia Hutchens	Kelley Smith Elementary School
Ashlynn Dillmon	Mellon Elementary School
Savanna Pankhurst	Moseley Elementary School
Sade Blount	Palatka High School
Laynie McKinnon	Peniel Baptist Academy (February Honoree)
Brian Passmore	Peniel Baptist Academy (March Honoree)
Ava Clifton	Putnam Academy of Arts & Sciences
Sara Keith	Putnam EDGE High School

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arthur Sprague, 120 Herja Acre Lane, said he recently signed up for city water, and discovered they require a deposit with no credit verification and will keep his deposit for as long as he has water service, and will pay no interest on the money. It could be in the City's possession for many years. He'd like this matter placed on the Commission Agenda for a future discussion. Mayor Myers asked him to speak to the City Manager.

Commissioner Kitchens read a letter from Vito Russo (filed) opposing the installation of red light cameras in the City of Palatka and asking for statistics on camera'd intersections.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Adopt Resolution 2014-10-55** approving the Causseaux Hewett & Walpole (CHW) Master Planning Scope and Fee Proposal for a Community Greenprint for the Historic Downtown Core in an amount not to exceed \$3,150.00
- b. **Adopt Resolution No. 2014-10-56** authorizing the City Manager's execution of the State of Florida FDOT State Highway System Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Program Agreement
- c. **Approve request for items for Special Events Permit No. 14-26** - Southside Baptist Church U-turn Community Outreach, April 5, 2014 from 11am to 4pm - Southside Baptist Church/Casey Caison, Applicant:
 1. Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels throughout the duration of event.
 2. Allow closure of Memorial Parkway between S. 2nd Street and St. Johns Avenue for the event.
 3. Grant permission to set up a tent on April 1, 2014 (one day before the three-day allowance)
- d. **Approve request to exceed allowable noise levels for Special Events Permit No. 14-01**, March of Dimes March for Babies Walk -- April 12, 2014 from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm at Riverfront Park -- Putnam County March of Dimes; Betsy Trent, Applicant;
- e. **Approve Request Items for Special Events Permit No. 14-05**, Arts Council of Greater Palatka "Palatka Chalk Explosion" - April 12, 2014 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm - Arts Council of Greater Palatka/Denise Aikens, Applicant
 1. Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels throughout the duration of event.
 2. Allow closure of the 100 and 200 blocks of St. Johns Avenue for the duration of event.
- f. **Approve Request Items for Special Events Permit No. 14-27** -- Palatka Main Street 3rd Friday Street Party- April 18, 2014; May 16, 2014; and June 20, 2014 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm - Palatka Main Street, Inc./Charles Rudd, Applicant:
 1. Grant Permission to exceed allowable noise levels throughout the duration of the event;
 2. Grant Permission for sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages throughout the duration of the event;
 3. Allow the closure of the 200, 300 and 400 blocks of St. Johns Avenue for the duration of the April 18, May 16 and June 20 events.
- g. **Approve Request Items for Special Events Permit No. 14-28** -- Palatka Main Street 4th Saturday Cruise-In, April 26, 2014; May 24, 2014 and June 28, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm - Palatka Main Street, Inc./Charles Rudd, Applicant
 1. Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels throughout the duration of events.
 2. Allow closure of the 600, 700 and 800 blocks of St. Johns Avenue for events.
- h. **Approve request for Special Events Permit No. 14-24** -- OGS Tournament Trails Hospice Bass Tournament - April 26, 2014 from 3:00 am to 5:00 pm -- Mike Oglesbee, OGS Tournaments, Applicant
 1. Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels throughout the duration of event.
 2. Allow closure of Memorial Parkway from 1st Street and St. Johns Avenue at 1st Street.
- i. **Approve Special Request Items for Special Events Permit No. 14-23**, Palatka Yacht Club "61st Annual Mug Race" as follows:
 1. Allow sale/consumption of alcoholic beverages within the City of Palatka Riverfront Park, between the Memorial Bridge & the Boat House Marina on River St. (as shown on the site plan), and also including the "100 Block" (between Reid, N. 2nd, St. Johns, and N. 1st Streets) for the 61st Annual Mug Race on May 2, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
 2. Approve request to exceed allowable noise levels on May 2, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

3. Approve request to allow participants to camp overnight within the City of Palatka Riverfront Park (for the security of the boat vessels).
- j. **Introduce Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict**, into the record, which was filed by Commissioner James Norwood, Jr. on a vote taken 3/13/14 on Agenda Item #5(a)

Commissioner Kitchens requested Item 3(a) be pulled for discussion. Mr. Czymbor noted the time for Item 3(g) is 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, although the application listed the event as ending as 9:00 pm. Commissioner Leary moved to pass 3(b) through 3(j) on the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed. .

- 3a. **Adopt Resolution 2014-10-55** approving the Causseaux Hewett & Walpole (CHW) Master Planning Scope and Fee Proposal for a Community Greenprint and Master Plan for the Historic Downtown Core in an amount not to exceed \$3,150.00 – Commissioner Kitchens asked Jonathan Griffith to explain the scope of work. Mr. Griffith said this is a master plan for the 3 districts. This includes the North and South historic districts as well as downtown and came before the CRA in February. This is a synthesis of the Greenprint Plan the UF students put together. They included planning, stormwater and potable water elements. This will be included in the City's capital improvement element. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.
4. **BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT – F/Y 2013-2014 thru 2/28/14** – Matt Reynolds, Finance Director, presented the monthly report. This reviews the first five months of the fiscal year 2013-14. They will start the budget process for 2014-15 in April. Funds for sales of the properties will go to pay down the debt.
5. **ANNUAL REPORT – Putnam Blueways & Trails** – Kevin Sharbaugh and Gaye Esperson – Mayor Myers noted this item is being deferred to the April 10th meeting at the request of the presenter.
6. **RESOLUTION** awarding the bid for management of the City of Palatka False Alarm Program to PMAM Corporation for a two-year period and authorizing execution of a contract for services for a two-year period – Adopt – The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AWARDING THE BID FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FALSE ALARM PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PMAM CORPORATION FOR SAID SERVICES. Commissioner Kitchens moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. There being no discussion or comment, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, yes, Nays, none. The Resolution was declared adopted.
7. **RESOLUTION** Adopting the "Worksite Wellness Program" document and amending the Personnel Rules & Regulations Manual to add Section 6.2, "Wellness Program Bonus" – Adopt – The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE "WORKSITE WELLNESS PROGRAM" DOCUMENT AND AMENDING THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS MANUAL TO ADD SECTION 6.2, "WELLNESS PROGRAM BONUS." Commissioner Kitchens moved to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Matt Reynolds, Finance Director, said when they put out the RFP for Agent of Record for Employee Benefits, part of the contract stipulated implementation of a Wellness Program. This has been designed in cooperation with Bates & Hewitt, Agents of Record. Commissioner Leary said they spoke of establishing a tobacco free workplace. He asked how that is being accomplished. Mr. Reynolds said there is currently no tobacco use permitted within City buildings or vehicles. Under this program, there is a tobacco cessation program provided. They

did not look at increasing premium payments yet, but under the Affordable Care Act the City has the option of adjusting premiums for tobacco users. The Committee has discussed implementing premium increases as of October 1, 2014. They need to give people ample time to prepare for that. This document lays the groundwork for the Wellness Program; the Committee will look at implementing other steps going forward. Commissioner Leary requested putting this matter on the Agenda in June or July as part of the budget process. Commissioner Norwood said they must give employees an opportunity to stop using tobacco, and noted some businesses have given employees up to two years to stop using tobacco products. He likes the program itself but doesn't think it goes far enough. Per his question, Mr. Reynolds said this year they stipulated employees have to participate in the health assessment screening and at least two of the programs that are outlined and made available as part of the wellness program. The health assessment helps the City gather information about the health of the employees and will help to target health issues. Commissioner Norwood said the program must have an exercise component, as this is a key element of any wellness program. Mr. Reynolds said one of the committee members thought one of the requirements should be exercise-related. Commissioner Norwood said he'd like the Committee to go back and review this. There has to be a tracking mechanism to make sure individuals are following the program requirements. Mr. Reynolds said they will look at amendments to be effective October 1st.

Commissioner Leary suggested appointing a Commissioner as liaison for that committee and nominated Commissioner Norwood for that position. There was consensus of the Commission to appoint Commissioner Norwood as Commission Liaison to the Wellness Committee.

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

8. **RESOLUTION** authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce to provide partial funding for a full-time Small Business Development Center Services Professional located within Putnam County – Adopt – 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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR FULL-TIME SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER SERVICES WITHIN PUTNAM COUNTY. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. Mayor Myers said this is a wonderful service which is all about economic development and job creation and has benefited new and existing businesses. Commissioner Leary said they do a great job of working with Main Street and City staff. There being no further discussion or comment, a roll-call vote was taken with the following result: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, yes; Nays, none. The Resolution was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

9. **ORDINANCE** amending Zoning Code Section 94-149, 94-161 and 94-162 to apply overlay zoning standards to the Downtown Zoning Districts and adjacent areas within the C-2 Zoning District, and adding provisions establishing design standards for exterior alterations and new construction – Second Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING LISTS OF USES IN ZONING CODE SECTION 94-149, 94-161 AND 94-162, AND ADDING PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING EXTERIOR ALTERATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION DESIGN STANDARDS IN DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICTS, AND CONTAINED WITHIN; PROVIDING FOR

SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Leary moved to pass the ordinance on second reading as read. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Myers opened the Public Comment portion of the Hearing.

Marcia Lane, 210 E. Forest Park Drive, spoke in opposition to the passage of the Overlay Ordinance. They need to offer a large variety of uses. This is what makes downtown vibrant.

Ms. Lane said in several recent meetings the Commission said they would not accept an item being added to the agenda. Several meetings ago the City Attorney said he was asked to bring up an exclusion of office buildings of 10 employees or less and this was added. This is what they said they were not going to do.

Rebecca Browning Altman, 5256 Silver Lake Drive, spoke in opposition to the passage of the Overlay Ordinance, saying the overlay excludes too much and too many stipulations are being added to make it costly for business to move in. It is not right for all of Palatka's churches to be judged by a preconception of what churches are. This hurts people.

Jerry Hafner, 122 Hilty Lane, East Palatka, said he spoke at the last meeting. He spoke in favor of passage of the Overlay Ordinance for the reasons noted at the meeting, both on behalf of Main Street Palatka and on behalf of himself, personally.

Richard Dobbs, 115 Horsemen's Club Road, spoke against passage of the Overlay Ordinance saying he was told of a "backroom meeting" wherein Commissioners were called in and told that if they failed to adopt the Overlay it would impair the City's chances of winning the lawsuit filed against it by The River Community Church. Christian voters will make themselves heard on Election Day and will vote the commissioners out of office. He provided vote statistics for election results regarding Mayor Myers' and Commissioner Leary's elections.

Eric Botley, 841 Bardin Road, spoke against the passage of the Overlay Ordinance, saying they cannot compare downtown Palatka to other downtown areas as Palatka's downtown lacks a major highway going through it. He believes the Commission should take a different approach. Excluding churches is not the right way to go.

Alexander Altman, 5256 Silver Lake Drive, spoke against the passage of the Overlay Ordinance saying it is unfriendly and excludes things and this is what killed downtown, and is not beneficial. This increases the cost of moving here by instituting design standards and excluding uses that bring people in. Apopka, Eustis and Deland have storefront churches and fraternal organizations in those downtowns. He would like each commissioner to explain why excluding churches makes the downtown more viable.

Rev. Kirby Kennedy, 106 Lisa Lane, spoke in opposition of the passage of the Overlay Ordinance. He said he represents trustees of First Baptist Church and members of the Central Putnam Ministerial Association. They have not changed their stance. They were encouraged to hear Commissioner Leary say that if passed, the ordinance can be changed at a future date. When the pending federal lawsuit is finally resolved they hope the City will again allow churches in the downtown area. They want to reaffirm First Baptist Church's intention to invest in the downtown and hope to be an example of what churches can contribute to the downtown core. Per the question, there are 15 to 20 churches represented at an average monthly Ministerial Association meeting. Around 350 to 400 members attend FBC on any given Sunday.

Arthur Sprague, 120 Herja Acres Lane, said he recently purchased 621 St. Johns Avenue and spoke in favor of the passage of the Overlay Ordinance. He thinks this is a good thing. He and

his wife also own a building in Deland, and when Deland put similar rules in place, he and his wife were against it at first, but it has turned Deland around, and he believes this will turn Palatka around. He thanked the Commission for the grants they've made available for downtown businesses. He believes this town will turn around and this is why he and his wife have invested in the town. The offices and churches are taking up too much space. He believes in churches and he is a Baptist. He purchased the Bible Book Store. This needs to be a retail area. Downtown Deland doesn't have just one main street; most of the main traffic goes down SR15.

Dawn Perry, 2370 Westover Drive, spoke against the passage of the Overlay Ordinance. She believes there is a lot of misunderstanding surrounding this subject. The room is empty tonight as there many discouraged citizens. She asked they reconsider and add churches back into the overlay as allowed. The churches have been ignored in this matter.

Webster Marlow, 120 Kirkland Street, spoke against the passage of the Overlay Ordinance. He worked downtown. Some years ago the City eliminated 1/3 of the parking. That and the size of the trees have stopped development of downtown. This ordinance will do the same.

Commissioner Brown said she is affected more by what happens on St. Johns Avenue than most people because she lives there and has a business there. She has been hurt and disheartened by what the churches have been saying to and about them. They put in a lot of time trying to do what is right for this town. They have been told they need to make changes. This is part of that process. They have listened and she personally has listened to everything they have said. They have not been given the same courtesy from churches and their members. There is a ripple effect that happens when you start taking businesses and buildings off the tax rolls. Everyone wants a grant, but the grant money comes from ad valorem and other tax revenues. Ad valorem taxes pay their personnel's salaries. They have great employees who did not get raises for five years. This year's 3% raise was taken away by health insurance increases. They have to look out for the entire community. She asked them to consider the Commission's efforts and how hard they work to make positive change. They are following best practices established by successful similar-sized cities. People who are religious should apply religious principles in life instead of just talking about them. She asked for the citizens to give them a chance.

Commissioner Kitchens said a local businessman commented to her that zoning is already in place that allows retail and restaurant uses to come in so they don't need this. She noted uses that were removed and added back into the overlay. The design standards should have been a separate ordinance. An article on the front page of a July 1926 Palatka Daily News called the First Baptist Church's new location on Oak Street in downtown Palatka "progress." In 2014 it is now the opinion that this is no longer progress and churches are killing the downtown when they are locating in the retail core. At the last meeting there were around 260 people in attendance. Fifteen people spoke against prohibiting churches, and four people spoke in favor of prohibiting churches. Many people did not come here tonight because their feelings were hurt and felt the Commission was not listening to them. If a building is rented by a church or other non-profit, the buildings doesn't come off the tax rolls. The owners of the buildings continue to pay taxes. Church members who shop in downtown Palatka pay sales tax. As for being anti-church, and getting rid of dead space and other uses that won't benefit Palatka, you can't compare churches to uses. Churches are protected by the US Constitution. This goes to religious freedom. Arcades and appliance stores were added back; those are uses, not rights. The exercise of religion is a right. You cannot put churches in the same category as those other uses. Prohibiting churches means you are prohibiting the free exercise of religion. The only thing she can draw from this overlay is that restaurants won't build in downtown because churches are allowed. They don't have people lined up waiting to come into downtown to open restaurants. As for negative people and naysayers, when the Commission does what the citizens think is right, they don't come out. When the Commission is "stepping on their toes" they turn out to

complain. Even if she thought this was a good idea, if and when the majority of citizens are against something, she would vote against it. When you insult the citizens of Palatka and Putnam County, they won't go downtown and shop. The overlay is ridiculous.

Commissioner Norwood said this is the 2nd reading on this ordinance; they have vetted this issue. Churches are not the only thing being disallowed. They have to look at the intent of the entire ordinance. They need to look at what is best for the City overall. His and others' children are leaving Palatka to go elsewhere to work. When people come back to visit they say Palatka is dying. They live in one of the poorest cities in one of the poorest counties in Florida. They are not painting a pretty picture. As leaders they are charged with turning this around. What they are doing now is not working. He strongly objects to the term "prohibit." He tried to address that last meeting with the City Attorney. He can't change that. They have to look at what's best overall.

Commissioner Leary said tonight he has been castigated and threatened and accused of backroom politics. His decision is not based on the threat of the federal lawsuit. He is very familiar with this as he's testified on land use matters in Federal Court as an expert witness. It is based upon the professional work and recommendation of the staff, being Mr. Crowe, Mr. Rudd, Mr. Czymbor and Mr. Griffith. Despite Commissioner Kitchens' comments made at the last meeting that planners are pencil pushers with no professional common sense, it is his contention that they hired a professional staff to help direct the Commission. He is not here for the money. They don't get more professional business men and women to run for public office because of what they are experiencing tonight. Every plan that is put in place can be changed. He is confident this will work. If it doesn't they can change it back. This is only ½ of 1 percent of the total acreage in the City, which is over 5,250 acres. This has kept him up many nights. His family has been in Putnam County for over 60 years and much of his family lives here. He questions whether or not his children will stay here if the local economy doesn't improve. From a Planning Perspective this is the right thing to do.

Commissioner Kitchens said she did not make comments regarding planners being pencil pushers at the last meeting; she has nothing against planners. She said she'd worked at the Property Appraisers office for 36 years; she was a deed worker, not a planner. She does what is right and takes pride in supporting what the citizens want.

Mayor Myers said the overlay is good for the City. They have professional planners on staff. Mr. Crowe received an award for being the State's outstanding planner of the year from NEFLC six months ago. They want to provide economic development opportunities for the citizens. They have made great strides in recent years. He respects the churches. He loves the churches being in downtown. They are trying to preserve one little segment on St. Johns Avenue for retail development, and this is the best way to do it. They do not have people lined up to open businesses in downtown; that is what they are trying to do. They are trying to line people up to open businesses in downtown; that's the point. This is not about denying anyone the right to attend church. This is not against God. This is the best thing for all citizens.

There being no further discussion or comment, the question was called and roll-call vote was taken on the motion, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, yes; Commissioner Kitchens, No. The Ordinance was declared adopted by majority vote of four in favor, opposed by Commissioner Kitchens.

10. **CITY MANAGER & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Czymbor said due to a full agenda they will be changing the April 10th CRA meeting from 5:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will advertise that accordingly.

Mr. Czymbor acknowledged and said he appreciates the work of the Special Events Committee for being more responsive to applicants and improving services. Meetings are being held before and after hours to accommodate applicants' schedules.

Mr. Czymbor acknowledged sponsors of Elite Bass Tournament, the Chamber of Commerce, participants and organizers of Bike Florida, and Palatka Main Street and staff for all their work on these events.

11. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Brown asked if they will get vacation time in the meeting schedule this summer.

Commissioner Leary said it looks like March will be the most profitable and revenue-generating month in the history of the golf course. The Senior Azalea and Azalea Tournaments attracted more than 300 participants and attracted as much or more local commerce and economic development than the bass tournament.

Commissioner Norwood asked if the Course is close to being solvent. Commissioner Leary said once the USDA grant is secured and the restaurant comes in, they not only will be solvent, but will be making money.

Mayor Myers said the Bass Tournament, which was a very festive and highly attended four-day event, will be nationally televised and is scheduled to be aired on April 6 on ESPN at 8 am, and will be televised the following week as well. They had 900 bicyclists camping here and riding around. They went to Daytona and will be back next weekend. The PDN has done a great job in publicizing local events and their economic impact, but it was brought to his attention by a member of the PMGA that those two golf tournaments also did a great job of filling all the motels and restaurants in town, and had a great economic impact.

12. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to report, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm 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