

Proceedings of a special called meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 2nd day of April, 2002

PRESENT: Mayor Karl N. Flagg
 Commissioner Mary Lawson Brown
 Commissioner James Norwood, Jr.
 Commissioner George E. Sanders

ABSENT: Commissioner Hernan Azula

Also Present: City Manager Allen R. Bush, City Attorney Donald E. Holmes, City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers, Police Chief Gary Getchell, Fire Chief Kenneth Venables, Planning Director Adam Mengel, WTP Supt. Mike Felton, WWTP Supt. Platt Drew, Sanitation & Streets Supt. Bernard Williams, W & S Supt. Gene Garrett, W & S Asst. Supt. Rhett McCamey, Parks Supt. Jeff Norton,

Also Present for Putnam County: BOCC Chairman Brad Purcell, Commissioners Linda Myers, Nancy Harris, Hermon Somers, Kevin Durescher, Co. Administrator Leary, Tax Collector Larry Pritchett, Clerk of Court Tim Smith, Sr. Planner Ray Spofford, Zoning Director Peter Brown.

Also Present: Chamber of Commerce President Wes Larson, Regional Planning Council Rep. Ed Layman, SJRWMD Rep. David Watts.

Mayor Flagg called the meeting to order and read the following call:

TO MESSRS: MARY LAWSON BROWN, HERNAN AZULA,
 JAMES NORWOOD AND GEORGE SANDERS:

You are hereby notified that a special called meeting of the City Commission is called to be held at the Price-Martin Community Center, 220 N. 11th Street, Palatka, Florida, at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Award the bid for the amphitheater renovation to the lowest bidder, apparently Concrete Dock Company, in the amount of \$23,816.00
2. Conduct a town-hall meeting to initiate a community visioning process to bring citizens together to develop a shared image of the future, in accordance with Phase II of the Putnam County BOCC "Better Place" Visioning Process Plan.

/s/ Karl N. Flagg, Mayor

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of the foregoing notice of a special meeting this 22nd day of March, 2002

/s/ Mary Lawson Brown
 COMMISSIONER

/s/ James Norwood, Jr.
 COMMISSIONER

/s/ George E. Sanders
 COMMISSIONER

/s/ Hernan Azula
 COMMISSIONER

AMPHITHEATER BID: Commissioner Sanders moved to award the bid for the amphitheater repairs and renovation to Concrete Dock Company, based upon their bid of \$23,816.00. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

VISIONING PROCESS TOWN HALL MEETING:

Mayor Flagg welcomed the crowd and thanked everyone for coming to participate in this visioning process. He introduced the city personnel present.

BOCC Chairman Brad Purcell also thanked the participants for coming and introduced the BOCC personnel present. He went on to describe the meeting protocol, saying everyone would be divided into groups determined by the number appearing on their agendas, and individual participants would then each take a turn presenting their ideas for making Palatka and Putnam County a better place to live within their groups. A recorder and a facilitator will be assigned to each group, and ground rules were presented for protocol. Four categories will be discussed: Quality of Life, Natural Resources & Recreation, Transportation & Infrastructure, and Economic Development. The overall goal of these sessions is to obtain and prioritize ideas for each of the four target areas. As each idea is presented, the recorder will record them on a display pad. The display page of ideas from each group is to be displayed by category on the designated wall for that category. At the end of the brainstorming session, each participant will be asked to read all the ideas and place color-coded dots next to individual ideas in order to rank the 1st, 2nd and 3rd idea in each group that he/she believes is most important. When the ranking is completed, the result will be three clear priorities in each category for Putnam County to implement in a 5-year plan. A final report of each idea and the rankings will be provided to each of the participants in approximately two weeks.

The participants then broke out into equal groups. After completing the lists, each participant was given color-coded dots with which to rank the ideas. After ranking the ideas, the rankings were compiled as to the top three in each category, with the following results:

Quality of Life: 1) Senior Center Building; 2) Encourage strong intergovernmental relationships, i.e. task forces, regional/county/municipal; 3) combine county/city services such as Urban Fire districts.

Natural Resources & Recreation: 1) Improve existing and develop new recreational opportunities for senior citizens; 2) Expand recreational opportunities for all ages; 3) Improve Palatka Municipal Golf Course and Clubhouse.

Transportation & Infrastructure: 1) Central transportation hub in Palatka to include rail, bus, taxi, travel agencies etc. (at Palatka Trail Depot); 2) Public transportation for elderly in outlying areas; 3) More destination marinas on riverfront with public access through the river system and tie into countywide recreational opportunities.

Economic Development: 1) Improve efforts to attract new business; 2) Riverboat; 3) Better utilization of existing empty building and urban out parcels.

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR