

Proceedings of a special called meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003

PRESENT:	Mayor	Karl N. Flagg
	Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
	Commissioner	George E. Sanders

ABSENT :	Commissioner	Hernan Azula
	Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Allen R. Bush, City Attorney Donald E. Holmes, City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers, Police Chief Gary Getchell, Parks Supt. Jeff Norton, Main Street Manager Cathy Nagengast.

INVOCATION – Police Chief Gary Getchell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Police Chief Gary Getchell

ORDINANCE – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE OCCASIONAL NEED FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TO PRESIDE OVER PROCEEDINGS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPERATION OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES WHEN SAID SERVICES ARE NEEDED BY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on the first reading as read. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a roll-call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Sanders and Mayor Flagg, Yes, Nays, none. The Ordinance was declared passed on first reading.

WARRANTY DEED – Putnam County Business Park – City of Palatka to Putnam County. Allen Bush said this is part of an easement for a road. When it was deeded it included a loop road that was initially designed to open the area past Sykes up to smaller development. The road was actually stopped at the drainage ditch east of Sykes Enterprises. Since that time the Chamber of Commerce and BOCC have struck a deal to construct a spec warehouse. The Putnam Co. Barge Port Authority has deeded the necessary property over to the developer, but our easement across it still exists. Originally the County asked us to deed the easement back over to the development company, but after discussion decided it was better to deed it back over to the County, who then can subsequently deed it to the developer. The City has no need for it, since a road will never exist there now. Mr. Holmes – Said if the City only acquired an easement, the proper way to release it would be a quit-claim deed rather than a warranty deed. If the City gives them a warranty deed, they are guaranteeing the title. Mr. Bush said this was prepared by the County Attorney, Rusty Castleberry. Mr. Holmes noted

that the deed was actually prepared by Warren Wilhite at Palatka Abstract, whose judgement he trusts very much. When asked about the time frame, Mr. Bush said this needs to be done ASAP. The building is under construction now. There is nothing in this that is detrimental to the City; in fact, the building will generate taxes for the City. Commissioner Brown said she is hesitant to deed anything over to the County, as some of their 'deals' have been suspect.

Commissioner Sanders moved to execute the warranty deed granting the certain easement recorded in Deed Book 140, page 279 and OR Book 921, page 1508 of the public records of Putnam County, to Putnam County, which was previously granted to the City from the Barge Port Authority to construct a loop road at the Putnam County Business Park. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Sanders and Mayor Flagg, Yes; Nays, none. The motion was passed.

REQUEST FOR CDBG N-15 AMENDMENT #4 – Mr. Bush said the original application for this CDBG showed the majority of the spray site would be on an FP&L easement just south of the WWTP, but plans have since changed to pipe the water to the City's Golf Course for irrigation purposes. This will amend the original application to show the effluent is going to the Golf Course rather than the FP&L easement. Commissioner Brown moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter asking DCA to grant Amendment #4 to the application for CDBG N-15. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Brown.

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MAYOR