

Proceedings of a called meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 3rd day of April, 2003.

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 Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers, Finance Director Ruby M. Williams, Police Chief Gary Getchell, Fire Chief Kenneth Venables, Planning Director Adam Mengel, WTP Supt. Mike Felton, Sanitation & Streets Supt. Bernard Williams, Sanitation Foreman Ed Chandler, Parks Supt. Jeff Norton, Main Street Manager Cathy Nagengast, Airport Manager Mike Cavello, and Cemeteries Supervisor Larry Hartman.

Also Present: Palatka Planning Board Members W. W. Roberts, Chairman; Ezekiel Johnson, Sue Roshkosh, Earl Wallace, Carl Stewart, Nick Harden, and Clem Saccareccia

INVOCATION – Mayor Karl N. Flagg

Mayor Flagg convened the special meeting and read the following call:

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

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the City Commission is called to be held at the regular meeting place of the City Commission at City Hall, 201 N. 2nd Street, in the City of Palatka at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 3, 2003.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Consider adoption of a resolution declaring April 6, 2003 as Parent's and Children's Day.
2. View & discuss a videotape on Public Officials' Liability.

/s/ Karl N. Flagg
Karl N. Flagg, MAYOR

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of the foregoing notice of a special meeting this 1st day of April, 2003.

/s/ Mary Lawson Brown
COMMISSIONER

/s/ George E. Sanders
COMMISSIONER

/s/ James E. Norwood, Jr.
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Hernan Azula
COMMISSIONER

Planning Board Chairman W. W. "Bunky" Roberts called the special Planning Board meeting to order and read the following call:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PALATKA PLANNING BOARD:

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Palatka Planning Board is to be held at the regular meeting place of the Planning Board at City Hall, 201 N. 2nd Street, in the City of Palatka at 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 3, 2003. The purpose of the meeting is to view a videotape on Public Officials' Liability.

Lunch was served.

The Clerk said that Tom Brant, Risk Specialist with the Florida League of Cities, has specifically requested that all members of the City Commission and Planning Board please view the video and complete a short pre- and post- test on Public Officials' Liability. She read over the five questions, and then all those present viewed the video.

After the video was viewed, the correct answers to the questions were discussed. All those in attendance signed their test pamphlets and passed them to the Clerk.

Mayor Flagg said they are watching this video because one of their carrier's biggest expenses is incurred for public official liability claims. Mr. Bush reminded all department heads to be consistent with discipline and in otherwise handling all employee situations, because inconsistency is the first thing an attorney will look for to try to prove a discrimination lawsuit. Every time you allow more leniency for one employee, that becomes the new precedent, and even then you should expect that those who weren't treated the same in previous instances will have a complaint. Set policy and follow it. Mayor Flagg said the rest of the boards should be required to also watch this video, and it should also be the topic for each department's next safety meeting, as this is good advice for all employees.

RESOLUTION – the Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PARENTS' AND CHILDREN'S DAY, APRIL 6, 2003, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Norwood, Sanders and Mayor Flagg, yes; nays, none. Resolution No. 7-103 was declared adopted.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Flagg adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Norwood, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR