

KARL N. FLAGG  
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

MARY LAWSON BROWN  
VICE MAYOR - COMMISSIONER

JAMES NORWOOD, JR.  
COMMISSIONER

ALLEGRA KITCHENS  
COMMISSIONER



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

ELWIN C. "WOODY" BOYNTON, JR.  
CITY MANAGER

BETSY JORDAN DRIGGERS  
CITY CLERK

RUBY M. WILLIAMS  
FINANCE DIRECTOR

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MICHAEL LAMBERT  
CHIEF FIRE DEPT.

DONALD E. HOLMES  
CITY ATTORNEY

## MINUTES

### Palatka City Commission

April 17, 2008 Inaugural Called Meeting

12:00 noon

Proceedings of a called inaugural meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008 at 12:00 noon.

PRESENT: Mayor Karl N. Flagg  
Commissioner Mary Lawson Brown  
Commissioner Allegra Kitchens  
Commissioner James Norwood, Jr.

Commissioner-Elect Vernon Myers

Also Present: City Manager Elwin C. "Woody" Boynton, Jr., City Attorney Don Holmes, City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers, Police Chief Gary Getchell, Fire Chief Michael Lambert, Planning Director James Lee, Asst. City Clerk Karen Venables, Airport Business Manager Donna Franklin, WTP Supervisor Melvin Register, Asst. Police Chief James Griffith, Bronson House Docent Guy Tillis, Asst. Planning Dir. Debbie Banks, , Parks Supervisor Jeff Norton, Golf Pro Spanky Aaron, Golf Course Maintenance Supt. Gina Williams, Building Inspector Joff Fillion, W&S Distribution Supt. Rhett McCamey, Streets & Sanitation Foreman Ed Chandler

Mayor Flagg called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon and read the following call:

TO MESSRS: MARY LAWSON BROWN, JAMES NORWOOD, AND ALLEGRA KITCHENS:

You are hereby notified that an inaugural meeting of the City Commission is called to be held at the regular meeting place of the City Commission at City Hall, 201 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in the City of Palatka, at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

The purpose of the meeting is to swear in the incoming member of the Palatka City Commission.

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

The following Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a copy of the foregoing notice of a special meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008:

/s/ Mary Lawson Brown  
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Allegra Kitchens  
COMMISSIONER

/s/ James Norwood, Jr.  
COMMISSIONER

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INVOCATION - The Reverend Bob Scott, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Palatka

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Linda Myers

INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Flagg welcomed the assembly and made introductions.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY – The Honorable Art Nichols, Circuit Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court, said he has known Commissioner-Elect Myers since he came to Palatka. He noted he'd made tough decisions in the past, which should prepare him for the tougher decisions to come. He also noted when Mrs. Myers was first elected to the County Commission, he had the pleasure of swearing her in, and he is proud and pleased to swear Mr. Myers in to this high office.

OATH OF OFFICE – Commissioner-Elect Vernon Myers – Linda Myers joined her husband Vernon Myers as Judge Nichols administered the Oath of Office to him for the holding of public office, to which he was elected on April 8, 2008.

Following the Oath of Office, Vice Mayor Brown escorted Commissioner Myers to his seat at the dais.

REMARKS – Mayor Flagg welcomed Commissioner Myers to the City Commission and said they are not an independent entity. While they bring their own perspective and voice, it requires a majority of the body to do business on behalf of the Citizens.

Vice Mayor Brown welcomed Commissioner Myers and said if he seeks her help, she will give him the benefit of her experience and knowledge. They all work together for the good of the City. Commissioner Kitchens said he should always listen to what the people have to say. Commissioner Norwood thanked him for his service and noted the citizens put him in office so they could all build consensus and work towards the betterment of the City. He looks forward to working with him. City Manager Boynton said its good to have him aboard, and looks forward to working with him. He was impressed with his campaign and looks forward to moving the City forward.

Commissioner Myers said he met Judge Nichols when he first came to Palatka; he was legal counsel for Putnam State Bank. He looks forward to serving all the citizens of Palatka and looks forward to moving the City forward. He looks forward to serving with the Commission and staff in the process. He appreciates the work of City Manager Woody Boynton and his senior staff of Betsy Driggers, Ruby Williams and Jim Lee. They are an integral part of the City Hall team. During his time in Palatka he has had extensive dealings with Chief Getchell and the Palatka PD. His concerns were always treated with promptness and professionalism. Although he hasn't had extensive dealings with the Fire Department he has met with Chief Lambert & Fire Marshal Lynady and appreciates their professionalism. He and his wife have been pleased with their dealings with all city employees and their professionalism. He asked his fellow commissioners and colleagues to have patience with him in their future dealings, saying although they may not always agree, they can respectfully disagree. He acknowledged

and thanked his supporters and thanked Judge Nichols for administering the oath of office. He thanked his best friend, love and wife, Linda, for being at his side throughout this process.

Mayor Flagg noted refreshments would be served immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURN – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. by Commissioner Kitchens, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

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