

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 2022-33

Held on Thursday, the 17th day of November 2022, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

Suzanne Sherman, City Manager, gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR:	Rob Medina	Present
DEPUTY MAYOR:	Kenny Johnson	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Randy Foster	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Donny Felix	Present
COUNCILMEMBER	Peter Filiberto	Present
CITY MANAGER:	Suzanne Sherman	Present
CITY ATTORNEY:	Patricia Smith	Present
CITY CLERK:	Terese Jones	Present

CITY STAFF: Frank Watanabe, City Engineer; Alexandra Bernard, Growth Management Director; Christopher Little, Utilities Director; Eric Estevez, Government Relations Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Johnson announced the following vacancy and terms expiring, and solicited applications for same:

- 1. Two (2) terms expiring on the Citizens' Budget Advisory Board (represents 'at-large' positions).++**
- 2. One (1) vacancy on the Youth Advisory Board (represents 'at-large student member' position).++**

AGENDA REVISIONS:

Ms. Sherman announced the following revisions:

- A. The Legislative Memorandum for Item 9, under Consent Agenda, relating to the Position Control Plan, had been revised.**

B. The Legislative Memorandum for Item 1, under New Business, relating to the State Legislative priorities, had been revised.

C. Item 2, under New Business, relating to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for The Source, had been withdrawn.

D. Resolution 2022-62, terminating the State of Local Emergency, had been added as Item 4, under New Business.

E. Consideration of scheduling a workshop in December had been added as Item 5, under New Business.

F. Selection of a Deputy Mayor had been added as Item 6, under New Business.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

The individuals were recognized.

1. Recognizing one (1) year of service as a City Board member on the Community Development Advisory Board - Cristina Wright.

2. Recognizing one (1) year of service as a City Board member on the Recreation Advisory Board - Mary Jane Russell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/RESPONSES: (Non-agenda Items Only)

Individuals made general comments.

1. Tim Bland, resident, asked the status on the city purchasing Major's Golf Course. He also commented on Republic Services' cost increase to the residents for their services and that they did not recycle glass.

Ms. Sherman said that the contract with Waste Management had not changed during their ten (10) years of service to the city which led to escalated costs with the new contract with Republic Services. The increased growth of the city also added to the costs. Ms. Sherman said that the city desired to include glass as a recycling item, but none of the contractors in the bidding process would accept glass recycling.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance 2022-115, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 185, Zoning Code, Subchapter 'District Regulations' by modifying provisions related to retail automotive gas/fuel sales (Case T-51-2022, Summit Shah), final reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Carmine Ferraro, Crossover Commercial Group and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, to adopt Ordinance 2022-115.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Yea
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

2. Ordinance 2022-117, granting approval of a Final Development Plan for a PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning residential development to be known as 'Malabar Springs' on property located north of and adjacent to Malabar Road, in the vicinity west of St. Johns Heritage Parkway (294.7 acres) (Case FD-49-2022, CKE-KL Malabar Owner, LLC), final reading. (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Ana Saunders, BSE Consultants and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, to adopt Ordinance 2022-117.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Nay
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

3. Ordinance 2022-118, granting approval of a Final Development Plan for an AU (Agricultural Residential) (Brevard County) zoning residential subdivision to be

known as ‘Medley at Everlands’ on property located at the northeast corner of Pace Drive and St. Johns Heritage Parkway (291.11 acres) (Case FD-50-2022, DRP FL 6, LLC), final reading. (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Ana Saunders, BSE Consultants and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council. She answered questions posed by councilmembers.

Mayor Medina commented that even though there were three (3) access points, St. Johns Heritage Parkway (Parkway) was at capacity and was slow due to having only two (2) lanes. He had concerns with traffic during peak times.

Mr. Watanabe agreed that there was a need to widen the Parkway from two (2) to four (4) lanes, as well as a need for traffic signals at the Parkway and Pace and Emerson Drives. He advised that a consultant had been hired that would provide recommendations for the northeast and southeast sectors. Brevard County was currently reviewing the permits for a signal at the intersection of Malabar Road and the Parkway.

Josh Blackwood, Lassiter Transportation Group and representative for the applicant, explained the process for traffic improvements and how the proportionate share was calculated.

Mr. Felix supported the project but also shared concerns regarding traffic.

Robert Stise, resident, spoke about the short- and long-term impacts of the project and the effect of suburban gridlock.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Filiberto, seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnson, to adopt Ordinance 2022-118. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

4. Ordinance 2022-120, amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget by appropriating and allocating certain monies (fifth/final budget amendment), final reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened and closed as there were no comments.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, to adopt Ordinance 2022-120. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

5. Ordinance 2022-116, amending the City's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to change the designated use of property located west of and adjacent to St. Johns Heritage Parkway, in the vicinity east of Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District Canal 2R, from Residential Open Space Use, Single-Family Residential Use, Multiple-Family Residential Use, and Commercial Use to Multiple-Family Residential Use (1198.1 acres) (Case CP-30-2022, Palm Vista Preserve, LLC), first reading. (CONTINUED FROM 11/03/22 RCM)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial of the request.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Ana Saunders, BSE Consultants and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council.

Mayor Medina preferred that the twenty-seven (27) acres remain as commercial. Ms. Saunders said it could be left as commercial but would never be developed as such because much of it was wetlands and was expensive to mitigate. Mr. Foster asked if it was in the best interest to keep as wetlands for drainage purposes. Ms. Saunders confirmed same.

Mr. Filiberto asked if the applicant would be agreeable to converting ten (10) townhomes to commercial property. Ms. Saunders said that placing a commercial use property in a private development would be challenging.

Mr. Felix supported the project and agreed that the cost to mitigate the wetlands would be extremely expensive.

Bill Battin, resident, commented that turn lanes should be included in the project as it would alleviate traffic. He added that future fair share impact fees should also address police and fire services.

Rebecca Hendrich, resident, spoke in support of keeping the wetlands and not converting the property to commercial.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve Ordinance 2022-116.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Nay
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

6. Resolution 2022-60, granting approval of a Preliminary Development Plan for a proposed mixed residential development to be known as ‘Palm Vista Everlands West PUD’ in AU (Agricultural Residential) (Brevard County) zoning, which property is located west of and adjacent to St. Johns Heritage Parkway, in the vicinity east of Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District Canal 2R (1198.1 acres) (Case PD-36-2022, Palm Vista Preserve, LLC). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding) (CONTINUED FROM 11/03/22 RCM)

As this item had to be considered with the accompanying item’s final hearing (Ordinance 2022-116), the applicant requested that the item be continued to the February 2, 2023, regular Council meeting.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, to continue the request to the February 2, 2023, regular Council meeting. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

7. Ordinance 2022-114, establishing the Malabar Springs Community Development District, first reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Attorney Jere Earlywine, KE Law Group and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Filiberto did not support the request as he felt a Community Development District (CDD) was more beneficial to much larger areas. He said the City could provide the needs of the project without a CDD.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve Ordinance 2022-114. Motion carried with members voting as follows:

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Mayor Medina	Nay
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items of business under the 'Consent Agenda' heading were enacted by the following motion:

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the removal of Item 10 from consent. Motion carried with members voting as follows:

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Mayor Medina	Yea
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

1. Contract: Engineering services during construction, South Regional Water Reclamation Facility – TO 20-05, Amendment 1 – RFQ 68-0-2007 – Utilities Department (Wade Trim - \$416,810).

Staff Recommendation: Approve Task Order 20-05, Amendment 1, for the South Regional Water Reclamation Facility engineering services during construction with Wade Trim, in the amount of \$416,810.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

2. Consideration of submitting a grant application for the Broadband Opportunity Program.

Staff Recommendation: Authorize staff to submit an application to the Florida Broadband Opportunity Program.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

3. Miscellaneous: ‘Piggyback Purchase’, ABS pumps, parts and repairs (Orange County contract) – Utilities Department (Hydra Service, Inc. - \$150,000 estimated annually).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for ABS pumps, parts and repairs with Hydra Services, Inc. (Debary), through the Orange County contract, in the estimated annual amount of \$150,000.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

4. Miscellaneous: ‘Piggyback Purchase’, Flygt pumps, parts and repairs (Orange County contract) – Utilities Department (Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. - \$150,000 estimated annually).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for Flygt pumps, parts and repairs with Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. (Apopka), through the Orange County contract, in the estimated annual amount of \$150,000.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

5. Miscellaneous: Architectural and engineering design services/authorize execution of Master Agreement, Fire Station and Fire Station prototypes - RFQ 55-0-2022 - Parks and Facilities/Fire Departments (CPZ Architects); authorize TO 01-2022 (\$160,100).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Master Agreement and Hourly Rate Schedule for architectural and engineering design services for fire stations with CPZ Architects (Jensen Beach); and approve Task Order 01-2022, Attachment B, against the Master Agreement for a total of \$160,100.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

6. Miscellaneous: Repairs to Bass Pro Drive (emergency procurement) – Public Works Department (Timothy Rose Contracting, Inc. – \$170,983); delegate authority to the Chief Procurement Officer to approve Change Orders on the project over 10% of the contract value.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the emergency procurement for the repairs to Bass Pro Drive to be completed by Timothy Rose Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$170,983; and delegate authority to the Chief Procurement Officer to approve Change Orders on the project over 10% of the contract value.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

7. Miscellaneous: ‘Cooperative Purchase’, fuel canopy structure (Sourcewell Cooperative Contract) – Public Works Department and Parks and Facilities Department (JF Petroleum Group - \$106,502).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for a fuel canopy structure with JF Petroleum Group (Morrisville, North Carolina), through the Sourcewell Cooperative contract, in the amount of \$106,502.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

8. Miscellaneous: ‘Piggyback Purchase’, Cured-In-Place Pipe Installation Services (Polk County contract) – Public Works Department (Granite Inliner, LLC - \$1,161,395); and approve the appropriation of funds from the Stormwater Utility Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (\$91,171).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for Cured-in-Place pipe installation services with Granite Inliner, LLC (Sanford), through the Polk County contract, in the amount of \$1,161,395; and approve the appropriation of funds from the Stormwater Utility Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (\$91,171).

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

9. Resolution 2022-61, amending Resolution 2021-52, as amended, adopting Classification and Pay Plans and the Position Control Plan for employees of the City of Palm Bay (fifth amendment).

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

10. Consideration of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subrecipient agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. (\$368,560).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the ARPA subrecipient agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$368,560 to provide rental assistance, mortgage assistance, utilities assistance, application fees, security deposits assistance, and case management services.

Bill Battin, resident, suggested using ARPA funds for co-sponsorship costs so that taxpayer dollars were not utilized for nonprofit organizations. Ms. Sherman advised that co-sponsorships did not qualify as a use of ARPA funds.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve the ARPA subrecipient agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. as recommended by staff. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

11. Consideration of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subrecipient agreement with Community of Hope, Inc. (\$1,231,320).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the ARPA subrecipient agreement with Community of Hope, Inc. in the amount of \$1,231,320 to acquire and rehabilitate property at 1400 and 1430 Baytree Drive NE in Palm Bay for affordable transitional housing.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

12. Consideration of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subrecipient agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Brevard County, Inc. (\$961,120).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the ARPA subrecipient agreement with Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$961,120 for the construction of five (5) affordable single-family homes.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

13. Consideration of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subrecipient agreement with Helps Community Initiative, Inc. (\$15,000).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the ARPA subrecipient agreement with Helps Community Initiative, Inc in the amount of \$15,000 to provide cold night shelter housing (emergency and temporary).

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

14. Consideration of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subrecipient agreement with Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc. (\$975,000).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the ARPA subrecipient agreement with Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$975,000 towards the construction of thirty (30) new multi-family affordable housing units.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

15. Consideration of the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award for the purchase of a crisis negotiations phone system (\$31,451).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award and authorize the City Manager to execute the BJA FY22 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Local Solicitation agreement.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

16. Consideration of utilizing Police Impact Fees (32907 Nexus) for expansion projects at the Police Department's main station located at 130 Malabar Road (\$117,145).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the appropriation of Police Impact Fees in the amount of \$117,145 from the 32907 Nexus on the next budget amendment for the construction expenditures related to the Real Time Crime Center and Wellness Suite expansion projects.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

17. Consideration of a donation from Chambray Labradors for a Community Resource Unit Therapy K9 for the Police Department.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the donation from Chambray Labradors for a Community Resources Unit Therapy K9 for the Police Department.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

18. Consideration of expenditures from the Palm Bay Police Department's Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the annual Cops and Friends Reindeer Run event (\$8,158).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the expenditure of funds as specified in the City Manager's memorandum.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

19. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Fire Department).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the travel and training as specified.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

20. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Human Resources Department).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the travel and training as specified.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

21. Acknowledgement of the November 2022 GO Road Bond Paving report update.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was acknowledged by City Council.

PROCUREMENTS:

1. Miscellaneous: ‘Piggyback Purchase’, pavement preservation and recycling treatments (Polk County Contract) – Public Works Department (Pavement Technology, Inc. - \$2,400,000 annually); and approve a budget transfer from the Road Maintenance CIP Fund to the FY 23 Road Rejuvenation Fund.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for pavement preservation and recycling treatments with Pavement Technology, Inc. (Westlake, Ohio), through the Polk County contract, in the annual amount of \$2,400,000; and approve a budget transfer from the Road Maintenance CIP Fund to the FY 23 Road Rejuvenation Fund.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve the piggy-back purchase and budget transfer as recommended by staff. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of the City’s 2023 State Legislative Priorities.

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the staff and the City's state lobbying firm, Sunrise Consulting Group, to advocate for the 2023 state legislative priorities:

A. Relaxed legislation on the use of building enterprise funds and the cap on enterprise funds which can be retained/carried-forward over time by the City.

B. Bring back Florida Department of Economic Opportunity incentives, i.e. Qualified Targeted Industries incentive program.

C. Funding request in the amount of \$1,250,000, with matching amount of \$110,000, for improvements to The Range, a gun range and training grounds owned and operated by the City of Palm Bay, which is utilized by the Palm Bay Police Department and law enforcement agencies nationwide.

D. Funding request in the amount of \$479,871, with matching amount of \$436,018, for appropriations or grant support for the upgrade of public safety infrastructure, specifically upgrades to Project 25 compliant radios for Palm Bay Fire Rescue.

E. Funding request in the amount of \$2,300,000, with matching amount of \$1,000,000, for state appropriations or grant support for the design and engineering for the four-lane widening of St. Johns Heritage Parkway from Malabar Road to Emerson Road.

F. Funding request in the amount of \$2,100,000, with matching amount of \$567,000, for state appropriations or grant support to provide monetary assistance to Palm Bay residents for septic-to-sewer conversions.

Staff answered questions posed by councilmembers.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mayor Medina, to approve the City's 2023 state legislative priorities as recommended by the lobbyist and staff. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

2. Consideration of a revised proposal and change in the scope of services to the award of \$1,299,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to I am Ministries Inc. (dba The Source).

This item, addressed under Agenda Revisions, was withdrawn.

3. Consideration of a co-sponsorship request from the West Indian Caribbean Culture and Sports Organization for the Family Fun Days event on the first Saturdays of the month.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the City's co-sponsorship with the West Indian Caribbean Culture and Sports organization for the Family Fun Days event on the first Saturdays of the month, in the amount of \$1,900 in in-kind wages (labor) and \$3,000 in fee waivers.

Motion by Mr. Filiberto, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve the co-sponsorship request. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

4. Resolution 2022-62, terminating the State of Local Emergency declared by Legislative Order D-2022-02. (AGENDA REVISION)

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, to adopt Resolution 2022-62. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

5. Consideration of scheduling a workshop meeting for December 2022. (AGENDA REVISION)

Council concurred to schedule a workshop meeting for Monday, December 5, 2022, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 p.m., for strategic planning.

6. Selection by councilmembers of a Deputy Mayor. (AGENDA REVISION)

Motion by Mayor Medina, seconded by Mr. Filiberto, to select Councilman Filiberto as Deputy Mayor. Deputy Mayor Johnson recommended Councilman Felix.

Motion failed with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Yea
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Nay
Councilman Foster	Nay
Councilman Felix	Nay
Councilman Filiberto	Yea

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnson, to select Councilman Felix as Deputy Mayor. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmembers addressed various subjects.

1. Mr. Filiberto said there was \$3 million in grant funds available through Florida Inland Navigation District that could possibility assist with hurricane damage to Castaway Point

and Stearns Parks. Ms. Sherman said a design and scope of work was needed prior to applying but staff was working on same.

2. Mr. Foster said there were issues with the cellular towers and service to the residents. Ms. Sherman said staff had been communicating with Verizon representatives and they admitted that their infrastructure was not keeping up with the growth of the city, but they have plans to update existing towers and add new towers in the future.

3. Deputy Mayor Johnson made the following reports:

A. There was discussion at the Space Coast League of Cities meeting regarding on-duty officers at the monthly dinners and the hosting city would pay for same.

B. Advised that Brevard County had a policy in place for many years regarding licensed concealed carriers for employees. He wanted a similar policy or ordinance for Palm Bay employees. Mayor Medina and Councilman Filiberto supported the idea. Mr. Foster said that carrying a weapon was a lot of responsibility, required training and did not support the request. Mr. Felix was not in agreement with the idea and felt training should be increased instead and reinforce the security system on campus.

4. Mayor Medina requested letters to the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the Interstate 95 corridor.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Ms. Sherman made general announcements of upcoming city events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/RESPONSES:

Individuals made general comments.

1. Robert Stise, resident, requested police officer security at the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z) meetings.

Mr. Foster did not agree with security for the advisory boards unless it was known there would be a large group in attendance over a contentious issue. Phil Weinberg, Vice-Chair of P&Z, preferred to have security. Mr. Filiberto agreed. Chief Augello felt that security should be hired and not utilize officers.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:42 P.M.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, CITY CLERK