

TOWN OF PALM SHORES



“The Little Town That Cares”

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MAYOR OF PALM SHORES CLEARED OF ANY WRONGDOING

The Florida Commission on Ethics has found no probable cause in a complaint filed against Mayor Carol McCormack of Palm Shores. The Mayor was the victim of unsupported attacks by local politicians because she opposed legislation that would have given the State and counties more control over local government matters and because she championed the Community Redevelopment process.

The Town of Palm Shores is the only municipality in Brevard County that has a strong Mayor form of government which means that the Mayor is both the Mayor and the chief executive of the Town.

Several local politicians tried to make the public believe that the Mayor used Community Redevelopment funds improperly. These allegations were contained in the ethics complaint filed against the Mayor. After a thorough investigation the Florida Commission on Ethics found no probable cause that any ethics violations existed and the Mayor was cleared of any wrongdoing. The Mayor receives a salary as the Chief Executive pursuant to the town's charter and code, and did work on Community Redevelopment. The CRA reimbursed the general fund for administrative services. Her salary was the same whether or not she did any of the Community Redevelopment work. Long time Brevard County residents will remember the problems that Palm Shores had with sexually-oriented businesses, drug dealing, and substandard structures. The Mayor and the Town Council, using the Community Redevelopment process, cleaned all of that up.

The Mayor deserves praise for her civic efforts rather than being unfairly slandered. The Florida Commission on Ethics has now laid the unjust accusations to rest. The Mayor has been vindicated.

SIGNED THIS DATE:

JUNE 17, 2018

Frank Falcone, Vice Mayor

Paul Bonville, Council Member

Sharon Secord, Council Member

Chase Chambliss, Council Member