
MEMORANDUM

TO: JERRY A. BENTROTT, CITY MANAGER

FROM: PAM E. BOOKER, SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY 

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2012

SUBJECT: PALM BEACH GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
CONSENT DECREE / PARKING AGREEMENT

The City of Port St. Lucie was sued by Palm Beach Gardens Baptist Church, Inc., and Richard K. Parker for alleged unlawful discrimination against the Church. The Complaint was amended to add First Born Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic and Unity of Port St. Lucie. The City amended its Zoning Code on November 14, 2011, and the parties have proposed resolving the litigation. The Amended Complaint consists of an eight count complaint filed in Federal Court, alleging various violations of the Plaintiff's constitutional rights. The lawsuit between the City of Port St. Lucie and Palm Beach Gardens Baptist Church, First Born Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic and Unity of Port St. Lucie, would be dismissed upon approval of the Consent Decree and Order and the Parking Agreement consistent with the discussions held during the attorney-client session.

Please place this item on the next available City Council agenda for approval. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 871-5165.

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