

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

The Mayor of Palmetto, Ms. Shirley Groover Bryant is a consummate coach, team captain and cheerleader, all in one. She genuinely cares about the city and wants only the best for the residents and businesses. Mayor Bryant is a native to Palmetto. She has a background in economics and accounting, she has even been Chief Financial Officer for a public charter school prior to getting into municipal government 30 years ago. The last 16 years, she has served as Mayor of Palmetto.

In a small town of about 14,000 residents, the job does not stop at 5:00 p.m. It seems that most of her days are devoted to the betterment of this city. Do not let this sweet southern lady be mistaken for a pushover. For the sake of Palmetto, Mayor Bryant has negotiated contracts with large corporations and approached state and federal agencies for legislative help to meet the needs of Palmetto. She is a constant advocate for Palmetto concerning our schools, traffic, environmental projects, Veteran events, and Home Rule.

Even when Mayor Bryant is away from the office, she remains a voice for Palmetto by volunteering with a variety of organizations such as Manatee River Fair Association, Inc., Economic Development Corporation, Manatee Chamber of Commerce, Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Tourist Development Council.

Mayor Bryant and staff have accomplished so many beautiful improvement projects for all to enjoy, plus multiple infrastructure projects that may be harder to see but are every bit as important. Mayor Bryant is so quick to give her staff credit for all that has been accomplished, but truth be told, the City of Palmetto is a much nicer place because of her selfless years of service.

Shirley Groover Bryant has spent a lifetime giving back to her hometown, and Palmetto and Manatee County have reaped the benefits of her devotion.