

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
June 25, 2012  
7:00 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Elected Officials Absent

Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing-in of all persons intending to address City Commission.

Non-agenda Item Public Comment: None

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the June 25, 2012 Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 2012-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATION FOR THE SELLING AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Sharon Kramer, Executive Director with Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition (MCSAC). Ms. Kramer handed the Commissioners a booklet regarding Safe Festivals. She discussed the services MCSAC provides including education, assistance with crafting an effective ordinance, and the loaning of ID scanners. A demonstration of the ID scanners they have was done.

Commission thanked Ms. Kramer for coming and speaking at the meeting tonight.

The following people spoke in opposition to the passing of Ordinance 2012-12:

1. Esther Parsons, Palmetto resident
2. Dolores Thiers, Palmetto resident
3. Cis Paulson, with the Palmetto Historical Commission

Mayor Bryant closed the public meeting after no further public comment.

Attorney Barnebey discussed the guidelines that were provided by Mr. Freeman and the map of the proposed area to sell and consume alcohol at Sutton Park designed by Mr. Burton.

Discussion ensued regarding the incorporation of the booklet that was provided by MCSAC into the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Cornwell expressed her concerns with not for profit organizations not having enough volunteers and education to properly sell alcohol.

Discussion ensued regarding the continuance of the public hearing. Attorney Barnebey made his recommendation to continue this public hearing to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Williams discussed his position on having the designated area for the sale and consumption of alcohol and recommended the continuance of this public hearing to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Further discussion ensued regarding the July 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing and the implementing of the ordinance for the event on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Smith explained his concern has to do with the passing of the ordinance itself, not particularly the event on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He believes permits should be voted on as a case by case basis each time there is a City event.

**Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Smith seconded to continue the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2012-12 to July 2, 2012.**

Commissioner Varnadore asked to hear from Mr. Burton regarding the Sutton Park map outlining the proposed areas of sale and consumption of alcohol.

Commissioner Williams discussed amending the motion on the floor to exclude the proposed ordinance to apply to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

**Motion on the floor fails for lack of majority with Commissioners Cornwell and Varnadore voting no and Commissioners Smith and Williams voting for the motion.**

In regards to bringing this proposed ordinance back again, Attorney Barnabey advised that Commissioner Smith can move to reconsider since he was on the losing end of the motion.

Mr. Burton discussed the 2 maps he designed. The first map is of Sutton Park and how it's set up now. The second Sutton Park map shows the proposed areas for the sale and consumption of alcohol. He advised Commission that they are free to make changes as they see fit, this map is just a proposed map.

Discussion ensued regarding coolers being brought to the event on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Wells commented that people will not be allowed to bring coolers on the property and Mr. Burton also advertised that there will be no coolers allowed at the event.

Commissioner Varnadore commented on the proposed map. She believes there will need to be some other area designated for future events. Different ideas were discussed regarding designated areas for the sale and consumption of alcohol at Sutton Park.

Commissioner Cornwell expressed her concerns regarding public safety, specifically in regards to the construction area. Mr. Burton discussed the precautions that are being taken for public safety.

In response to Ms. Cornwell's concern of restrooms being available directly in Sutton Park, Mr. Tusing noted that there are port-o-lets on site and they will be relocated as to not be near the food vendors.

**3. 1<sup>st</sup> READ: ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS**

RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF CITY UTILITY SERVICES TO LOTS OR PARCELS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded to schedule Ordinance 2012-13 for public hearing on July 2, 2012.**

Mr. Tusing noted that there is a surcharge on sewer not water. Building codes will go through the County Building Department but will still go through the cross connection program because of the use of Palmetto's water.

In response to an agreement for the applicant to pay the City the impact fees, Attorney Barnebey advised that an agreement will be made and ready for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the property going from non-profit to private. Mr. Barnebey noted that if that happens, the new property owner will have to come before Commission to get annexed into the City.

**Motion on the floor carried 4-0.**

#### 4. AMENDMENT OF JULY COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Mr. Freeman discussed the need to make July 2<sup>nd</sup> a regular meeting date and to cancel the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. He explained what was currently on the July 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda. Mr. Freeman advised Commission that since the advertisement for the 2012-13 public hearing is for 6:30 p.m. Commission would have to either shorten the workshop meeting or shorten their dinner break.

Discussion ensued regarding the time of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and it being a regular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Freeman advised that the workshop meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> would include an introduction of the budget and an update by Mr. Tusing regarding the ASR well.

Mr. Tusing advised he would like to present the ASR update to Commission during the workshop meeting on July 16, 2012.

Consensus was to have the workshop on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to be held from 4:30 p.m-5:30 p.m.

Mr. Freeman discussed the need to consider July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> for budget workshops to further discuss the budget and to set the millage rate.

Mayor Bryant asked that Commission be updated at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> road closures and to approve them.

**Motion: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the regular meeting dates for July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 and to cancel the previously approved July 30, 2012 meeting date.**

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 2, 2012

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk