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CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 6, 2016

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bryant called the June 6, 2016 City Commission and CRA Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All persons intending to address the City Commission were duly sworn.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the June 6, 2016 Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

A. City Clerk's Office

1. Appointment of Mike Fuller as 5th Trustee to Police Pension Board
2. Appointment of David Washington to CRA Advisory Board
3. Minutes: April 25, 2016 and May 2, 2016
4. Special Function Permits:
 - a. Riverside Bed and Breakfast Weddings September-December
 - b. It Works Green Carpet Event AMENDED Permit
 - c. Florida Freedom Festival 10/1/2016
 - d. It Works! Laser Light Show 7/16/2016

5. Surplus Property
6. Blalock Walters Legal Bills

B. Public Works

1. Resolution 2016-20 Amended Lease Documents
2. Special Fence Permit 2016-01
3. Resolution 2016-21 Veolia refund

C. Police Department

1. Resolution 2016-19 Replacement Police Vehicle
2. 2016 Community Policing Development Grant

MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the June 6, 2016 Consent Agenda with the removal of items 3.A.4.b.c. and d., and A.5. and B.1. for discussion.

Discussion: 3.A.4.b: (It Works Green Carpet Event AMENDED Permit- July 11)

Pamela Mercado, Vice President of Marketing for It Works, explained the change in time (to 6:00 a.m.) was to make sure they had access to parking. They will not be playing any music at that time. Following discussion, Mr. Barnebey suggested the request for additional parking could be taken care of without specific action by the Commission. Ms. Mercado clarified that the time of the event will be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Discussion Item 3.A.4.d: (It Works Laser Light Show) Commissioner Williams asked for clarification on the set up time for the event. Ms. Mercado asked to move the set up time from 3:00 p.m. to noon.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve items 3.A.4.b. and d. with the changes discussed.

Discussion Item 3.A.4.c: Florida Freedom Festival: Following discussion, it was decided to pull the item from the agenda and move it to the next meeting.

3.A.5. Surplus Property: Mr. Williams questioned why IT was involved in the surplus of a vehicle. Mr. Freeman explained that the Chief has identified it as surplus, but IT will put it on a website they use called Public Surplus. The City just wants to see if the vehicle will bring more through this website vs. Tampa Machinery, which it typically uses. Chief Tyler said the vehicle was already declared as surplus in a previous meeting.

3.B.1. Resolution 2016-20 Amended Lease Documents: Mr. Williams said he pulled this inadvertently. Mr. Freeman explained this was coming back to Commission because the bank wanted the change in vehicles clarified in the lease documents. Public Works has requested the smaller F-250 instead of the F-350,

MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Items 3.A.5. and 3.B.1.

4. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE

The League is asking for one Commissioner to be designated as the voting delegate during the Annual Business Session.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to designate Commissioner Cornwell as the voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities Conference.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2016-07 ALARM

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PALMETTO CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SECURITY ALARM BUSINESSES AND SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND PENALTIES FOR ALARM VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR ALARM SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, she closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2016-07.

Discussion: Commissioner Varnadore asked what written notification the [violator] will receive. Chief Tyler explained that he plans to use a written warning; the same as a motorist would receive. He would also provide a written copy of the ordinance.

6. CONSERVATION EASEMENT MLK PARK (M. Barnebey)

Mr. Barnebey explained they had previously approved a similar conservation easement as the CRA. Ownership of the property shifted from the CRA to the City. The City will now have to grant the easement.

MOTION: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to grant the conservation easement to Southwest Florida Water Management District as recommended by the City Attorney.

Mayor Bryant recessed the City Commission meeting to open the June 6, 2016 CRA Board meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the City Commission meeting at 8:04p.m.

7. ROTARY JULY 4TH SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT (J. Freeman)

David Bailey appeared before Commission on behalf of Rotary's Special Function Permit request. He was accompanied by Bailey Mosley, who was a recipient of funds raised by Rotary to benefit the community. Ms. Mosley said Rotary sponsored her for the Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders in Lakeland. It is sponsored by, and run by, Rotary. The seminar changed her life. She decided to go to college and is now in her junior year at the University of South Florida.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission that after the last meeting, the City received an application from the Rotary for beer sales at the July 4th festival. He has spoken to Mr. Bailey, and they plan to meet with the Drug Free Coalition for training.

Commissioner Varnadore commented there was no site plan. Where will they be located? Mr. Barnebey said they are a separate event with their own permit. Mr. Freeman said they will be treated like any other vendor. She noted the application was somewhat incomplete and was not received sixty days prior to the event.

Mr. Bailey said he cannot submit a site plan until the CRA sets up the event.

Mrs. Varnadore asked if requests were sent out to other organizations. Mr. Burton said no, because at the last meeting he told Commission that alcohol would not be sold. The next day, this application was received. He said they are still waiting for the final vendor list before they can present a site plan.

Mrs. Varnadore expressed concern about where alcohol would be permitted at the event. Will there be a designated area?

Mr. Bailey said Rotary has done this the last two years, and they have never had a problem.

Chief Tyler told Mrs. Varnadore that they have been planning for this event for two months. He has not yet seen a site plan, but he has been told the setup will be the same except there will be no perimeter fence. Rotary will be in the same spot as they were the last two years. Beer can be carried in Sutton Park and Lamb Park, but not north of 7th Street or south of 6th Street. There will be officers in the area.

Mr. Bailey said patrons will have wrist bands showing they can have a beer in their hand.

Mrs. Varnadore opined that she would like to see alternating organizations have the right to sell alcohol. She was under the impression that this year would be an old-fashioned, family-friendly event.

Commissioner Williams said the City or the CRA needs to plan better and advertise in plenty of time for other groups to apply to sell beer. And, we need to decide if this will be an old-fashioned event from now on.

Mr. Williams said that, occasionally the City may want to have alcohol at some events, but he would like to have requests sent out to see who would like to apply to handle beer sales. He also said he is in favor of a fenced-in area. Mr. Bailey said that did not work out; people felt caged in.

Mayor Bryant asked that this be put on the July 18 workshop for discussion. Direction needs to be given to the Police Department on how to handle coolers, and alcohol in containers and cups on the property during the event.

Commissioner Smith asked why there was no fence this year. Mr. Burton said it was too expensive. It cost about \$17,000 to fence the area. Mr. Smith said he liked the idea of a fence for safety reasons. Mr. Williams concurred.

Commissioner Varnadore said she hopes July 4 will return to a family-friendly event since the tax payers pay for it.

MOTION: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried 3-2 to approve the Rotary's Special Function Permit for July 4th. Commissioners Cornwell and Varnadore voted nay.

Mrs. Cornwell asked that the Special Function Permits be discussed at the planned July 18 workshop on the July 4th event. Mayor Bryant commented that the permits need to coincide with what the City Codes say.

Mrs. Cornwell said other agencies not being given the opportunity to apply was a major sticking point for her. The timeline for submittal, either thirty days or sixty days, needs to be cleaned up. She also would like the fence issue to be added to the workshop agenda. She added that having approved it previously as a non-alcoholic event, and then changing it less than thirty days prior to the event, makes it difficult to enforce the rules we have in place.

Mayor Bryant said that next year the event will be discussed early on.

8. TRAFFIC UPDATE

None

9. DEPARTMENT HEADS' COMMENTS

Allen Tusing

At the last meeting, some of the Commissioners asked for a schedule on the moratorium (Ordinance No. 2016-08 Moratorium on Service Stations/Auto Repair Shops). He provided the Commission with that schedule. It is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There will be a meeting with staff, business owners and legal to narrow down some of the areas and redefine some of the downtown corridor areas.

Mr. Freeman

Discussed meeting dates for the budget. He will email the proposed dates to Commission. He said budget meetings typically begin at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Tyler

Reported we fared pretty well with the tropical storm. The City only had minor street flooding.

He commented this is the last week of school, and he will have extra staffing around the school zones morning and night.

Mr. Tusing

Reported the only problem with the waste water during the storm was this evening when the power went out towards Snead Island. The Heritage Bay lift station will be on generator power for up to seven hours.

Mark Barnebey

No comment

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Commented she watched the May 24, 2016 County Commission meeting, and at that meeting Commissioner Benac said the De Soto Bridge is at the end of its life span. Commissioner Benac will ask the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) to approach the state of Florida to expedite funding.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cornwell reminded Commissioners they had been invited to a first-of-its-kind Crime Stoppers event. Please let Chief Tyler know if you plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk