

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2012  
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2 (Entered the meeting at 4:48 p.m.)

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Javier Vargas, Public Works Superintendent  
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2012-17 PUSHCARTS AND MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

Mr. Freeman stated that in October a proposed ordinance was brought forward to Commission for feedback. There is currently a moratorium on mobile food vendors that expires on December 31, 2012. On the 7:00 p.m. agenda tonight there is a resolution to extend the moratorium to June 30, 2013.

In regard to special events, Mr. Freeman stated that there can be language reflected in the Special Function Permit that has the applicant state if there will be mobile vendors on site.

Commissioner Cornwell would like to see pushcart vendors separate from mobile food truck vendors.

Commissioner Davis departed the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Commissioner Smith questioned the reason for so much detail and regulation in the ordinance. He opined that the ordinance should be more vague and can be added to in the future.

Attorney Barnebey explained that this proposed ordinance is modeled after St. Petersburg's food vendor ordinance. He stated that this ordinance includes food vendors, flower vendors, toy vendors, etc.

Discussion ensued regarding the detail of the proposed ordinance. The consensus of the Commission was to simplify the proposed ordinance. They agreed that there should be different categories to include temporary vendors and permanent vendors with regulations for each category.

In regard to size specifications, Commission would like to see a maximum size requirement instead of specific size limitations.

Commissioner Davis returned to the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Commissioner Williams departed the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Commissioner Varnadore opined that mobile vendors should not be allowed on sidewalks, right of ways, or City property.

Commissioner Varnadore requested more information regarding State regulations on the sale of alcohol from a mobile vendor.

Attorney Barnebey was asked to provide more information regarding when the City may revoke or suspend a vendor's license.

Commissioner Williams returned to the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Commissioner Smith departed the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Attorney Barnebey stated he will work on simplifying the ordinance and add language to the Special Function Permit.

Discussion ensued regarding vendors in a residential area. Commissioner Varnadore stated that the City should regulate the commercially zoned areas only. Attorney Barnebey suggested that the City not regulate those people who sell from their property in a residential area. If it becomes an issue, the City can look at it and make a decision at that time.

Commissioner Smith returned to the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor Bryant departed the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor Bryant returned to the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Attorney Barnebey will make some changes and bring this proposed ordinance back to a workshop meeting after the first of the year.

Mayor Bryant departed the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Mayor Bryant returned to the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 7, 2013

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk