

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
April 15, 2013
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor—(Arrived at 4:42 p.m.)
Tambra Varnadore, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 2
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1—(Arrived at 4:35 p.m.)
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

Staff Present:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Will Robinson, Assistant City Attorney
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Vice Mayor Varnadore called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

1. SOLID WASTE DISCUSSION

Mr. Tusing explained that the current Waste Management contract will expire in 2014. The City can renew the current contract for one additional five year term or can issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for solid waste removal. Mr. Tusing is in favor of issuing an RFP. He would like feedback from Commission on what they do like about the current company and what improvements they would like to see.

Commissioner Davis stated that, currently, yard waste is picked up on Wednesday and he would like to see if that can be changed to Monday.

Commissioner Williams would like to see more education provided to residents on the importance of recycling. Vice Mayor Varnadore pointed out that the current contract does state there is money available for education.

Discussion ensued on residential collection times. Mayor Bryant asked for an explanation from Waste Management on rationale for their hours of collection. The consensus of Commission was for collection to begin at 7:00 a.m. in residential areas.

Commissioner Smith would like to see residents educated on what the weight limits are for their garbage cans.

Discussion ensued regarding a mobile home parks' request for once a week garbage collection. Mayor Bryant would like something in writing from the mobile home parks committing them to the services that will be written into the new solid waste contract.

The consensus of Commission was to stream recycling with one can that all recyclables can be placed in.

Commission agrees that the size of the garbage cans are fine.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk