

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
July 22, 2013
4:30 PM

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

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

1. DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE 2013-07 ABANDONED SHOPPING CART

Attorney Barnebey stated that, since the last meeting, the following changes have been made to the proposed ordinance:

- Eliminating all methods of compliance, requiring wheel locking mechanisms as the only way to comply. A business can submit any other measure as a means of preventing carts from being removed; however, this will require Commission approval.
- Section 5 was modified to require a business to place their name on the cart. Contact information including the manager's name, phone number, mailing address, and e-mail shall be provided to the City.

Commissioner Cornwell exited the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Dave Johnson, Walmart Store Manager, stated that Walmart's attorneys are still in the process of reviewing the proposed ordinance. His store is looking into installing the wheel locking device on their carts. It will be approximately 30-45 days before the vendor can start the installation at the store.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned the language in the ordinance that reads "a copy of the on-site cart retention plan shall be submitted to the City for review and, if necessary, approval." She opined that the plan should require City approval and asked Mr. Barnebey to further clarify that language.

In regard to Section 5, Identification of Carts, Commissioner Varnadore requested language be added stating that the business owner is required to notify the City when changes are made to their contact information.

Discussion ensued regarding Section 7, Uncollected Carts. Commissioner Varnadore suggested pictures of unidentified carts be taken and emailed out to all the business owners asking who the cart belongs to.

Commissioner Cornwell returned to the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Commissioner Varnadore departed the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Commissioner Williams questioned the size of the "Warning" sign that has to be posted and legible from 20 feet away. He opined that the sign should be placed where the carts are housed. Consensus of Commission was to require the "Warning" sign be posted where the carts are located.

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Mayor Bryant stated that this ordinance will be placed on the next scheduled Commission meeting for a first read.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 20, 2013

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk