

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
September 8, 2014
4:30 PM

Elected Officials Present

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

Elected Officials Absent

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor

Staff Present

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

Vice Mayor Davis opened the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

1. REGATTA UPDATE

Elliot Falcione, Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director, provided Commission an updated for the Regatta Boat event to be held in February 2015. He stated that most of the money has been raised for the event and that they are continuing to look for a bank to sponsor the event. Dave Gustafson, Bradenton Downtown Development Authority, is working on the permitting that is required from different agencies for the event. Mr. Falcione announced that the JOY FM will be sponsoring a Christian concert to be held at Sutton Park during the Regatta Boat race. There are talks for having a 5K run to tie in with the event as well. There will be no alcohol at the event; it is family friendly. Tourist Development dollars as well as partner sponsorship funds are being used to hold the event; no tax payer dollars will be spent.

Mike Fetchko, Regatta promoter, discussed the different events that will be going on during the Regatta Boat event.

Commissioner Williams stated he is looking forward to seeing all the paperwork come through for formal approval of the event. He inquired about when the City should expect to see that. Mr. Falcione said that there is a logistics meeting being held tomorrow where discussion will take place regarding the set-up for the event, security, layout, etc.

Discussion ensued regarding the closure of the Green Bridge northbound lanes. Mr. Falcione and Mr. Gustafson stated that the permit has been submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for comments back to determine what will occur during the event.

Commissioner Williams requested information be provided to him regarding the outcome of the meeting tomorrow between City of Bradenton and City of Palmetto staff.

2. NOISE ORDINANCE 2014-06 AND NOISE CITATION ORDINANCE 2014-15

Attorney Barnebey discussed the changes that were made since the last time this item was discussed at a Workshop. There are now two versions of the Ordinance; Ordinance 2014-15 is a new version which is a modification of 2014-06 to include just the noise citations part. The reasonable man standard will still apply because that is what is currently written in City Code. Ordinance 2014-06 provides for decibel meter to be used to measure noise levels. Mr. Barnebey asked for Commissioners input on how to proceed.

Discussion ensued regarding the different times periods for different noises. Commissioner Cornwell opined that there should be consistency for all categories. Commissioner Williams does not like that the proposed time for lawn care is until 10:00 p.m. Attorney Barnebey stated that whatever times that Commission would like for these categories can be done. Commissioner Varnadore opined that these types of categories are not where the noise complaints are coming from and does not feel that the City needs to make all these changes at this time. She stated that it appears most noise complaints are generated because of outdoor eating and drinking establishments as well as house parties. Attorney Barnebey recommended that Commission move forward with the adoption of the Noise Citation Ordinance No. 2014-15. Discussion continued regarding the need for an updated noise ordinance versus just the noise citation ordinance as presented. Attorney Barnebey asked that this discussion is carried forward to the 7:00 p.m. agenda to allow for Chief Wells to answer the expressed concerns.

3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR FY 2015

Mr. Freeman handed out a revised "Attachment B" that has the updated funding for the 2015-2019 CIP. "Attachment B" provides more detailed information for projects and funding specifically related to FY2015. A copy of this updated handout is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

This item will be brought forward to the next Workshop meeting for more discussion.

4. OUTDOOR EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE 2014-07

5. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2014-14

DUE TO TIME, ITEMS 4 AND 5 WERE NOT DISCUSSED AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Vice Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes approved: October 20, 2014

James R. Freeman

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