

**DRAFT  
CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
November 3, 2014  
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2—(Entered at 4:40 p.m.)  
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 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  
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. FEBRUARY 2015 BOAT REGATTA DISCUSSION

Mayor Bryant stated that Bradenton Mayor Wayne Poston, Dave Gustafson, Executive Director City Of Bradenton Downtown Development Authority, and Albert Rosenstein, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), were in attendance today to answer questions and discuss the tentative plans for the Boat Regatta in February 2015.

Mr. Gustafson distributed an event flyer, an event overview, and an incident action plan for the 2015 Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta February 6-7, 2015. He discussed the tentative schedule stating that on February 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a concert at Sutton Park to kick the event off. Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, is the actual event to include jet-ski races, Formula 2 Championship time trials, dog shows, BMX shows, food and craft vendors, fireworks and awards. A copy of the distributed handouts are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic management. Mayor Poston stated that there will be police officers and electronic signs posted throughout areas to address the detour and traffic. Mayor Bryant stated that the City of Palmetto Police Department cannot absorb the cost of overtime for police to be at the event. This event was not budgeted by the City. Mike Fetchko, President, ISM USA, stated that he will provide \$5,000.00 to the City of Palmetto for the overtime of the police officers.

Several concerns were expressed by Commission regarding traffic that included:

- Closure of the entire Green Bridge for the duration of Saturday's event.
- Method of transportation (MOT) plan for the closures and redirecting of traffic
- Foot traffic control
- Signage

Mayor Bryant stated that Ed Hunzeker, Manatee County Administrator, assured the City that the MOT electronic signs will be made available and set up at all the major gateways.

Mr. Tusing informed Commission that the road closure and MOT will be similar to what has been done through the years for the Desoto Grand Parade and the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Albert Rosenstein, Operations Engineer for FDOT, described the permitting process for a road/bridge closure. He said that the permit is executed through the district office with questions asked and answers received from the applicant. The types of questions that are asked include detour plans, emergency plans, traffic operations for the neighboring cities and counties. FDOT's main concern is that traffic is moved safely and efficiently.

Mayor Bryant is still seeking sponsorship for the Christian concert that will be held on February 6, 2015.

Mike Fetchko discussed the events that will be occurring on the City of Palmetto's side of the river.

Brett Solomon ECo Consultants, assisted with the environmental permitting for the event. He explained the process for permitting for this event.

This item is on the 7:00 p.m. Commission meeting for conceptual approval.

## 2. ORDINANCE 2014-07 OUTDOOR EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS

Commissioner Davis questioned if Section 1. D. (3) included the amplified speaker at fast food restaurants; if so, that will hurt the ones that are open 24 hours. Attorney Barnebey will further clarify that it does not include the amplified speakers that are outside fast food restaurants for ordering.

Discussion ensued regarding Section 1. D. (1). Commissioner Williams opined that outdoor music should not be amplified from midnight to 6:00 a.m. and questioned if this proposed ordinance should be applied to outdoor eating and drinking establishments as a whole or only to those that have amplified music and entertainment. Attorney Barnebey stated that this ordinance can be modified to fit restaurants that have outdoor amplified music and entertainment. The consensus of Commission was to have Attorney Barnebey modify the ordinance to apply to those establishments that have outdoor amplified music and entertainment.

Commissioner Varnadore suggested the City be proactive and apply this ordinance to all outdoor eating and drinking establishments whether they have music or not. She mentioned outdoor televisions, games, sports bars, and groups of people which could all create noise impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. Mayor Bryant agreed and said that outdoor entertainment will also be a part of the proposed ordinance. Attorney Barnebey will modify the ordinance to include establishments that have outdoor entertainment, noise, amplified bands, etc. He asked Commission to think about how they would like to see existing businesses come into compliance.

Commissioner Varnadore requested further explanation on if an establishment violates this ordinance several times how long before the business is brought forward to Commission with complaints.

Mayor Bryant asked that the modifications be made to the proposed ordinance and brought forward for more discussion at the next Workshop meeting.

Mayor Bryant adjourned 6:03 p.m.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman  
City Clerk