

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
December 15, 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
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3—(Entered the meeting at 4:40 p.m.)

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Andy Hansen, Florida League of Cities, presented a return of premium insurance check to the City of Palmetto in the amount of \$14,933.00. The CRA is receiving a \$166.00 return. These funds are for property insured within the City and the CRA.

1. RECOGNITION BRIAN WILLIAMS

Mr. Hansen recognized Commissioner Brian Williams for his 20 years of service as a City Commissioner. Commissioner Williams was presented with the John Land Award from the Florida League of Cities.

2. ORDINANCE 2013-21 REGULATION OF USE AND LOCATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

Mayor Bryant spoke to the shift manager at Walmart today regarding their storage containers on site. Usually they have a couple year round at their location with more during the holidays due to Christmas shopping and layaway. How would this ordinance affect Walmart? Attorney Barnebey stated that he believes Walmart is located in the Commercial Heavy Industry (CHI) zoning category which is affected by Section 19-221(b) of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed ordinance. Changes to be made to the ordinance include:

- No residential home is allowed to have a portable storage container in their front yard for more than 60 days
- Residential rear yards cannot have a storage container greater than 7x7x5 for more than 60 days unless permitted as an accessory building
- Eliminate the restriction for structures to be placed against a house
- Add that a storage container can be in place during construction as long as there is active construction

Mayor Bryant emphasized that this ordinance is not being proposed to create a hardship on the community; it is simply to clean-up the various corridors within the City.

Boat Regatta Event February 2015:

Dave Gustafson, City of Bradenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), presented a map to the Commission regarding the event as planned at this time. He discussed other events that will occur at the same time as this one like the fishing event off the pier and a 5K run. He introduced Jennifer Sabo from

St. Stephen's who discussed the run and presented a flyer that explained the 5K. She has submitted her Special Function Permit to the City for the 5K.

Mr. Gustafson informed Commission and staff of several meetings that are coming up to discuss the event. He has submitted a Special Function Permit to the City for approval of the event and the road closure permits have been sent to the Florida Department of Transportation for the closure of the Green Bridge. The closure of the Green Bridge will be from 4:00 a.m. on February 7th and reopened at 11:00 p.m. that day.

As of today, there is not a sponsor for the Christian concert that was supposed to occur at Sutton Park on Friday night (February 6th); Mr. Gustafson is still working on that.

In regards to the proceeds obtained from the event, Mr. Gustafson explained that the vendors receive 70 percent, the hotel and lodging receives 10 percent and the 20 percent left will be split 50/50 between the City of Bradenton DDA and the City of Palmetto.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 26, 2015

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk