

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
January 5, 2015  
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 4:38 p.m.)

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
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. ORDINANCE 2013-21 REGULATION OF USE AND LOCATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

Commissioner Cornwell requested some additional language to clearly identify that Section A pertains to residential and Section B pertains to commercial zoning.

Discussion ensued regarding the commercial zoning category and storage containers. Commissioner Varnadore opined that the language does not read well in the ordinance. She would like some further clarifications.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned why the definition included sheds. Staff indicated that sheds are not a part of this ordinance, a shed that will be built to be used permanently will be permitted through the Building Department. Commissioner Varnadore said the phrase “or shed-like structure” should be removed from the definition; it could cause confusion. Attorney Barnebey stated the definition also states that “large portable storage containers is any container....other than an accessory building or shed obtaining building permits...” Commissioner Williams stated that storage unit versus a shed could be the same thing to people; the definition is a little ambiguous and subjective. Attorney Barnebey will remove “shed-like” from the definition.

Commissioner Williams expressed concern with Section 7 that states “large portable storage containers associated with construction are exempt from other conditions set forth in this section.” He questioned what other conditions are they exempt from. Mr. Barnebey stated that they would be exempt from everything; size, location, etc.

Commissioner Cornwell questioned if the language regarding the grandfathering clause could be included in Section A. Mr. Barnebey stated that there is language written in the zoning code already that pertains to the grandfathering clause. Commissioner Cornwell would like to see that section or code number referenced into this ordinance.

Mr. Tusing asked that “PODS” be included in the definition.

Attorney Barnebey reminded Commission that this ordinance is not re-writing the entire code. This is just a section to be incorporated into the existing code.

These are the changes that will be made to the ordinance for the next Commission meeting:

- Eliminate “large” from most areas of the ordinance
- Remove “shed-like” units from the definition
- Make it more clear that portable structures include “PODS”
- Add clarifications for industrial and commercial to indicate that is what Section B applies to
- Clarify the active construction language

Attorney Barnebey will make these changes and send out to Commission. If there are any questions, please contact him.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 26, 2015

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk