

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
May 4, 2015
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Captain Steve Greer, Police Department
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

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

RECOGNITION: Mr. Freeman presented the FY 2015 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City's Finance Department.

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05 SALES-LIQUIDATION AND GARAGE

Ms. Foley addressed the changes that were made to the Ordinance since the last Workshop meeting as outlined on the point paper included in the agenda. She asked Commission to consider the following:

- What size should the permit numbers on garage sale signs be?
- What constitutes a holiday?
- With the allowance of garage sales on Monday's when a holiday, would Commission like to consider increasing the consecutive hours a garage sale can be held from 48 hours to 72 hours?
- When a resident holds a garage sale without a permit due to lack of knowledge of such requirement, does the Commission want a written warning issued and education provided, or a written warning as well as Code/Law Enforcement to shut their garage sale down and then ask that resident to go to City Hall for a permit the next day that City Hall is open?

Ms. Foley displayed a typical garage sale sign that can be purchased at the store. She included a sample of what one-inch numbers would look like, two-inch numbers, and three-inch numbers. It was the consensus of Commission to ask that the permit numbers be at least two inches on garage sale signs.

Discussion ensued regarding the allowance of a garage sale on a Monday, when Monday is a holiday, and the increase of consecutive hours from 48 to 72. It was the consensus of Commission to no longer allow garage sales on Mondays and to increase the consecutive hours that a garage sale can be held from 48 to 72.

Regarding question four, the consensus of Commission was to have a written warning issued, their garage sale shut down, and then they are to be directed to come to City Hall to receive a permit for their sale.

Staff was asked to develop a system that both Code and Law Enforcement can access so that documentation can be added regarding written warnings.

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Mayor informed Commission that education will be provided to the public regarding the requirement of a permit to have a garage sale. Information will be included in the City's quarterly News in Brief and on the City's website.

2. 2016 RIVERWALK REGATTA EVENT DISCUSSION

Mayor Bryant handed out a printout she received regarding the advertisement for the event next year. It does include the City of Palmetto on the logo this year. Also, the Commission was given a copy of all information and correspondence that the Mayor has received regarding this event.

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that the DeSoto Hernando group has been meeting with some of the local business owners to receive feedback regarding the event.

Commissioner Varnadore stated she will not be voting for a conceptual approval of the event tonight. She requested feedback regarding the discussion that occurred with local businesses. She questioned if the Green Bridge can still be closed if the City of Palmetto declines to participate in next year's event.

It was requested that a representative from the DeSoto Hernando group and Mr. Fetchko attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting to provide feedback on what was discussed at their meetings.

Mayor Bryant reminded Commission that the property located on the corner of Riverside Drive West and 8th Avenue West (the old Shell property) will likely be going out for an invitation to negotiate and may not be available for the dry pit for this event as it was this past year. She also stated that the construction for the multi-modal project is likely to be occurring around the time this event is planned for.

Commissioner Williams questioned the Tourist Development Council's (TDC) intent to increase funding for the event from \$175,000 to \$200,000. Will the extra \$25,000 be given to the City of Palmetto for events to happen on this side of the River? Mayor Bryant explained that her understanding is that the money is being requested from the TDC for the event and that a check will be written from the TDC to the Bradenton Downtown Development Authority and Mike Fetchko for the event. She said that it is not her understanding that the increase is to come directly to the City of Palmetto.

Commissioner Williams would like to see as soon as possible what the traffic patterns will be for the City of Palmetto during the event next year. Commissioner Davis agreed and stated that there should probably be more signage that lets the public know that even though some roads are closed they are open to local traffic. Commissioner Smith encouraged signs to be erected indicating "Regatta Event Parking, this way" to have traffic park and then they can access the local businesses as well. Captain Greer reminded Commission that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) approves all methods of transportation and detours for the closure of their roads (Green Bridge is FDOT road).

Commissioner Williams opined that the City should send out a survey regarding the event to the residents in their water bills and/or posting something on the City's website.

Commissioner Varnadore stated that the City could encourage businesses to participate in the event by having events at their storefront to draw festival goers in.

Traffic Information via Manatee County Board of County Commissioner's Meeting:

Mr. Freeman played video from the Manatee County Board of County Commissioner's April 21, 2015 meeting where Commissioner Whitmore discussed her displeasure with traffic over the Green Bridge. The County discussed the problem of traffic in Palmetto as well as on the bridge to the island communities. They indicated that FDOT is aware and preparing studies as well as the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Commission discussed the traffic issues and studies that are to be done.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

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Minutes approved: June 1, 2015

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