

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
June 1, 2015
4:30 PM-5:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3—(entered the meeting at 4:41 p.m.)
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
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

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

1. FY 2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Mr. Freeman stated that Version 1 of the FY2016 Budget should be ready for distribution by July 1, 2015. He discussed the following tentative dates for Budget Workshops/Hearings:

- July 20th-regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Workshop
- August 3rd regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Workshop
- August 4th Budget Workshop 5:00 p.m.
- August 18th Budget Workshop 5:00 p.m.
- August 24th regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Workshop
- September 1st Budget Workshop 5:00 p.m.
- September 14th regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Workshop and 1st Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.
- September 28th Second Public Hearing and Budget Adoption 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Freeman received the preliminary tax roll on Friday which shows values have increase almost five percent. July 1st the City will receive the actual tax roll.

2. JULY 4TH SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT DISCUSSION

Mr. Burton discussed the July 4th event. He explained the road closures, the location of vendors, entertainment, and sponsors for the event.

Commissioner Varnadore does not like the entry fee of \$5.00. She opined that an event sponsored by the City/CRA and paid for by the taxpayers should be free entry. She requested more information on how payment will be taken for the entry. Mr. Burton stated that attendees will enter at one of two booths located off of 10th Street. They can either pay \$5.00 or donate 5 canned goods to Mayors Feed the Hungry. Jen Silverio, CRA Administrative Assistant, explained the process of wristbands as a means for counting how many people attend the event. Commissioner Varnadore questioned if different tickets would be given to those who make a donation versus who paid; this will ensure the City knows how much money they should have at the end of the day. Mrs. Silverio said staff will have to look into that further.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned the two alcohol vendors for the event. Mayor Bryant stated that she has received word that one of the vendors will not be participating. She asked that vendor to submit information in writing regarding such. Commission will discuss this further at the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Chief Tyler clarified that alcohol consumption will only be allowed within Lamb and Sutton Parks during the event.

Commissioner Williams questioned road closures. Mr. Burton explained that 7th Street is closed to 11th Avenue. Commissioner Williams does not agree that 7th Street should be closed to 11th Avenue. He opined that the One Blood bus could be moved to 6th Street over by the library instead of on 7th Street; this would free up 7th Street. Mr. Williams questioned where detour signs and barricades would be. Chief Tyler said that barricades can be located at 8th Street and 10th Avenue. Chief Tyler highly suggests leaving 7th Street closed due to high pedestrian traffic coming from the parking located off 7th Street where Palmetto Elementary used to be.

Discussion regarding reentry to the event ensued. Mrs. Silverio explained that once they receive a wristband that should be sufficient enough to allow them to come and go to the event.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 20, 2015

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