

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
June 15, 2015
4:30 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3—(entered the meeting at 4:39 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:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Javier Vargas, Deputy Director Public Works
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

1. PALMETTO RIVERSIDE BOAT RAMP PAVILION CONCEPTUAL

Jon and Vicki Moore, Moore 2 Designs, made a presentation to Commission regarding the conceptual plan for the Palmetto Riverside Boat Ramp Pavilion. The conceptual ideas include:

- The building to be raised by at least 5 feet to meet the Code
- Two separate buildings under same roof, one to be for bait and tackle and snacks and the other to be for a food service area
- A dock facing west to look out over the River
- A 100 foot seahorse statue
- A covered area with tables and seating

Discussion ensued regarding the restroom facilities. Mr. Moore explained that currently in the conceptual the number of bathrooms did not change, still one facility for women and one for men. He can double the number of restrooms. Commission requested that change and to see water fountains included.

2. PALMETTO BUS STOP CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Mr. and Mrs. Moore made a presentation regarding the conceptual design of the bus stops in the City. The idea is to continue to use the same tin roof and brick theme as seen around Palmetto. There will be two bench seats, one on either side of the bus stop, with a wide area for a wheelchair to be in between the two benches.

Mr. Burton stated that about half of the improvement cost will come from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Southwest Florida Water Management District will pay for about half of the cost of the pavers to be installed. The CRA will be paying the rest, about 33-50 percent of the project.

Mr. Burton said that when the CRA Board approves these two items, the design of both structures can begin.

In regard to cost to build the Palmetto Riverside Boat Ramp Pavilion, Mr. Burton explained that the CRA will be paying for all of it. Rough estimates will be provided to Commission once received. The CRA will be having the exterior built with the inside of the bait and tackle shop and the food service side to be designed by whomever leases it.

Attorney Rudacille stated that both of these items can be added to the CRA Board agenda tonight for conceptual approval.

3. SURPLUS OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Mayor Bryant explained that the City is looking to surplus the property located at the 800 block of 14th Street West (AKA soccer fields) PID #2902000005 and #2901800009. A preliminary review of the property does not show restrictions as once believed. The idea is to have commercial and residential in that area. Discussion ensued regarding commercial versus residential. Commission was in favor of the idea to surplus the property but with residential on the 800 block side of 14th Avenue and commercial on the side near 10th Street. Mr. Burton stated that because it is City owned property, the City can rezone the land to what fits the needs. He also suggested the City may want to discuss moving the tennis courts located at Lamb Park to the property at the 800 block of 14th Avenue and then residential surround that. This will free up the land where the tennis courts are currently located and that property can be developed commercially off of 10th Avenue.

Commissioner Cornwell questioned the quality of the soil. Mr. Burton said that a level one study can be done on the soil when and if the property is ready to be built upon.

4. ORDINANCE 2015-07 MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

Ms. Foley address the changes made to this ordinance versus the current Code. The following are the suggested changes:

Section 20-1:

1. City Council changed to City Commission
2. Removed reference to Florida Statute 943.25(5)
3. Removed reference to Florida Statute 943.14(4)
4. Attached a copy of Florida Statute 938.15

Section 20-2:

Stayed the same.

Section 20-3:

Stayed the same; possible discussion by Chief of Police.

Section 20-4:

1. Removed each park name
2. Park operating hours will be adopted by resolution. This is what City staff is proposing regarding park operating hours to be incorporated into the resolution:

17th Street Park
Hydrant Park
Hidden Lake Park
Taylor Park
Riverside Park East
MLK Park

Above parks closed from dusk to dawn.

Riverside Park West **Open 24 hours**

Sutton Park
Lamb Park

To be closed from 11:00 p.m. to dawn

All of the park hours can be changed via Special Function Permit approved by City Commission

Section 20-5:

Stayed the same (attached is a copy of Manatee County's firework ordinance)

Section 20-6 to 20-50:

Stayed reserved.

Article II Nuisance Abatement:

Staff is working on updating this section and incorporating it into Chapter 16 to keep all nuisance ordinances together in one location. When this is complete it will be brought forward to Commission at that time.

In regards to Section 20-3, Chief Tyler recommends that it is removed from the Code all together. There are several criminal statutes that speak to this.

Commission requested the following changes to be made and brought forward to the next Workshop meeting:

- Removal of Section 20-3
- Change park hours from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Sutton and Lamb Parks
- Contact Manatee County to obtain more information regarding their permitting for the use of fireworks

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 20, 2015

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk