

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
August 24, 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
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. FY2016 CITY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Freeman explained that the budget is balanced at this time with a .25 millage increase. The insurance carrier has changed from Aetna to Blue Cross Blue Shield with a 10.19 percent increase as compared to last year. The City is still in negotiations with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) with no agreement being reached at this time. There are no proposed changes to the budget unless there is something that Commission specifically would like to address.

Commission would like to have a meeting or two over the next year to discuss budget issues (insurance, dependent care, salary increases, etc.) before the budget is brought to them again for the next fiscal year.

Mayor asked that this discussion is carried forward to the 7:00 p.m. meeting tonight.

2. ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD DISCUSSION

Due to a conflict of interest, City Attorney Mark Barnebey stepped down for this discussion and City of Bradenton Attorney Bill Lisch filled in for this discussion.

Attorney Lisch discussed the changes to the contract since the last meeting. These changes include:

- Article 7 the delivery of the new sponsor agreement will be changed to electronic delivery
- Article 9, Section D, 10 years of the agreement was changed to 20 years
- Article 11 was corrected to remove the word "to"

Gregg Anderson and Chris Burns, representing Impact Local Florida (ILF), discussed the pricing and number of slots for advertising on the sign. Two spots are for the City of Palmetto to advertise, two spots are for ILF advertising and that leaves twelve spots for advertising from different companies as a source of revenue.

Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the billboard, other signs being erected within so many feet of this existing sign, and the termination clause of the contract. Some of the concerns expressed will be addressed in the City's sign ordinance.

The contract will be modified to state that any renewals will be brought forward to Commission for approval.

The location of the sign is not specific at this time; however, will be brought forward to Commission for approval at that time.

This discussion will be continued to the 7:00 meeting.

3. FPL SOLAR AGREEMENT

4. ORDINANCE 2015-07 MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

5. REZONE OF PID#2902000005 AND #2901800009 AKA SOCCER FIELDS (DISCUSSION)

Due to time constraints, agenda items 3 through 5 were not discussed and will be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 28, 2015

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk