

**CITY OF PALMETTO**  
**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**October 5, 2015**  
**4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

Elected Officials Absent:

Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3

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 4:33 p.m.

1. LAMB PARK BASKETBALL/TENNIS COURTS REPAIR

Mr. Freeman discussed the handout and pictures of the tennis and basketball courts that was presented to Commission before the meeting. Discussion took place between staff and Commission regarding the long term plans for the courts and for Lamb Park. They questioned what would fund the repair for both courts. Commission agreed that the basketball courts should be repaired where they are located currently and to be maintained until new courts are built, if that occurs. Commissioner Varnadore questioned why most of the repairs were not made to the courts as ongoing maintenance.

Discussion ensued regarding the tennis courts and the installation and/or modification to current courts for pickle ball courts. Commissioner Cornwell requested a survey go out to the residents about pickle ball court usage. Mr. Burton will facilitate the issuance of a survey.

Commission asked that staff address all basketball court repairs first and to remove the handball court that is located next to the basketball courts.

2. ORDINANCE 2015-07 MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

Ms. Foley addressed the changes made to the Ordinance since the last workshop in June. Commission had no questions or comments. This item is on the 7:00 p.m. meeting for a first read.

3. 2015-16 OUTDOOR SOUND AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

Attorney Barnebey explained that in 2014 the City received complaints regarding eating and drinking establishments and the noise generated. After a workshop with the Commission and discussions with the City Planner and the CRA Director, two key concepts became apparent:

- Outdoor eating and drinking establishments are desired in the City (there are numerous businesses currently) and should not be discouraged, and
- The primary issue appears to be when establishments allow for amplified music to be utilized in the vicinity of residential development.

Mr. Barnebey has revamped the ordinance that was discussed last year, and not adopted, to address the above two points. The current code allows eating and drinking establishments by right in commercial zoning districts. Establishments where only alcoholic beverages are served request conditional use

permits. These requirements are not proposed to be changed with this draft. However, if an establishment wants to have amplified music or other noise provided for its patrons outdoors, the ordinance proposes to make this a conditional use and require Commission approval. This would require a site plan with some detail on setup and orientation of speakers and would allow conditioning of the approval, if appropriate, to address specific site concerns.

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners and the Attorney regarding costs and fees for Permits, current businesses complying with the ordinance, and criteria. The complaints were discussed by the Attorney were in regards to one specific business that Chief stated have not had many complaints since. Commission would not like anything further done; this ordinance will not be adopted and is removed.

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

The property was recently approved for surplus. Staff would like direction on rezoning of the parcels and splitting the two.

5. CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE CITY

**DUE TO THE HOUR OF THE MEETING, ITEMS 4 AND 5 WERE NOT DISCUSSED. THESE ITEMS WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE NEXT WORKSHOP MEETING.**

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes approved: November 2, 2015

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk