

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
December 7, 2015
4:30 p.m.**

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 (entered at 4:42 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bryant called the December 7, 2015 Workshop meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

1. HISTORICAL PARK FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Freeman told Commission that this agreement was before them again following some revisions made to the park rentals some months ago, because the Historical Park is asking the Commission to consider its input on some of its rental fees.

Currently, the Historical Park rentals are included in the City's Facility Rental Agreement, but the Park is asking for a separate application specifically for their facility. Mr. Freeman said staff has no objection. A proposed application is included in the agenda.

Mr. Freeman said the Park has asked the City to reevaluate the fees. He went over the Park rental price changes. The current prices approved by Commission (a) and the Park proposed changes (b) are included in Tab 1 of the agenda. With the changes, the Park is proposing to keep more of the money for cleanup costs. Mr. Freeman said staff supports the changes.

Discussion ensued on the hourly cost of the facilities and the amount of the security deposit.

Mayor Bryant suggested asking the Historical Park to come to a workshop. They are on the front lines, and they have spent a lot of time coming up with the proposed costs. They just want to be able to be compensated for cleanup costs.

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that she had asked the Park to include a security deposit for the chapel.

Commissioner Williams asked why the handicapped parking signs have been removed at the Celebration Center. Staff will check and let him know.

Commissioner Cornwell commented that she would like to see a full-day price for the chapel, and she said the restrooms should be open when the chapel is rented.

Mayor Bryant asked that either Commissioner Varnadore or Commissioner Cornwell attend the next Historical Commission meeting to share the comments from this meeting with them.

Mayor Bryant asked Mr. Freeman to add this to the first workshop in January.

2. DISCUSSION: CITY/CRA JOINT PROJECTS (STAFF)

Mr. Freeman informed Commission that during both the CRA and the City Commission agendas tonight at 7:00 p.m. there will be several items for approval regarding both the seawall and the multi-modal trail. Commission will go back and forth between the meetings, and he wanted to explain the sequence of events and the reasons why.

The Commission meeting will be recessed after the Consent Agenda to open the CRA Board meeting to review the changes to the CRA Plan and recommend approval by the CRA Board. Once that item is concluded, the CRA Board will recess and the Commission meeting will be opened. The first item will be to approve the CRA Plan. Next the Commission meeting will recess to go back to the CRA Board to approve a loan amendment to allow the use of funds for the seawall. After the loan amendment is approved, there is a budget resolution which transfers funds to the City so the City can pay for the seawall improvements. Next, back to the City Commission for a budget resolution on the City side. Finally, the contract approval for the seawall on the City agenda will be withdrawn due to an appeal.

Three items are related to the multimodal trail: A \$1.7 million grant agreement, with 50 percent coming from the CRA and 50 percent from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD); a maintenance agreement to maintain improvements, and an escrow agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

CRA Director Jeff Burton handed out an 11x17 color-coded sheet of the entire FDOT multimodal project. The handout is attached to and made a part of these minutes. He informed Commission this is pending until the seawall has been replaced.

Commissioner Williams expressed his disappointment with the fact that an environmental engineer has not given the City a study of the seawall project. This is not in the best interest of the City. We have only had one person come in to sell their project, and it is now up to \$400,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 4, 2016

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk