

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
January 4, 2016
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—(Arrived at 4:33 p.m.)
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 4:32 p.m.

1. HISTORICAL PARK RENTAL AGREEMENT

Colonel Dick Pack, representing the Historical Commission, explained to Commission the reason to increase the rates is to help offset the costs of the maintenance of the Park. Discussion ensued regarding the increase in the Park's security deposit for the rentals. Col. Pack stated the Historical Commission is interested in increasing the rates in order to create a clean-up fund.

Commissioner Varnadore suggested the Historical Commission may want to create a chapel rental package for weddings.

Mrs. Varnadore questioned if the rental times included set up and break down. Discussion continued regarding weddings and having more than one a day on the property. Col. Pack indicated there have been two weddings in one day.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the Park collect the money and keep a certain percentage and send the balance to the City. Attorney Barnebey stated that if that is the direction Commission would like to go, he would have to write an amendment to the current Historical Park Agreement the City has. Attorney Barnebey opined that having an established percentage does make things easier.

Commissioner Cornwell questioned if the Historical Park would be interested in creating a check-list for the renters to have and follow after their event is over; if they do not comply, no deposit is returned. Colonel Pack stated that the security deposit is for damages not for the clean-up.

The consensus of the Commission was to keep the changes as presented today and to have Attorney Barnebey draft an amendment to the Agreement to allow for a percentage to be retained by the Park for their rentals.

2. RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCCER FIELDS REZONE AND FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION

Debra Woithe, City Planner, stated that the current zoning for the soccer field is public with a current future land use zone of heavy commercial industry. She would prefer the parcels be zoned residential 6 (RES-6) with the parcels along 10th Street zoned commercial neighborhood or general office.

Discussion ensued regarding the property and the title, deed, restrictions, etc. Commissioner Williams opined more research needs to be performed on these properties. He would like to meet with the City

Planner to discuss the zoning. Commissioner Varnadore is sure that there are specific restrictions and was under the impression that a full title search was done. She asked staff for more research about the parcels being designated and reserved for a future cemetery.

Mayor Bryant stated this will be put on a future Workshop agenda for discussion. Attorney Barnebey stated that if Commission is interested in no longer declaring these properties as surplus, there would have to be a public hearing with the topic brought up by someone from the prevailing side.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 25, 2016

James R. Freeman

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