

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
February 22, 2016
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Harold Smith, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2—(arrived at 4:45 p.m.)
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, 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 4:32 p.m.

Mayor Bryant switched items 1 and 2 because Supervisor of Elections Mike Bennett and his Assistant Sharon Stief were here to answer questions.

2. ORDINANCE 2015-02 ELECTIONS

Ms. Foley informed Commission that the cover sheet attached to the Ordinance outlined the changes made. The Ordinance has been revised in its entirety.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned Section 12-4 Polling places, asking if the City coordinates with the County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) in the establishment of polling places. Both Mayor Bryant and Mr. Bennett verified that the SOE does coordinate with the City.

Commissioner Williams questioned the canvassing board being the County canvassing board. Mr. Bennett explained that the County canvassing board has the responsibility to canvass the results of the County elections and the City canvassing board would only have duties to canvass any special election that would not be held during the County's elections.

1. COMPENSATION STUDY PRESENTATION

Mr. Freeman explained that staff received three quotes and narrowed them down to two. Of the top two, staff researched references and had a conference call. After completion of the research of the two companies, staff has chosen to have Management Advisory Group complete a compensation study for the City.

Donald Long, President, Management Advisory Group (MAG), gave a PowerPoint presentation to Commission regarding the compensation study.

Commission requested MAG to do a study along with this compensation study to compare pensions and medical benefits too.

3. UNSAFE STRUCTURES

Attorney Rudacille has been reviewing the City's Nuisance Ordinance with staff. They have worked on streamlining the process and updating the Ordinance to flow with current practices. Changes to the Ordinance are underlined or struck through on the attachment to the agenda.

Commission questioned an occupant who is at least 15 years of age accepting the notice. Code Enforcement Officer Joe Fenton explained that is per Statute.

Discussion ensued regarding rental properties where the property owner is responsible not necessarily the tenant. Commissioner Varnadore questioned about the displacement of a tenant and the cost of that. Attorney Barnebey stated that it is not the responsibility of the City. Unfortunately, a tenant may be displaced while the property is declared a nuisance.

Mayor Bryant asked that this item be moved forward to the next Commission agenda.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes approved: April 4, 2016

James R. Freeman

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