

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
May 16, 2016
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Harold Smith, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2—(Entered the meeting at 4:41 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 4:30 p.m.

1. INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Steve Hall, Alltrust, made a presentation to Commission regarding the upcoming employee medical insurance renewals. He prepared a comparison to other jurisdictions that were similar in size with similar health care for their employees. Mr. Hall highlighted the premiums and costs since 2011 noting employee only versus dependent coverage. The renewal process was discussed with a final decision to be made sometime in July and open enrollment to begin in August.

2. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE

Attorney Barnebey explained that the ordinance attached to the agenda tonight is the most recent draft proposed by Manatee County with some additional, more generic language for the definitions. The City needs to decide if they would like to adopt this ordinance, whether in its entirety or just some part of it. Mr. Barnebey recommends that the Commission should consider adopting some parts of the ordinance. Commissioner Varnadore agreed that there are parts of the proposed ordinance that would do well for the City. Commissioner Williams stated his opinions regarding the ordinance as a whole, but would be agreeable to implementing parts of this ordinance in the City. He requested how many noise offenses have occurred in the City over the last few years. Chief Tyler will provide that information to Commission by the end of the night.

Commissioner Smith expressed his concerns about the regulation of car audio noise. Attorney Barnebey stated that the City does not have to adopt that part of the County's ordinance if they do not feel it is necessary.

Based on the discussions, Mr. Barnebey will convey to the County that the City of Palmetto is interested in adopting parts of this ordinance.

3. ORDINANCE 2016-06 PARKING IN LIEU

Attorney Barnebey informed Commission that he attached a PowerPoint of case studies for fees in lieu of parking for other cities. This study shows some cities that have an annual fee for the parking spaces, whereas staff is proposing a one-time fee for the program here. Attorney Barnebey noted the price range per parking space; between \$6,000 and \$47,000 (as identified in the study). The study also outlined what is working best about the parking in lieu programs for these other cities, noting that most developers take advantage of and participate in the program.

In regards to reasonable walking distance, Attorney Barnebey will provide the reasonable walking study he has at the next meeting.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her concerns with implementing this program without a parking plan even in place for building a parking lot. Attorney Barnebey reminded Commission that the City has seven years to build it with the option to extend for three years. Commissioner Varnadore is not in favor of that.

Commissioner Varnadore asked for a copy of the parking analysis.

This discussion will be brought forward to the next workshop.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 15, 2016

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk