

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
August 8, 2016
6:00 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Harold Smith, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
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
Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk, Finance
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

1. FY2017 BUDGET VERSION 3 DISCUSSION

Mr. Freeman recapped the prior budget discussions. There were changes made in Version 3 since the agenda was published. Mr. Freeman discussed those changes. To date, Version 3 is balanced, including the salary study.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of reserve funds for one time expenditures. Mrs. Simpson informed Commission that Fund Balance is at approximately five (5) months. A copy of the fund balance report will be provided to Commission when it is complete.

Mr. Freeman expects to meet with the Commissioners individually to review the final report in regards to the compensation study.

Commissioner Williams requested an additional column showing last year's budget to make it easier to compare approved and amended balances. Mr. Freeman explained there were currently columns to see the original approved budget, the new amount, and the percent change. Mr. Williams still wanted to see original approved budget amounts.

Commissioner Varnadore requested a discussion on the CRA Budget as a workshop item during the August 15th meeting. She is concerned about approving the budget before seeing the final compensation study. Mr. Freeman listed available dates to meet.

Commissioner Williams asked Mr. Freeman to prepare a cost estimate for the stormwater rate study.

Commissioner Cornwell suggested having individual meetings between the workshop and the 7:00 p.m. meeting on August 15 to review the compensation study.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her opinion about the 4th of July event remaining a small town, family-friendly event, according to our Mission Statement.

Commissioner Davis asked if the USF study would be looking at the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Burton responded they would be focusing on the multi-modal element of the plan but there is room in the CRA budget to ask for additional components.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 12, 2016

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk