

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
August 15, 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 4:35 p.m.)
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3
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. BUDGET REVIEW DISCUSSION

The FY 2016-2017 CRA Budget was the main focus of the discussion.

Mr. Burton presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission highlighting grants and awards received by the CRA over the current Fiscal Year as well as completed projects. He discussed the project timeline over the next five years. Several projects are planned to include a new facility along the water in Riverside Park West, enhancements to Sutton Park including playground equipment and extension of the sidewalk around the entire Park, redevelopment of the Riverside Drive and 8th Avenue property, and MLK Park. Commissioner Williams was very complimentary of the projects along Riverside Drive. Discussion continued regarding the projects over the next five years with more details given to each specific project.

Discussion continued regarding the CRA Budget. Mr. Burton highlighted different line items with more detailed discussion regarding consulting and various memberships.

Commissioner Williams opined that \$30,000 budgeted for landscaping along Haben Boulevard is a little too much. Commissioner Varnadore agreed and asked for more details on what the landscaping is.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her opinions on each project as presented. She discussed the Celebration Center located at Lamb Park and what the City/CRA plans to do with it. Mrs. Varnadore asked for more discussion and for funding to be budgeted for a community garden, at least \$2,500.

Commissioner Williams exited the meeting at 5:40 p.m. and returned at 5:44 p.m.

Commissioner Varnadore discussed the budget amount for the 4th of July event [\$80,000.00]. She opined that this event needs to be more family friendly, to include more activities for children of all ages. Both Commissioner Cornwell and Varnadore expressed their opinions regarding having no events sponsored by the City/CRA that are family friendly like in years past. Commissioner Cornwell discussed the Tomato Festival that used to occur annually in the City (sponsored by the City). She would like staff to look into bringing this festival back to the City, into Sutton Park. She suggested if this is not feasible, then to look at compromising the Fourth of July Festival with a specific site, either within Lamb Park or Sutton Park,

specifically designated for children. It was discussed that one Park could house the kid's area with the other Park having the "adult beverages". This suggestion seemed to be the consensus of Commission.

The Ten Year Agreement for the Seafood Festival was discussed (as stated in the CRA Budget). Mr. Burton stated that the CRA is planning to "sponsor" the event, specifically the concert portion. With the agreement comes a partnership with the Hernando DeSoto Society and a portion of event proceeds will provide funding for the playground at Sutton. Being that their event is held at Sutton and is family friendly, it is Mr. Burton and the CRA's opinion that partnering with the DeSoto Society for the Seafood Festival is a good investment for Sutton Park.

2. RV AND BOAT PARKING DISCUSSION

3. ORDINANCE 2016-06 PARKING IN LIEU

4. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE

Due to the time, items 2 through 4 were not discussed and will be carried forward to the next Workshop meeting.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 12, 2016

James R. Freeman

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