

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
September 12, 2016
4:30 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
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner Ward 2

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
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. DISCUSSION: COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Davis requested discussion regarding what are the needs of the City and the consensus of Commission regarding traffic in Palmetto. Mayor Bryant expressed the needs of the life of the DeSoto Bridge. Discussion ensued regarding the traffic on both bridges, centering around traffic heading south off the Green Bridge into the City of Bradenton.

The consensus was to bring forward discussion regarding the U.S. 301/41 corridor as well as the 3rd Avenue intersection at the Green Bridge into the City of Bradenton and the new DeSoto Bridge. Commissioner Cornwell is looking forward to the multi-use trail over the Green Bridge from the City of Bradenton through downtown Palmetto and hopefully out to Snead Island.

2. RV AND BOAT PARKING DISCUSSION

Attorney Barnebey discussed the draft language for the ordinance as presented in Tab 01 of the agenda. He included a chart showing what is currently permitted under the existing Code. Discussion continued on the presented chart and what is allowed and not allowed. Commissioner Davis expressed concerns with having a commercial boat not being allowed in the front yard and a recreational vote being allowed.

Mayor Bryant read a complaint she received regarding parking issues along 10th Avenue West near Palmetto Mobile Home Park. The letter stated that there are RVs parked along that street obstructing view from the side streets pulling onto 10th Avenue.

Commissioner Williams stated parking along the streets is a problem for commercial vehicles and would prefer that other jurisdictions are surveyed to see how they handle trailers and commercial parking along streets.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her opinions on this ordinance stating that she is not in favor as it is written today and Commissioner Smith agreed.

Commissioner Davis expressed his opinions on this ordinance as well and stated he would prefer to allow the parking of RVs and boat trailers in a 5 foot set back of the side yard of the house.

Discussion ensued regarding the allowance of RVs hooked up to utilities. Commission opined that consideration should be given to RVs hooked up to electricity but not necessarily water and sewer. It was mentioned that the non-allowance of utility hook ups for extended periods of time was incorporated in the Ordinance presented to deter living in an RV on residential property; (the proposed ordinance does have an allowable window of time for the hook up to utilities to allow cleaning, etc.). Attorney Barnebey was asked to write something in the Ordinance to allow for hook ups to electricity but not for water and sewer, and to include language addressing residing in an RV.

Debra Woithe, City Planner, asked Commission to consider standards for a residential district versus a commercial district.

Discussion continued regarding this Ordinance with more discussion centered on parking along the streets, no parking areas, and parking ticket fees.

It was asked that Commission take page 7 of the documents provided in the agenda and put their opinions (on the chart) as to what they would like to see for the City.

3. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE

4. ORDINANCE 2016-06 PARKING IN LIEU

Due to the lack of time, the above two items were not discussed.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes approved: November 7, 2016

James R. Freeman

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