

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
September 26, 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
Karen Simpson, Deputy Clerk- Finance
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. City Clerk, Jim Freeman was attending a conference and Assistant City Clerk, Amber Foley was out sick.

1. RV AND BOAT PARKING DISCUSSION

Attorney Barnebey referred to materials in the agenda (re: Code of Ordinances, Appendix B- Zoning Code, Article VI- Supplemental Regulations, Section 6.5- Parking of domestic and commercial vehicles and recreational vehicles) and Public Works Director, Allen Tusing reviewed additional information under Tab 01 in the agenda, showing possible proposed changes. Definitions and details still need clarification.

Commissioner Smith asked about tractor trailers parking in residential areas. Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis opined about parking on hardened surfaces, not just on the front yard. Mr. Tusing and Mr. Barnebey mentioned, according to City code, corner lots have two front yards and two side yards, no rear yard. Commissioner Smith suggested permits should be required so residents know what is needed. Commissioner Varnadore pointed to duplexes and multi-family residents, asking how the ordinance would impact renters.

Mayor summarized that the existing ordinance prohibits a lot of the current activities. Code Enforcement officers need clarification, because if enforced as written, a large number of residents would be upset, and yet we have residents complaining about different areas in the City. Conversation continued, and Mayor suggested maybe Commission needs to abolish the whole ordinance.

Commissioner Cornwell was only concerned with safe storage without impeding sight. Conversation touched on property values being impacted; "well maintained" being subjective; blocking or crossing sidewalks; and overwhelming need to store things in people's front yard. Commissioner Davis asked that we continue the discussion, but need to use common sense.

2. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE

Time constraints did not allow any conversation on this issue.

Mayor Bryant adjourned meeting at 6:03 pm

Minutes approved: October 17, 2016

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk