

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
October 17, 2016
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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—(arrived at 4:59 p.m.)

Elected Officials Absent:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor

Staff Present:

Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Vice Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

1. CAFR AWARD FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Freeman presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Award for fiscal year ending 2015 to the Finance Department.

2. ORDINANCE 2016-15 IMPACT FEES

Attorney Rudacille explained that an issue was presented to the City causing Mr. Barnebey to make some minor changes to the Ordinance. The changes made are stricken through or underlined and eliminates the five year timeframe whereby impact fee credits expire. Mr. Freeman stated that there will be a minor change before adoption, the cut-off date will be changed from July 2, 1984 to January 17, 1983.

This item is on the 7:00 p.m. agenda for a first read and scheduling of a public hearing.

3. ORDINANCE 2016-08 AUTO REPAIR SHOP MORATORIUM

Debra Woithe, City Planner, handed out notes that were prepared before the meeting. These notes are attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mrs. Woithe is proposing to have a "Historic Downtown" district for 10th Avenue West. She basically added a section 6.6 that discusses screening of open storage and is proposing to make it an allowable use in the Commercial Heavy Industrial Zone. Mrs. Woithe also changed major motor vehicle repair in the Commercial Core Zone to allowable by conditional use permit only instead of a permitted use; minor vehicle repair would continue to be an allowable use.

Discussion ensued regarding open storage and "grandfathering in" existing businesses. Commissioner Varnadore requested a better definition as to what "grandfathering in" exactly means. Commissioner Williams requested information be provided regarding the date that the current open storage Ordinance was adopted. Mrs. Woithe stated that current businesses would have 180 days to come into compliance with the open storage Ordinance once adopted. In regards to "grandfathering in", Mr. Tusing indicated that no current businesses would be "grandfathered in" with open storage because as it stands it is not an allowable use. Mrs. Woithe offered her time to meet with the Commissioners regarding their specific concerns, especially regarding current businesses.

Mr. Tusing indicated that staff will continue to work on this Ordinance; the consensus of Commission was that this Ordinance seems to be headed in the right direction.

Commissioner Williams questioned the last part of Section 6.6 that states “all vehicle work must be done inside, all repair equipment must be kept inside or in screened area.” He expressed concerns on existing businesses not being able to do this and would it be a “grandfathered in” clause. Mrs. Woithe stated that no, it wouldn’t be, but the current businesses would be given a fair amount of time to come into compliance when and if adopted. Commissioner Williams reiterated that the “grandfather in” definition needs to be clarified. He is very concerned that current businesses will be severely affected by an ordinance written like this and they need to be talked to before anything is adopted.

Vice Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes approved: November 7, 2016

James R. Freeman

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