

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
November 7, 2016
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Harold Smith, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 1—(arrived at 4:33 p.m.)
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3—(arrived at 4:35 p.m.)
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 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Bryant switched the order of the agenda, reversing items one and two.

2. ORDINANCE 2016-10 SPECIAL FUNCTION PERMIT

Mr. Freeman informed Commission that the attached ordinance includes the following changes:

- Added language requiring a Special Function Permit if alcohol will be sold or consumed on City property or City facilities
- Added language indicating larger events of 300 or more should be received 60 days in advance and events of less than 300 people must be submitted in 30 days.
- Language was added whereby the City Clerk will approve the Special Function Permits after review and input from other department heads
- Language was added to communicate approval or denial to the City Commission.
- Added language regarding an appeal process for the applicant if they do not like the decision. An applicant can appeal within 3 days after the decision and will be placed on the next Commission meeting to hear the appeal. If there is not a Commission meeting being held prior to the scheduled date of the event, then the decision is final.

Commissioner Cornwell requested that the language regarding the Permits be submitted within 30 or 60 days should say “must be filed within 30 days or 60 days”. If they do not file by 30 or 60 days, staff can deny them and they can appeal the decision to the City Commission who will have the final say; Commissioner Varnadore agreed.

Commissioner Williams expressed his opinions regarding the fees for the application for the Permit and the rental of facilities. He opined the fees are too low.

Commissioner Smith would prefer that the process is kept the same way it has been done except for a few minor verbiage changes. He opined the process is working fine the way it is.

Commissioner Davis is fine with the way the ordinance is written at this time and would like to try to allow staff the opportunity to approve or deny and communicate such to Commission. He would prefer the 30 and 60 day to be a hard and fast rule.

Commissioner Varnadore would like to keep the Special Function Permit as is but make the 30 and 60 day a hard and fast rule.

Discussion ensued regarding the July 4th event and the Special Function Permit; Commissioner Varnadore would like a discussion added regarding this on an upcoming agenda.

Mr. Freeman acknowledged the feedback he received and understood the consensus to be to leave the approval process for the Permits as it currently stands and change the 30 day and 60 day to a hard a fast rule.

1. ORDINANCE 2016-08 AUTO REPAIR SHOP MORATORIUM

Debra Woithe, City Planner, presented a handout to Commission, asking for consensus on options one through four.

1. Establish new character district
 - a. Name: Old Main Corridor?
2. Establish automotive-related uses for new character district (see Table 4.2, provided)
3. Exclude "Industrial-warehouses, packinghouses, light industrial, other similar uses" that are included in Uptown from New Character District
4. Revise automotive-related uses in for all zoning districts (see Table 4.2)

Discussion ensued regarding Table 4.2 as provided. It was discussed where motor vehicle repair-minor and major would be an allowable use. As indicated on Table 4.2, motor vehicle repair-major would be allowed in the CC district with a Conditional Use only instead of an allowable use as current. Vehicle Repair was added as an allowable use only in the CG and the CHI districts. Discussion continued between allowable uses and conditional uses and in what zoning districts. Existing motor vehicle repair-major businesses will be grandfathered in; but if they expand they will have to come forward for a conditional use. Commission does not want to change motor vehicle repair-major to a conditional use in the CC district at this time; they would prefer it continue to be an allowable use.

The next steps for the City as proposed by staff are as follows:

- Establish limited allowances for open storage and remove conditional use from the table.
- Revise other uses in existing downtown districts.
- Revise uses in other zones
- Revisit zoning districts

At this time, the City Commission does not want to discuss open storage; it is preferred to work on this new character district and the automotive related uses then work on open storage.

It was decided upon "10th Avenue Corridor/Old Main" as the title of the character district. As far as number two above as requested by Mrs. Woithe, the consensus was to keep the Table 4.2 as presented by staff (not allowing motor vehicle repair-minor or major in the new character district). The consensus of Commission was to exclude "industrial-warehouses, packinghouses, light industrial, other similar uses" from the new character district. Commission will not be revising automotive related uses in all zoning districts.

3. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE (M. Barnebey)

(TAB 3)

Due to time, item number three was not discussed and will be carried forward to the next Workshop.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes approved: December 19, 2016

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk