

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
January 9, 2017
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 4:42 p.m.)
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3

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.

1. ORDINANCE 2016-18 GENERAL EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Mr. Freeman informed Commission that Pension Board Attorney Scott Christiansen was present today to review and explain the General Employees' Pension Ordinance 2016-18 that was continued from the last meeting for clarification and further understanding. Attorney Christiansen discussed all the changes made as mentioned at the last Commission meeting as well as in the cover letter attached to the Ordinance in tonight's meeting packet. The main reason for these changes is a requirement to remain a tax qualified Plan per the Internal Revenue Code. Discussion continued between Commission and Attorney Christiansen regarding the changes made to the Ordinance, the Internal Revenue Code, and the actuarial equivalent.

This Ordinance is on the 7:00 p.m. agenda for a Public Hearing and adoption.

2. ORDINANCE 2016-17 REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE AND REPAIR

This item is on the 7:00 p.m. agenda for a First Public Hearing and a Second Public Hearing.

Mr. Tusing discussed the Downtown Design Guidelines as attached to the Ordinance. He explained that basically the Guidelines address the areas where Motor Vehicle Service and Repair are or will be prohibited. The reason that there are two Public Hearings scheduled tonight with the Second Public Hearing being continued, is that it was recommended by legal to have the First Public Hearing opened and closed with the Second Public Hearing being opened and continued to the next Commission meeting to not be on the same agenda as the First Public Hearing.

The Downtown Design Guidelines were heavily discussed. Attorney Barnebey understood the concerns but recommended that the Guidelines are accepted along with the Ordinance to include the changes as deemed fit in the Ordinance. After that, staff can bring the Guidelines back for further discussion and amending.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her opinions about receiving the Guidelines without track changes. Commissioner Williams suggested this Ordinance is tossed and staff begins from the beginning especially the Downtown Design Guidelines. Attorney Barnebey does not recommend this, he reminded Commission that most of the changes to the Guidelines reflect the areas being changed in the proposed

Ordinance regarding where motor vehicle repair and service stations are or are not allowed. The Guidelines can be brought back for further analyzation and discussion at another meeting.

Mayor Bryant suggested this Workshop be used to review the Downtown Design Guidelines so that all issues can be aired out and a decision can be made on how to handle future revisions and meetings.

Discussion continued regarding Downtown Design Guidelines. There is a map on page 3 of the Ordinance that has been added and is also added to the Guidelines. Commissioner Varnadore questioned the change to page 79 of the Guidelines that discusses electronic signs. She requested the removal of the addition of "except for governmentally owned signs". The consensus of Commission was to remove that phrase from the section. Attorney Barnebey explained that this only applies to the 10th Avenue/Old Main corridor.

Commissioner Varnadore is not in favor of adopting the Guidelines as a whole, she requested time to review the Guidelines and changes as presented tonight. She expressed concerns with the Guidelines being adopted as is, and no specifically scheduled time to bring them back for more detailed discussions with Commission.

3. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE

Attorney Barnebey handed out a decibel chart for Commission to review prior to the next discussion of this Ordinance.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 27, 2017

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk