

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
August 28, 2017
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2—(arrived at 4:46 p.m.)
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
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 LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

1. MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY DISCUSSION

Mayor informed Commission that two different options have been provided to them regarding medical marijuana dispensaries. The first choice is to ban them from the City altogether and the second choice is to allow them in the same zoning categories as pharmacies while prohibiting them within 500 feet of a school. Mayor asked Commission what their preference was on these two options. It was noted that the City of Bradenton has not made a decision yet, Manatee County has decided to allow them in the same areas as pharmacies per the County Zoning code. The cities of Holmes Beach and Anna Maria voted to not allow and no response has been received by either the City of Longboat Key or the City of Bradenton Beach.

Commissioner Williams opined to allow the County to handle the zoning and establishment of the medical marijuana dispensaries. Commissioner Varnadore agreed and would prefer to wait and see how, over time that goes for the County. The consensus of the Commission was the same, to not allow them in the City of Palmetto at this time, but to see how the County goes and to discuss at a later date if necessary.

Attorney Barnebey will draft an ordinance to not allow them in the City limits at this time. This ordinance will go to the Planning and Zoning Board then to the City Commission.

2. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE

Attorney Barnebey reviewed the questions as attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Davis proposed to reconsider last meeting's discussion regarding decibel levels City wide and during special events. He would prefer to see the levels at 70 dba until midnight on weekends and on holidays with 65 decibels at all other times (in residential areas). He opined that during special events the decibel level should be set at a not-to-exceed level of 100 and has to be stopped no later than 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Williams expressed his concerns regarding the "Entertainment District". He also opined that noise should be measured at the generating property's line not the complainant's property line.

Commissioner Smith would prefer one straight decibel level, no wavering levels with different times and different districts.

Chief Tyler agreed with Commissioner Davis' recommendations and potentially could see those levels increasing up another 10 decibels. Commissioner Varnadore is not in favor of the "Entertainment District" and suggested reviewing that at a later time.

Attorney Barnebey will draft an ordinance based on today's discussion.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 25, 2017

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk