

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
September 25, 2017
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

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

Elected Officials Absent:

Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

1. ORDINANCE 2016-09 NOISE

Attorney Barnebey gave a brief synopsis of what transpired at the last meeting and would like to ensure Commission is pleased enough with the Ordinance to move it forward to a public hearing for the public input.

Commissioner Williams opined there should be specific decibel levels related to bass. Discussion ensued regarding all noise versus just bass. Mr. Williams indicated he would not prefer to move this Ordinance forward without further information on bass levels and decibels related to that. Commissioner Cornwell disagreed and opined noise is noise no matter if it's bass or treble or mix of both.

Commissioner Smith discussed the Section 5.2(5) of the attached Ordinance addressing motor vehicle noise. He is not in favor of the City regulating the noise that comes from a moving vehicle; parked vehicles he agrees with. Mr. Smith explained that having the police chase down moving vehicles for noise is not something he would be in favor of. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Police Officers could be the complainant on noise violations or if it has to be the specific person [in regards to anonymous complainants].

Commissioner Cornwell requested that on page 7 that the times of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. be indicated into both 1.a. and (c) on the page.

Commissioner Cornwell further discussed noise at special events. She does not feel it is best to put a specific decibel level on events. Discussion continued regarding events in the City and noise levels. Commissioner Cornwell reiterated her opinions of restricting noise during a special event/concerts. She does not want to set applicant's up to violate. Mr. Freeman displayed the map as previously provided by Chief Tyler indicating ranges of decibel readings during three different events in the City.

Mayor would prefer to move this item forward for a public hearing to gather the public's input, especially as it relates to the conflicting components left [regarding Commissioner Smith's preference to not include moving vehicles, the discussion whether or not to have the Officer be the complainant, and the decibel levels for Special Function Permits].

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes approved: October 16, 2017

James R. Freeman
James R. Freeman, City Clerk