

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
November 6, 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  
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 4:30 p.m.

1. SURFACE TABLET USAGE PRESENTATION

Mrs. LaRowe discussed the attached handout regarding usage of the Surface Tablets to receive the agendas. Due to various questions, the meeting was recessed at 4:38 p.m. to allow Commissioners to work individually on the new computers.

Mayor Bryant reconvened the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

2. SPECIAL EVENTS AND NOISE DISCUSSION

Mayor Bryant gave a brief synopsis of the reason for the staff report as attached to the agenda. Mrs. LaRowe asked if there were any specific questions as it pertains to the information provided.

Commissioner Varnadore expressed her opinions regarding setting a not-to-exceed dBA for all events. She explained that having amplified music every weekend in the parks is not ideal for the surrounding neighbors. She will not vote for the Noise Ordinance as presented at the 7:00 p.m. agenda if it included a not-to-exceed dBA for special events.

Commissioner Smith expressed his opinions regarding the language in the Noise Ordinance as it pertains to moving vehicles. He is not agreeable to the Ordinance reflecting the option to ticket moving vehicles that violate the Ordinance.

Discussion continued regarding events on public property versus private property and the frequency of those events.

### 3. HALF CENT SALES TAX DISCUSSION

Mr. Freeman discussed the project list as attached to the agenda. He gave an overview as to what each of the categories were and the projects identified. He asked for feedback from the Commission on prioritization and if they want to add other projects or remove projects. Mr. Freeman explained that the City is to receive an estimated \$1 million dollars from the half-cent sales tax.

The Commissioners seemed pleased with most of the projects on the chart as presented with a request for some further information about the recreational trail and a breakdown of some of the costs as estimated for some of the projects.

Mr. Freeman reassured the Commission that this document is a fluid document and is not set in stone.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes approved: December 4, 2017

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk