

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
January 22, 2018  
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 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  
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. PARK AND PUBLIC FACILITIES USE REGULATIONS

Attorney Barnebey and Chief Tyler spoke about unauthorized camping or cooking in the parks, which are not criminal behaviors but questionable actions, which create a difficult issue for the City to provide safety without violating rights. Chief Tyler suggested posting closing hours on the parks, and the addressed the ability to trespass people who are acting inappropriately or are residing in the City parks. Commissioner Williams observed the regulations should remove “private property” verbiage. He opined regulations for radio controlled drones should also include radio controlled cars. Chief Tyler confirmed that the trespass procedure intentionally gives individuals a warning and an opportunity to respond, and an opportunity to correct the behavior prior to being issued a trespass warning. Attorney Barnebey confirmed that the term “year” refers to 365 days. Greg Demase, Associate with Blalock Walters explained why enforcement is allowed to continue even if the violator moves to a sidewalk across the street. Municipalities are being asked to provide their own hearing officers for these matters. Commissioner Varnadore commented these regulations will provide tools for City police officers to handle inappropriate behavior in the parks.

Commissioner Cornwell asked for more clarification on trespass procedures, including the pier, fairgrounds, or Blackstone Park. Officer will help homeless people find safe shelter for the evening. Homeless advocates from Centerstone currently ride with Police officers. Mrs. Cornwell wanted to clarify that the 1<sup>st</sup> time is just a warning. Chief restated if anyone has a concern for their own welfare or the welfare of others, call the police. Chief Tyler opined homeless shelters, mental health and addiction services, job assistance, and other support services are needed. Commissioner Williams noted loitering at parks is different than loitering at

City facilities. Mayor Bryant suggested putting this issue on the 02/05/17 Workshop and subsequently bring the issue forward to a 7:00 p.m. meeting.

## 2. DISCUSSION: INTERLOCAL SERVICES BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

The supporting material for this item was on the 7:00 p.m. agenda as part of Resolution 2018-01 Attorney Scott Rudacille, with Blalock Walters spoke about the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement in an effort to annex properties into the City that are contiguous or clearly in enclaves. This is the first step in the process to initiate negotiations for an agreement with Manatee County. The prime benefit for the agreement is for people that want to annex into the City. Statutes currently allow the City to annex small areas less than 110 acres in size, called enclaves, without the consent of the property owners, or an Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement. Property owners will be put on notice. This Agreement will need City Commission and County approval. This Agreement would replace Palmetto's role in the Joint Planning Accord. Purple areas identified on the map have already been identified in the current Joint Planning Accord with Manatee County.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 5, 2018

*James R. Freeman*

James R. Freeman, City Clerk