

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
June 4, 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—(arrived at 4:37 p.m.)
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2--(arrived at 4:36 p.m.)
Brian Williams, Commissioner Ward 3

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

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

1. INCENTIVES

Mr. Burton discussed the following incentives as attached to the agenda:

- a. General Commercial Redevelopment Incentives 2.0
- b. Downtown Commercial Core Redevelopment Incentives 2.0
- c. Heavy Commercial/Industrial Redevelopment Incentives
- d. Fiscal Impact Study: Incentives
 - i. Fiscal Analysis of Incentive Program
- e. CRA Agreement for Redevelopment Incentives

Commissioner Cornwell discussed aligning the Code and incentives with what the vision is for the City and the businesses.

Mr. Burton will be providing a hard copy of each of the above incentives to the Commission along with copies of the Code and the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Burton will be contacting a professor from the University of South Florida (USF), if approved by the Commission, to come speak at a Workshop regarding incentives and visioning.

2. LINEAR PARK TRAIL

Mr. Tusing passed out a Linear Park Trail Project 2017 update map. This map is attached and made part of the minutes.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) indicated the need for approval of the concept of the Linear Park Trail for the Central Manatee Network Area Analysis (CMNAA) that has been performed and presented to the City Commission.

Commissioner Williams expressed his displeasure with feeling rushed to approve the trail when it was only recently presented. Staff explained that the grant portion of the CMNAA was provided to them a few weeks ago; however, the trail has been a concept in the works for a while now. The importance of the approval is for appropriate grant funding.

Mr. Williams opined that the trail going under the Green Bridge into Riverside Park East and east along Riverside Drive is not appropriate due to residential houses along Riverside Drive (east of 8th Avenue West). He proposed connecting 7th Street West via 10th Avenue West through Sutton and Lamb Parks. He is very concerned with the removal of trees along the proposed route of Riverside Drive.

In regards to the cost, the match with the grant will be split between City of Palmetto, Manatee County, FDOT, and City of Bradenton. Commissioner Varnadore would like more information on the portion of the funding that the City of Palmetto will be responsible for.

Discussion ensued regarding the fluidity of the trail; it was determined that approval tonight does not mean the City of Palmetto, FDOT, or any other entity involved is bound to that specific plan permanently. If changes need to be made, those can be done.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 18, 2018

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk