

**CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
November 5, 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—(entered the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner Ward 3

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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

1. ORDINANCE 2018-07 PARKING TICKETS

Mr. Freeman explained that, back in April, the Commission discussed updating the parking ticket violation fees that have not been done since the 1980's. Also, there is no appeal process written in the City's Code of Ordinances and the Manatee County Clerk's Office is no longer the point of contact to dispute parking ticket violations. With that being said, staff has updated the parking section of the Code to include an appeal process through the City of Palmetto special magistrate.

Discussion ensued heavily around the no parking on sidewalks. It was reiterated that nothing has changed regarding what constitutes a violation; violations are not set via City Code, they are established through the Florida State Statutes. Parking on sidewalks is not only a violation of State Law it is a violation of Federal Law as well. Chief Tyler reminded the Commission that it is the job of the Palmetto Police Department to not only enforce the laws established via ordinance, but also those written in the Florida Statutes.

Commissioner Smith stated that he is not in favor of this Ordinance for various reasons, one of which is because he feels that weight limits for through traffic in residential areas needs to be included in this Ordinance. Mrs. LaRowe stated that parking violations and weight limits for through traffic, like semi-trailers, are two different topics and should not be included in the same Ordinance. Mayor Bryant agreed and asked staff to prepare some information for the next agenda regarding weight limits in residential areas.

Mr. Tusing was asked to provide the Commission with a map of the sidewalks in the City of Palmetto.

This Ordinance is on the 7:00 p.m. Agenda for a first read.

2. RESOLUTION 2018-36 CREDIT CARD USE POLICY

Mr. Freeman explained that the Department Heads, Mayor, and Purchasing Agent all have City issued credit cards to handle purchases that may only be made by a credit card like travel arrangements, online orders for

City supplies, etc. Staff researched various policies surrounding credit card use and came up with one to better protect the use of the City credit cards.

Discussion ensued regarding the prohibition of meal purchases. Mrs. LaRowe explained that meals are only prohibited if already not allowed due to another Policy of the City, if the meal purchase is not in the budget, or by law. Mr. Freeman and Mrs. LaRowe are working on a Travel and Entertainment Policy which will better outline what types of meals are allowed for purchase and which are not.

MAYOR BRYANT RECESSED THE CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP AT 6:02 P.M.

MAYOR BRYANT RESUMED THE CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP AT 6:15 P.M.

3. 834 RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROPERTY USE DISCUSSION

Mr. Burton reviewed the process for property development as it relates to this specific piece of property.

Discussion ensued with the outcome that the CRA Board have the power to delegate a representative for the City/CRA in this development endeavor, they will decide what business they will allow, what densities, heights, etc. as it relates to the redevelopment. Mr. Burton stated that the Riverside Property Real Estate Agreement is on the CRA Board Agenda tonight and that the City Attorney can answer any questions they have regarding that Agreement.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: December 17, 2018

James R. Freeman

JAMES R. FREEMAN
CITY CLERK