

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
November 26, 2018  
4:30 PM**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Jonathan Davis, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2  
Brian Williams, Commissioner Ward 3

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2

**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 4:32 p.m.

**1. UPDATE: 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET WEST**

Mayor Bryant provided an update on the discussion regarding 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West. She reminded the Commission that she and the Chief sent a letter to the Community Traffic Safety Team and to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. In summary, the letter addressed the intersection of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West and Business U.S. 41. The Chief documented in the letter that, since 2015, there have been at least twenty two crashes at this intersection each involving a vehicle making a left turn in front of another vehicle travelling southbound on U.S. 41. Of those crashes, 10 involved serious injury and one involved death. The Chief and Mayor both expressed their opinions on the intersection being redesigned, slowing down southbound traffic along U.S. 41 as they enter the City, and the prohibition of left hand turns by placing a median cut at the intersection.

Mr. Tusing was asked to talk to Mr. Preston regarding the extension of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West.

The estimated time frame for a safety study for this intersection is January 2019.

**2. BACC HOTEL, LLC AGREEMENT DISCUSSION**

Attorney Barnebey provide a draft of this Agreement to the Commission before the meeting today. The Agreement is regarding hotel improvement and increment reimbursement between the CRA, the City, and BACC Hotel, LLC. The Agreement is contingent upon the right of way for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Extension from U.S. 41/301 to the eastern property line of the hotel property being deeded or dedicated from Manatee County to the City of Palmetto by December 3, 2019. The extension is the responsibility of the owner, BACC Hotel, LLC.

Discussion ensued regarding the Agreement. The Commission opined that this Agreement needs to be brought to another workshop for further discussion, specifically as it relates to the naming of the hotel. It was the opinion of the Commission to not have “Bradenton Area” anywhere in the name of the hotel.

Mr. Freeman informed the Commission that there will be the first public hearing on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Community Development Block Grant proposal for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Extension for this project.

Commissioner Smith exited the meeting at 5:17 p.m. and returned at 5:20 p.m.

Tony DeRusso, InDevelopment Partners, LLC, is pleased with the update as presented. He is trying to keep an open dialogue with the City and plans to come back with a better façade plan to the Commission prior to the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: January 7, 2019

*James R. Freeman*

JAMES R. FREEMAN  
CITY CLERK