

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 2006**



The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on February 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Mayor and Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith and Councilman Ward V James T. Golden.

City Officials: Wayne Poston, Mayor; Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer; John Cumming, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; Mark Souders, Fire Chief; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Tim Polk, Department of Planning and Community Development Director, and Carolyn Moore, Human Resources Director.

Staci Cross, Information Technology Director was absent from the meeting.

Press: Bradenton Herald and Manatee Herald Tribune

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.
Ecumenical invocation was led by Minister Sterling Forrester, retired.
Flag salute was led by Mayor Poston.

Mr. Callahan administered the Oath to any individuals who wished to speak during the public hearings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Robin Miller, 1010 16th Avenue West, displayed an old survey of his property and stated that he disagreed with the Department of Planning and Community Development's requirement to obtain a new survey in order to place a small shed on his property.

Bill Lisch stated that due to past problems of property owners making changes on their property, a new survey would be required when property owners came in to obtain a permit.

Ruth Seewer, Development Review Manager, stated that the department does ask for a new survey if the previous survey was over five years old. She stated she could handle Mr. Miller's request administratively.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Poston presented a plaque to Councilman Roff for completing the training at the Institute for Elected Officials held by the Florida League of Cities.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Poston, by proclamation appointed **Herbie Rose** as the Honorary Mayor of the Village of the Arts in Bradenton as of February 22, 2006.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor and Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Stated he was upset after reading in the newspaper their interpretation that the City of Bradenton and the Manatee Players had a negative relationship.

Vice Mayor Gallo stated that the City had, for years, always assisted the players when asked and that it would be the Players' choice to move to Palmetto.

Vice Mayor Gallo displayed a rendering of a City Centre Park Concept Design to create a public park on the property now occupied by the Manatee Players should they decide to move elsewhere.

Mayor Poston stated that the Manatee Players were having serious problems raising funds for the remodeling of the theater and, at one time, there had been a discussion regarding building condominiums with the theater being part of that development. Mayor Poston stated that the concept had never come about, but that the idea of a park at this location was a good one.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Announced a fundraiser "Concert in the Garage" on Friday, February 23, 2006 to be held at Jake's Automotive on 9th Street and 8th Avenue.

Councilwoman Barnebey invited golfers to participate in the Clover Class Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for the 4H Club which would be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006.

Councilwoman Barnebey announced that the Sandpointe Neighborhood Association meeting would be held at Prine Elementary School on Thursday, March 2, 2006.

Councilwoman Barnebey thanked Carolyn Moore for heading up a City of Bradenton booth at the Manatee High School Career Expo on March 9, 2006.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, and seconded by Councilman Roff to ask Carl Callahan to set up a meeting with the Manatee Players to discuss alternative areas for the placement of the theater.

Mayor Poston stated that he has had ongoing discussions with the Manatee Players and the City of Palmetto. Mayor Poston stated there were no current arrangements in place to have the Players move to Palmetto.

General discussion regarding the fundraising problems that the Manatee Players had, alternative locations in the City of Bradenton and the perception of not having a bidding war with the City of Palmetto.

Councilman Smith reminded the Council that many years ago the City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) had given up tiff funds in the downtown area to Manatee County and continued to pay the county 1.2 million dollars annually. He stated that the City of Palmetto was currently looking into how to utilize their Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds to bring the Players over to Palmetto. He stated that, should the county give back those funds, perhaps it would help keep the Players here in Bradenton. He stated that the City of Palmetto CRA also had a higher tax base than Bradenton.

Mayor Poston reiterated what Councilman Smith stated about the City's CRA monies and that he has had many discussions with the County regarding the funds that could made be available.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated that it was her intention to let the Players know that they were an integral part of the City of Bradenton and that the City was very much interested in keeping them in Bradenton.

Carl Callahan stated that he has had many conversations with the Players and with the County and would continue to have discussions with the Players to assure them that the City was still interested in keeping them here.

The motion was withdrawn.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Reported that he has had conversations with several state agencies regarding the Tropical Palms Trailer Park issue. He stated that there would have been a legal issue should the park have been sold. He stated that he would continue to assist the park residents to preserve the park.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Councilman James Golden, Ward V: Invited everyone to attend the "Movie and a Martini" event at the Village of the Arts on March 3, 2006 followed by an "Art Walk" on Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Councilman Golden reported as the Fire Commissioner, he wanted to notify everyone that three Bradenton Firefighters were injured in the line of duty while attending to a recent structure fire.

Chief Souders stated that the injuries were minor and the firefighters were recovering well.

Councilman Golden stated that he would be investigating the infrastructure needs along the 17th and 26th Avenue East area to find ways of making improvements through reallocating social services.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Read a letter from U.S. Senator Bill Nelson congratulating him on the grant award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the continuum care program for the needs of the homeless.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes for February 8, 2006.

RESOLUTION 06-24

A resolution appointing **Thomas Vorpahl** to the Personnel Merit Board for the City of Bradenton, Florida and defining his term.

RESOLUTION 06-25

A resolution finding that an area within the city of Bradenton as described herein continues to chronically exhibit extreme and unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration and economic disinvestment; making certain declarations regarding said area; redesignating said area as the City of Bradenton Enterprise Zone; providing an effective date.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda for Minutes of February 8, 2006, and Resolutions 06-24 and 06-25 was made by Councilman Golden/Councilman Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2814 **PUBLIC HEARING**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PLACES FOR OUT-OF-DOORS LODGING; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PARTS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Poston stated that he had received a letter from Christopher Cosden, a Sarasota attorney, regarding the pending law suit on the ordinance prohibiting out-of-door lodging which was recently passed in Sarasota.

Bill Lisch stated that the City of Sarasota had passed an out-of-door lodging ordinance which was found unconstitutional by the Sarasota County Court, it then went for appeal to the Circuit Court level where it was again found to be unconstitutional. There was a second ordinance which the Sarasota County Court found to be unconstitutional which was and then amended to try a third time. Sarasota County had also found that ordinance to be constitutional. That ordinance has now been appealed by the Circuit Court with a hearing to come in March, 2006.

Mr. Lisch recommended a conservative approach to wait and hear what the outcome would be as the City of Bradenton would be in the same situation as the City of Sarasota should this ordinance be approved tonight.

Mr. Lisch stated that there could be an appeal at the District Court level which could take some time.

Lengthy discussion on several other options: To approve the ordinance tonight and wait for the decision. To approve the ordinance to begin enforcement at a later date. To go forth and approve with obvious consequences.

Councilman Golden stated that he did not want to create a lawsuit for which the citizens would be financially penalized and would support waiting to see what the outcome would be as his ward was also affected by the problem of homelessness. He realized that the City needed to do something to protect citizens' property.

Councilman Smith stated he would like to hold the public hearing at tonight's meeting to hear what the people had to say about this issue.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated that she could not move forward with this issue today as it could result in wasting taxpayers' money and would prefer to wait for the legal outcome of Sarasota's ordinance.

Chief Radzilowski stated that the intention of the police department was not to arrest people but to protect businesses and private property owners and to assist people who need help to find proper shelters and medical care. He stated something had to be done to protect the citizens from trespassers.

Bill Lisch gave a brief overview of the Florida Statutes regarding trespassers.

Vice Mayor Gallo asked how this ordinance was going to help the community. He asked if it would resolve the problem or negatively impact the police department.

Councilman Roff stated that this issue affected his ward significantly and that he would wait for a short period of time for the decision on the Sarasota ordinance.

Councilman Roff asked the Homeless Services if they could while assisting their clients with food, clothing, shelter, and helping with physical and mental care to also instruct them on basic manners and to respect other people and their property.

MOTION TO TABLE Ordinance 2814 until time certain or anytime earlier until the Circuit Court decision and to re-advertise for the second and public hearing was made by Councilman Golden/Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 3-2 to table with Councilman Smith and Vice Mayor Gallo in opposition.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE FOR MIRA ISLES
PR.05.0012 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD 20.04 LF

Request of Bob Atack of Kimley-Horn & Assoc, Agent for Peninsular Properties LLC and Manatee Corporation, Owners for preliminary PDP approval for a 102-unit condominium project to be known as Mira Isles located at 3700 SR 64 E. (Zoned PDP).

Bill Lisch gave a brief overview of the decision made by Hamilton "Chip" Rice, Jr. Special Magistrate, for a recommendation to amend the PDP and adopt the Settlement Conditions "Exhibit 1" from Peninsular Properties Braden River LLC., and Manatee Corporation, as Petitioners. They were as follows:

1. The Petitioners shall dismiss the pending lawsuit with prejudice at such time as the City approved an amended PDP site plan consistent with the general PDP site plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A" ("Amended PDP").

2. Project buildings shall not exceed five (5) residential stories over one (1) story of parking, for a total of six (6) stories, with the location of the building in substantial compliance with the Amended PDP.

3. Substantial vegetation, including trees at least 15' in height at time of planting and planted approximately 20' on center, utilizing existing vegetation where possible, shall be provided as a buffer along the eastern boundary of the project that was contiguous to residential uses.

4. An eight (8) foot wall or fence "barrier" shall be provided along the eastern boundary of the project with the buffer, which barrier shall provide some architectural design features such as columns, wrought iron, or other features.

5. That the number of boat slips shall be determined by the various agencies having jurisdiction, not to exceed 46 slips. The project's boating area shall not be utilized as a marina, nor shall it provide for the sale of fuel. The Petitioners shall give the City notice of applications to the agencies for the slips, and the City may comment on such applications to the agencies.

6. Prior to any site work or construction on the property, the Petitioners shall obtain a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) in order to allow the elevation of that certain portion of the property situated below the base flood elevation to be raised, and shall obtain a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) prior to the first certificate of occupancy.

7. That the terms and conditions of the settlement shall be ratified in a settlement agreement between the parties, which would provide that the City approve the Amended PDP, and also the Petitioner submit its revised PDP site plan reflecting all modifications to the project within 120 days of its effective date, which plan would be approved administratively if consistent with the Amended PDP.

8. The Petitioners shall pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the City for outside counsel (William R. Lisch and Grimes, Goebel, Grimes, Hawkins & Gladfelder, P.A.), and for the Special Magistrate's fees and costs in connection with this matter.

Mr. Lisch stated that should the Council deny the recommendation, the issue would again go back to the Special Magistrate and he would then make findings.

Mayor Poston called for anyone who wished to speak in favor of or opposition to the public notice.

Mary Sheppard, representing the Manatee-Sarasota Group of the Sierra Club, submitted a letter and discussed the contents stating that the City's Comprehensive Plan stated in policy 2.1.5 required the restoration of natural shorelines rather than repair or replacement of seawalls.

She stated that this policy would clearly violate the City's Comprehensive Plan regarding the sea walling restoration by the applicant.

Donna Nelson, 172 River Isles, property owner contiguous to the development property, voiced her disapproval of the development and her concern for the 46 slips in Braden River. She voiced her concern for the ecosystem in the river should numerous slips be allowed.

She asked whether a berm would be installed along the fence and if the neighbors would still be allowed to pick out the type of material used for the fence.

Mr. Lisch answered yes, the berm would be included with the fence installation and the neighbors would be included in the decision on the type of fence. He stated that after the regulatory agencies reviewed the application, the City would have an opportunity to oppose the number of boat slips.

Les Atwood, 1010 Riverside Drive East voiced his disapproval of high-rises on the Braden River and that the development was not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Priscilla Wahlers, 4207 Oak Lane, voiced her disapproval of the amended development and stated that the project was not compatible with the area. She stated that this development was 102 units on 6.8 acres and that Carlton Arms was two stories high built on 100 acres.

Martin Wahlers, 4207 Oak Lane voiced his disapproval about the height and density of the development and stated that the density of Carlton Arms was Residential - 9 and consisted of 900 units on 100 acres, not 900 units on 62 acres as planned by the Mira Isles development with the density configuration of Residential - 15.

Karen Ciemniecki, 12700 Upper Manatee River Road, distributed photographs of the Braden River and shoreline of the planned development and asked that the Council stay with their decision to deny the project as 10 slips would be pushing the limit for the river ecosystem. She voiced her disapproval of replacing the seawall and referred to the City's Comprehensive Plan to restore natural shorelines as the flood elevation would change the shoreline greatly. She stated that the regulatory agencies do consider the Council's recommendation regarding the boat slips and the damage they would cause on the river.

Julia Flanigan, 303 River Isles, voiced her concern about raising the flood elevation on the property which could place River Isles in danger of possible flooding. She stated that River Isles currently drained onto this lot and continued into the river.

She asked that, should this project be approved today, if the following stipulations could be added:

1. A state environmental impact report should be mandatory and requested by the City Council.
2. The roof top mechanical room should be restricted to the central third of the building to lessen impact.
3. The 39th Street left turn would be left alone.

Mario Provenza, 806 Buttonwood Drive, voiced his concern about the depth of the pilings to be driven into the ground for the project.

Peter Nelson, 3701 Chinaberry Road, voiced his concern regarding the height and density of this project which was outrageously incompatible with the surrounding area.

Bill Lisch reminded the Council that the development had been reduced by two stories by widening the buildings to retain the 102 units. He stated that the developer still met the open space requirement.

Councilman Smith stated that he did not believe that this project was compatible with the neighborhood due to the massive size and height. He stated he did not believe that

the project met the flood zone requirements and that 46 docks would create a significant concern for the waterway.

Vice Mayor Gallo stated that there were three issues to consider: density, compatibility and height and that the City's Comprehensive Plan did not have height restrictions. He stated that this also affected the density issue due to the lack of height restrictions. He stated that the Comprehensive Plan did not define compatibility and was subject to interpretation.

Vice Mayor Gallo voiced his concern that if the Special Magistrate's recommendation was not accepted the applicant could go back to court, win, then build even taller buildings.

Councilman Golden voiced his disapproval of what the developer wanted to do on this small parcel. He stated that, but as a steward of the taxpayers money, he could not, in clear conscience, deny the recommendation and have the developer take the City back to court, thus making it an even more costly decision.

Councilman Golden asked if renovating the seawall was a city violation.

Caleb Grimes, attorney, stated that the recommendation indicated repairs or the replacement of the existing seawall and that the regulatory agencies would have to approve the request via a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMAR), a process to allow the elevation of the portion of property situated below the base flood elevation to be raised.

MOTION TO NOT ACCEPT the recommendation from the Special Magistrate of PR.05.0012 Mira Isles was made by Councilman Smith/Councilman Roff and carried 3-2 to not accept the recommendation with Councilman Golden and Vice Mayor Gallo in opposition.

CP.05.0013 WARD 2 NEIGHBORHOOD 5.01 MM PUBLIC HEARING

Request of Ron Travis and Dave Coupland, owners, for a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment from Residential -10 to Commercial for property located at 602 30th Street West.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2816

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 602 30TH STREET WEST, BRADENTON, FLORIDA MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT/FUTURE LAND USE MAP SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY LAND USE ELEMENT/FUTURE LAND USE MAP (**SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AMENDMENT CP.05.0013**) CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RES-10 TO COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*

Public hearing was opened, those in favor: hearing none.

Lynn Townsend, representing the applicants stated that the request was to change the designation to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and zoning classification.

Those in opposition: hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Tim Polk stated that the Department of Planning and Community Development staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the request based on the Findings of Fact.

Councilman Roff voiced his concern that this request would allow moving of commercial businesses into a residential neighborhood.

Ruth Seewer, Development Review Manager, gave a brief description of the two properties, lots 6 & 7 and stated that lot 7, with a house, was not included.

MOTION TO APPROVE CP.05.0013 with Ordinance 2816 was made by Councilwoman Barnebey/Councilman Roff and carried 5-0 for approval.

LU.05.0023 WARD 2 NEIGHBORHOOD 5.01 MM PUBLIC HEARING

Request of Ron Travis and Dave Coupland, owners for Land Use Atlas Amendment from R1C to C2 for property located at 602 30th Street West.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2817

*AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2627, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA BY A **LAND USE ATLAS AMENDMENT** TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION FROM R1-C TO C-2 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 602 30TH STREET WEST AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED.*

Public hearing was opened, those in favor: hearing none.

Those in opposition: hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Tim Polk stated that the Department of Planning and Community Development staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the request based on the Findings of Fact.

MOTION TO APPROVE LU.05.0023 with Ordinance 2817 was made by Councilwoman Barnebey/Councilman Roff and carried 5-0 for approval.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2818 PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2670, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA BY PROVIDING THE CODE SHALL READ "THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF" THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, THE FLORIDA PLUMBING CODE, THE FLORIDA GAS CODE AND THE FLORIDA MECHANICAL CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public hearing was opened, those in favor: hearing none.

Those in opposition: hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Tim Polk stated that the Department of Planning and Community Development staff recommended approval of the ordinance which would conform to the most current version of the Florida Building Code.

MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance 2818 was made by Councilman Smith/Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2819 PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2616, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA HEREBY ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2005 EDITION, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public hearing was opened, those in favor: hearing none.

Those in opposition: hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Tim Polk stated that the Department of Planning and Community Development staff recommended approval of the ordinance which conformed to the most current version of the National Electrical Code.

MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance 2819 was made by Councilman Smith/Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

Trevor Gooby, Director of Operations for the Pittsburgh Pirates, requested to hold a "Pirate Fest" on Saturday, March 18th at McKechnie Stadium with a street closure on 9th Street West from 13th Avenue West to 17th Avenue West from 8:30 a.m. with the event starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Bogart requested approval of the family event and gave a general description of the detour which was the same detour used during the baseball season.

Discussion: To close off 9th Street at the 13th Avenue intersection.

Discussion: Placing a message board prior to the event indicating the street closure.

John Cumming stated he would take care of placing a message board prior to the event.

MOTION TO APPROVE the request of Trevor Gooby was made by Councilwoman Barnebey/Councilman Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.

Allen Yearick, representing the Old Main Street Merchants, requested to hold Street Festivals with street closures on Old Main Street from 3rd Avenue south to the alleyway on March 17th, May 29th, July 4th, August 17th, September 1st, October 31st, November 22nd and December 31, 2006.

Allen Yearick gave a general description of the event which was to be much like the Get Down Downtown events.

Councilwoman Barnebey voiced her concern about approving all eight events as some of the dates were holidays, with other events also to be held in the downtown area which would cause a strain on some of the city's departments.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated she only could approve the events of March 17th and May 29th due to concerns about other downtown events.

Mr. Yearick also requested approval to hold an event on May 5th in observance of Cinco de Mayo.

Mr. Callahan voiced his concern about approving all eight events in advance, as events were only booked six months in advance in the City's Auditorium. He stated that having too many events at one time could cause traffic and parking congestion as well as cause stress on the City's departments.

Lengthy discussion: Multiple events with advanced planning by the City's departments and the events coordinator. Concerns that some departments were just signing off and not thoroughly reviewing the event requests.

Chief Souders stated that his department needed a site plan showing placement of vendors, tents, the stage, etc. for safety purposes.

Councilwoman Barnebey strongly suggested placing port-o-lets, should a large crowd attend. She stated she would be glad to work with him to help coordinate the events.

MOTION TO APPROVE the request from Allen Yearick for March 17th and May 29th was made by Councilwoman Barnebey/Vice Mayor Gallo and carried 4-1 for approval with Councilman Golden in opposition.

Linda Dodson, with CareNet Manasota requested to hold a fundraising event “Walk for Life” to support operations at CareNet Manasota (a crisis pregnancy center) on May 6, 2006, beginning at 8:00 am to 11:00 am, with the start and finish at Rossi Park followed by a Pancake Breakfast.

Linda Dodson stated the breakfast would be held at the amphitheater.

Mr. Callahan voiced his concern regarding the current construction in the area which included large overhead cranes in the vicinity and suggested parking on the east side of the railroad tracks.

Mr. Callahan stated he would check with the Promenade developers about using their property for parking.

MOTION TO APPROVE the request from Linda Dodson was made by Vice Mayor Gallo/Councilman Golden and carried 5-0 for approval.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Stated he would be looking into the event process and the auditorium process.

Chief Souders: Nothing to report.

Staci Cross: Excused absence.

Carolyn Moore: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

John Cumming: Nothing to report.

Tim Polk: Referred to a memorandum dated February 17, 2006, and previously distributed regarding a need to strengthen and enhance the City’s capacity to regulate and ensure compatible design consistent with the community’s long-range vision. He referred to six detailed action plans in the memorandum which would improve the quality of life.

REQUEST TO proceed to implement the Citywide Community Character Framework Strategy to strengthen and augment the ability to provide adequate technical review of the urban design aspects of future redevelopment projects based on clear, legally defensible, community created standards which would help insure that Bradenton’s unique signature becomes sharper and bolder with continued progress to make a better community for all.

Mayor Poston stated that it was a lengthy process to change the Comprehensive Plan and that this strategy would form guidelines to follow.

Discussion: Tentative timeline for the plan and to bring it back to Council for consideration.

MOTION TO APPROVE the Citywide Community Character Framework Strategy was made by Councilman Smith/Councilman Golden and carried 5-0 for approval.

Bill Lisch: Gave a brief overview of a litigation suit regarding placement of signs and stated he would be drafting a new sign ordinance.

REQUEST BY Bill Lisch for four (4) locations: Two on Cortez Road, one on 9th Street and one by the Race Trac on 1st Street/US 301.

Discussion: Placements of four stationary signs.

MOTION TO APPROVE the request was made by Councilman Smith/Councilman Golden and carried 5-0 for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio CD or video tape recording of the meeting is available upon request.