

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 3, 2008**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in special session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on September 3, 2008 at 5:01 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Wayne Poston; 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 Harold E. Byrd, Jr.

**City Officials:** Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; Mark Souders, Fire Chief; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Tim Polk, Department of Planning and Community Development Director; Staci Cross, Information Technology Director, and Carolyn Moore, Human Resources Director.

**Press:** The Herald.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

*Mr. Callahan administered the oath to any individuals who wished to speak on any non-agenda items and during the public hearings.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-58**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.**

Anyone wishing to speak please come forward, no one came forward.

Mr. Callahan gave a brief overview of the budget determination and thanked the Department Heads for their efforts in making this budget work. Mr. Callahan read the resolution that stated the millage rate was calculated at \$4.2843 mills with the rolled-back millage rate of 4.6380 reduced by 7.63%.

Councilwoman Barnebey requested to see the original police vehicle take home policy.

Lengthy discussion: The police vehicle take home policy.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo stated that at one time he had been against take home vehicles; but after reading several studies, he now agreed with the concept of allowing some of the officers to take home their vehicles. He suggested that police officers who lived outside the city limits should pay \$50 a month for the privilege of taking the car home. He stated police officers living within the city limits not only pay county taxes but city taxes as well and should not pay for the privilege of a take home vehicle. He stated he was opposed to having to keep track of the car usage and mileage as it was too much of a bookkeeping issue.

Councilman Smith stated that, at one time, he had also been against the idea of take home vehicles. He stated that he believed that the city should be run like a business and like in any good business you must have quality employees. To hire quality officers, the city needs to provide good benefits as an incentive. Councilman Smith stated he now concurred with Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo regarding the agreement about maintaining take home vehicles as well as the bookkeeping issues. He stated he was in favor of keeping the vehicles in this year's budget, but would like to research it further for future budgets.

Councilman Roff stated it was important to him to make sure that, during this time of serious budget cuts, there were no dramatic cuts in one department and not in others.

The public hearing was closed

**MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 08-58 TO MOVE FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-59**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 - 2009, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Anyone wishing to speak please come forward, no one came forward the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Callahan gave a brief overview of the \$115,277,914 budget, scenario #2, and stated that the numbers would change slightly as they did not reflect the final numbers for this fiscal year and stated he would bring those final adjustments back to Council.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 08-59 AND MOVE FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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