

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2009**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in special session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on September 9, 2009 at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Vice Mayor and 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; and Staci Cross, Information Technology Director.

Press: The Herald and The Bradenton Times.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo, Carolyn Moore, Human Resources Director and Bill Lisch, City Attorney were excused from the meeting.

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

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Poston requested anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

Carl Callahan gave an in-depth overview of past budgets, last year's revenue reduction of \$2.5 million, and the city's need for the coming year to make this year's budget work.

Mr. Callahan recommended maintaining the current millage rate of 4.2843, down from the roll-back rate of 4.6758.

Mayor Poston recommended the rollback rate of 4.6 which would figure out to be about \$40 a year or .10 cents a day to keep the services that the city currently provides.

FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 66

A RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.

Sean O'Leary, Bradenton Police Officer and city resident, **Rocco Salvatori**, Bradenton Firefighter and city resident, and **Arlene Flisik**, city resident stated that no one liked higher taxes; however, if .10 cents a day would provide the positions needed for public safety, they would like to see this tax increase be considered.

Lengthy discussion: Funding needed for 122 police positions.

MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing of Resolution 09-66 for September 23, 2009 at 5:01 p.m. was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd and passed 4-0 for approval. Councilman Gallo was excused from the meeting.

FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 67

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET; AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Poston requested anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

Discussion: Council would like to hear from the public.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing of Resolution 09-66 for September 23, 2009 at 5:01 p.m. was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd and passed 4-0 for approval. Councilman Gallo was excused from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:15 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.