

APPROVED BY
June 22, 2005
CITY COUNCIL

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2005**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on June 8, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo, Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey, Councilwoman Ward III Michele Weaver, Vice Mayor and Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith and Councilman Ward V James T. Golden.

City Officials: Wayne Poston, Mayor, Dave Beauchamp, Administrative Services Director, John Cumming, Public Works Director, William Lisch, City Attorney, Mark Souders, Fire Chief, Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief, Larry Frey, Development Services Director, Staci Cross, Information Technology Director, and Carolyn Moore, Human Resources Director.

Press: Bradenton Herald and Manatee Herald Tribune

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.
Ecumenical invocation was led by Reverend Paul Forrey, Faith United Church of Christ.
Flag salute was led by Elizabeth Pogan, Lakewood High School Senior.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes for May 25, 2005.

No discussion followed.

MOTION TO APPROVE the May 25, 2005 Minutes was made by Councilman Golden/Councilwoman Weaver and carried 5-0 for approval.

PRESENTATION:

PUBLIC WORKS RECOGNITIONS

John Ormando presented awards to:

Employee of the Month to **Barbara Perry** from the Central Garage.

Supervisor of the Quarter to **Rudolph Griggs** from the Storm Drainage Department.

Team of the Quarter to the Water Distribution Department with **Mark Elzey, Kim Lamm, Chris Purington, Juan Gillis, Cliff Shaw and Tracy Fulghum.**

BRADENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT – 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Chief Radzilowski presented a 20 Year Service Award Plaque to **Kay Miller**, Senior Dispatcher and to **Major William Tokajer.**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – NEW PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM

Staci Cross, Information Technology Director, **Jake Zaagman**, Bradenton Police Department Technology Specialist, **Major William Tokajer** and **Deputy Chief David Ezell** gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the old antiquated CPLIMS system in the police department and the one-year research and requirements for a new system for the Police and Fire Departments. They stated there were three vendor finalists: OSSI, New World Systems and Intergraph.

Staci Cross stated that after much study they selected OSSI to replace the old system citing better benefits to the city, user ease and less cost.

Discussion: Cost without a grant would be \$1.2 million dollars with an annual maintenance fee of \$100,000. With a grant the cost would be \$400,000 with an annual maintenance fee of \$100,000.

Discussion: Integration with 911 dispatch to the firehouse.

Questions were asked and answers given regarding the initial investment, enhancement and proficiency of the new system, and length of time the system would be in service.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AS THE INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED PRIOR TO THE BUDGET PROCESS.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No one came forward.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Weaver, Ward III: Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Bemis Smith, Ward IV: **REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE Mayor Poston to write a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) & Manatee County encouraging the widening of State Road 64 on the outside of the right-of-way instead of the median to maintain the landscape recently placed in the median.**

Vice Mayor Smith stated that the cost of the recently placed landscape in the median was approximately \$500,000 which had been pre-approved by the Florida Department of Transportation with an agreement to do minimal damage to the landscape. Vice Mayor Smith stated that FDOT's current plan was to remove 80% of the landscape in the median.

MOTION TO APPROVE the request for Mayor Poston to write a letter to Florida Department of Transportation was made by Vice Mayor Smith/Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

Councilman James Golden, Ward V: REQUESTED TO NOMINATE Bill Lisch our City Attorney for the Florida League of Cities “City Attorney of the Year Award.”

MOTION TO APPROVE the request to nominate Bill Lisch for the “City Attorney of the Year Award” was made by Councilman Golden/Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Stated that the recently approved Resolution 05-28 to formalize and establish a “Council of Local Public Officials” was hereby expunged after much discussion with the county attorneys. Mayor Poston stated they would still meet as the monthly Mayors’ meeting.

Mayor Poston stated that at yesterday’s Department Heads meeting there had been a lengthy discussion regarding the city’s hurricane preparedness and reminded the citizens to please prepare as the hurricane season had begun.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
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SF-05-0002 WARD 1 NEIGHBORHOOD 4.08 RS

Request of King Engineering Assoc. Inc, agent for Taylor Woodrow Homes-Central Florida Division, LLC for a subdivision final plat approval located at 3807 75th Street West (Zoned PDP)

Larry Frey gave the Department of Development Services staff report and recommended approval for the Palma Sola Trace final subdivision.

MOTION TO APPROVE SF-05-0002 with the Department of Development Services recommendation was made by Councilman Gallo/Councilman Golden and carried 4-0 for approval. (Councilwoman Barnebey abstained from voting due to a conflict.)

SU.05.0012 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD

PUBLIC HEARING

Request of Dwight & Carrie Josey, owners of A Growing Start Daycare for Special Use of the property located at 910 28th Street East. (Zoned R1B)

The public hearing was opened, those in favor.

Dwight and Carrie Josey, owners and applicants, requested approval for an expansion to their existing daycare center.

General discussion: Six months time line for the applicant’s to complete all the necessary improvements including landscape, but the applicant’s had targeted completion prior to school opening in the fall.

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

Larry Frey gave the Department of Development Services staff report and stated the Department of Development Services staff and Planning Commission recommended approval with the following four stipulations:

1. A continuous hedge would be provided in the rear yard around the play area.
2. Landscape materials that exceed the minimum requirements would be installed in the front yard around the parking areas, subject to approval by the DDS Director.
3. Hours of operation would be 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
4. The parking area would be constructed of paver block, with the exception of the access drives on the right-of-way which would be 6-inch reinforced concrete.

Ruth Seewer, Development Review Manager stated that the state required the city's letter of approval to issue the applicant's license.

Councilman Gallo voiced his concern for the safety of the children with the parking as indicated and requested instead to place a circular driveway.

Councilman Gallo stated he would support this request but had great concern for the children's safety.

Discussion: Parking slips and a circular driveway.

Ruth Seewer stated that she had worked at length with the applicants regarding the circular driveway and parking. She stated that parking was not a major issue as the children were dropped off at different times and a lot of the children who attended the daycare walked to the facility.

MOTION TO APPROVE SU-05-0012 with the Department of Development Services staff and Planning Commission recommendation with four stipulations was made by Vice Mayor Smith/Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL:

David Beauchamp

RESOLUTION 05-29 RE-APPOINTING **CARLOS ESCALANTE** AND **DWIGHT KOCH** TO THE **PLANNING COMMISSION** FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING THEIR TERM.

RESOLUTION 05-30 RE-APPOINTING **STEVE LEZMAN, IRENE INGRAM, STEPHEN THOMPSON AND EDWARD LEONARD** TO THE **CENTRAL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING THEIR TERM.

RESOLUTION 05-31 APPOINTING **KATHLEEN MARSH** TO THE **HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD** FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING HER TERM.

RESOLUTION 05-32 REAPPOINTING **MARGARET MOORE, DWIGHT KOCH AND H. EUGENE BAY JR.** TO THE **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD** FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING THEIR TERM.

Mayor Poston stated that Dwight Koch was an alternate on the Planning Commission.

MOTION TO APPROVE Resolutions 05-29, 05-30, 05-31 and 05-32 was made by Councilwoman Weaver/Vice Mayor Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.

Chief Radzilowski

DETECTIVE UNIT INCREASE

Chief Radzilowski requested approval for a reclassification of an officer to a position in the Detective Unit. He stated this would increase the Detective Staff strength from 12 to 13 positions and maintained the current authorized sworn strength of 121 positions.

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

Larry Frey

BUILDING INSPECTOR LADDERS

Mr. Frey stated that he had increased the number of ladders by four.

BUILDING INSPECTOR STATUS

Mr. Frey referred to previous conversations in past Council meetings regarding the rapid growth in the city and how to utilize the existing staff with the influx of permits and development projects submitted to the Department of Development Services.

He gave a brief report on each of the following four alternatives:

1. Inspectors do overtime.
2. Hire a private inspection company.
3. Hire a new inspector.
4. Permit by affidavit.

Mr. Frey gave a brief overview of the Department of Development Services staff functions with the **RECOMMENDATION** to hire a new building inspector.

He stated that Ken Gano, Certified Building Official had submitted a resignation letter effective August 31, 2005. He stated that the challenge to find someone as qualified as Ken with the knowledge needed to fill his position would take some time.

Mr. Frey requested to increase the Department of Development Services staff by one.

Motion to approve the recommendation by Larry Frey to add a building inspector was made by Vice Mayor Smith/Councilman Golden but was defeated by a motion to table.

Vice Mayor Smith stated he would support adding a building inspector due to the increased growth and stated that the permits would pay for a new inspector.

Mayor Poston gave a brief statistical overview of the number of employees working in:

- 2000 with 572 employees with a budget for 586 employees.
- 2003 with 605 employees down to 590 employees.
- 2004 and 2005 with 588 full and part time employees.

Mayor Poston commented that in five years the city was up two employees from the budgeted 586 employees in 2000.

Councilman Gallo voiced his concern that, making a decision such as this was not appropriate in the middle of the budget process and asked if this request could wait for the budget time.

Lengthy discussion: The budget process, finding a qualified inspector and training for a new inspector to replace Ken Gano in a timely manner.

Vice Mayor Smith and Councilman Golden reiterated that they would support the motion to hire a building inspector due to the tremendous growth that the Department of Development Services Department was experiencing and the concerns regarding the timeframe in which to train a new inspector.

Councilman Gallo stated he would not support the motion as all the departments needed more staff and listed the cost benefits regarding social security, medical insurance and retirement. He stated that he would like to see a cost analyst study done on hiring someone outside of the city. He stated this should be done through the City Clerk's office.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated she would not support this motion as the city was currently in the middle of the budget year but would consider this request in the next budget year.

MOTION TO TABLE hiring a new building inspector in the Department of Development Services Department until the City Clerk returned to discuss this issue was made by Vice Mayor Smith/Councilman Golden and carried 5-0 for approval.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MORATORIUM

Larry Frey distributed a report and discussed at length the research regarding how to preserve structures which were truly historic.

RECOMMENDATION BY Mr. Frey to extend the moratorium to the September 28, 2005 Council meeting with an ordinance going before Council for first reading at the September 14, 2005 Council meeting followed by the second reading and public hearing on September 28, 2005. He stated this would allow additional field research needed in each district and allow a review by the Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation.

Mr. Frey recommended to:

1. Extend the general moratorium on demolition of historic buildings and structures until September 28, 2005.
2. Authorize an exception for non-contributing buildings and structures outside of the city's current Historic Districts, as determined by the Department of Development Services Director.

General discussion: Various historic districts throughout the city.

MOTION TO APPROVE the recommendation by Larry Frey was made by Vice Mayor Smith/Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

ONE STOP RESOURCE CENTER

Larry Frey stated that he would like to discuss the possible sites for the One Stop Resource Center.

Matt McLachlan, Assistant Department of Development Services Director, distributed a One-Stop Community Resource Center Target Area Map. He gave a brief report on the status of the search for property and of the funding request from the CDBG budget.

Lengthy discussion: The time frame needed to apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the decision on whether to acquire the land first or the CDBG funds.

Mr. Frey stated that with the CDBG process coming forth in the near future he had to prioritize and carefully consider the several projects requested which was well over \$500,000 to use the city's portion of the CDBG funds.

Mr. Frey stated that the city's share for this project was approximately \$212,000 which was 36% of the city's \$552,000 grant. He stated that Manatee County's share was approximately \$200,000 with a 1.8 million dollar grant which was 12.5% of the total amount of their grant.

He stated there would be a special workshop in July, 2005 to discuss and to make a final decision on the CDBG plan.

Councilman Golden reiterated the basic requirements for the location of the Resource Center was as followed:

1. The Center would be located within a one-mile radius from the Salvation Army on 12th Avenue and 14th Street.
2. That the Center needed to be on a major thoroughfare.
3. That an acre was needed for the Center.

Major discussion: The process to choose a site first or to agree on the CDBG dollars to spend on this project.

Discussion: The Mathers Furniture site and the Johnson Steel site.

Mayor Poston voiced his concern that perhaps it was premature at this time to choose a site.

Adele Erozer, Executive Director for the Manatee Coalition for the Homeless gave a lengthy report on the One Stop Resource Center project, and the process to achieve the funds and commitment from other agencies. She stated that there were many businesses and organizations that were waiting on the selection of the site to commit to funding the Resource Center project.

Ms. Erozer pointed out the only permanent services in the center would be Our Daily Bread providing food services, the Community Coalition providing the Open Door Day Resource Center services, and the Rental Assistant services for permanent housing. She stated other agencies such as medical services, screening services, the health department, Manatee County Rural Health, and aid services would be rotating through the center. She stated there would be job training services and other shared training services and that the center was not a shelter as there would be no room to house beds. She distributed a floor plan of the layout concept for the center.

Discussion: The location and layout of the St. Petersburg Resource Center.

Lengthy discussion: Possible sites in the one-mile radius with the center being the Salvation Army.

Mary Ruiz, President of Manatee Glens gave a brief overview regarding the plans for the center and discussed the various site locations in the downtown area with contributions from the county, city and private sectors to make the center a reality.

Discussion: Time frame for the Council to discuss and decide on where the CDBG funds would be allocated and that this request to spend \$212,000 was 40% of the CDBG funds.

Mary Ruiz stated that the county staff recommended to the Commissioners a \$200,000 commitment without a site selection.

Jeana Winterbottom, Grants & Assistant Manger stated that there was a 30-day window with the CDBG and that she could only assume the county had the same regulations regarding the CDBG funds as the city.

Major discussion: As to the proper motion to make regarding the financial commitment from the city and the proposed site location.

Councilman Gallo stated he was supportive of the Resource Center but voiced his concern of locking into the one-mile radius from the Salvation Army.

MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF to move forward in assisting the Homeless Coalition to identify property that met the parameters as previously discussed (that the site be vacant or improved, approximately one acre in size, be in a non-residential surroundings, be within walking distance of the Salvation Army shelter, as close to Tamiami Trail as possible, and that the cost feasibility be presumed to be no more than \$800,000 for acquiring an improved site or \$500,000 for an unimproved parcel). Moreover, the city's contribution should be equal to the county's commitment but not to exceed \$212,500 either totally out of CDBG or a combination of other funds was made by Councilman Golden/Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 3-2 for approval with Councilman Gallo and Vice Mayor Smith in opposition.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Dave Beauchamp: Reported that the River Run Golf Course had closed May 1, 2005 for renovations beginning May 2, 2005 with plans to reopen by October 1, 2005.

Mr. Beauchamp commented that there were construction pictures on the golf course site available through the city's website.

Chief Souders: Nothing to report.

Staci Cross: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Reported on "Operation Sunshine" an extensive program to eliminate and eradicate graffiti.

Chief Radzilowski stated that paint would be donated and kept in the police cars with a commitment from Public Works to respond to larger problems within 72 hours of receiving of a report of an incident.

John Cumming: Reported that the Public Works Engineers would be submitting a draft on the Water and Sewer System Demand study sometime in July, 2005.

Mr. Cumming stated he would be attending a Revolving Fund Conference to review the program in which the city would be borrowing \$10 million dollars for sewer and storm water improvements.

Larry Frey: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Carolyn Moore: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 12:50 a.m.

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