

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2010**

APPROVED BY
May 26, 2010
CITY COUNCIL

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on May 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith and Vice Mayor and Councilman Ward V Harold E. Byrd, Jr.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer/Chief of Staff; 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 and The Bradenton Times.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.
Invocation led by Major Bob Parker, Area Coordinator/Corps Officer, The Salvation Army.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

PROCLAMATIONS

SALVATION ARMY WEEK PROCLAMATION – MAY 10-16, 2010

Major Bob Parker, Area Coordinator/Corps Officer with the Salvation Army accepted the proclamation.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE DAY PROCLAMATION – MAY 13, 2010

State Representative Ron Reagan, Phillip Speake, Chair of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), and Tony Conboy III, ESGR Ombudsman accepted the proclamation.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of April 28, 2010 Council Meeting.
- b) R-10-28 – Amended and Restated ILA for Public School Facility Planning./TC
- c) 2009 – 2010 CDBG Street resurfacing program Bid# 02-10./SK
- d) Public Event Request July 4th Celebration by First Baptist Church.

Carl Callahan gave an overview of item d explaining that 13th Street next to the church would be re-opened for traffic prior to the completion of the fireworks. He stated that no request had yet been received to hold a public event on Old Main Street on the 4th of July.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA Items a – d was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd and passed 4-0 for approval. Councilwoman Barnebey was absent from voting.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE the Vehicle for Hire - Suncoast Taxi, LLC taxi permit was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Smith and passed 5-0 for approval.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT:

Joseph Storehouse Restoration Center – 1027 9th Street West Update

This topic was suspended and brought forth under Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd's council report.

Pastor Al Davis & Dorothy Davis, Founder and Co-Founder of Joseph Storehouse Restoration Center gave a brief overview of the first state licensed faith-based residential treatment center for alcohol and drug addiction. He stated this center provided a 40-bed facility for men over 18 years of age who were ready for a life changing experience from the bondage of drug and alcohol.

Pastor Davis invited everyone to attend the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, May 21, 2010 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The council was in agreement that this center would provide a much needed service to the community.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Congratulated Carolyn Moore on receiving her Global Professional Human Resources (GPHR) certification. He stated she also held the Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) title – only one of 34 in the state.

Councilman Gallo offered his condolences to the families of Harold Floyd and B.C. Bass, two long time friends who recently passed away.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Thanked Mr. Callahan for speaking at the Service Club luncheon regarding the tough times and the difficulties he faces with the city's budget.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Reported on his trip to Washington D.C. on behalf of the Manasota League of Cities representing the State and National League of Cities which supported the Local Jobs for America H.R. 4812 bill. Councilman Roff stated if this bill passed, it would provide the City of Bradenton with \$8 million over 2 years.

Councilman Roff stated the current focus in Tallahassee was mainly on the recent oil spill off the coast of Louisiana with everyone very concerned about this oil spill and what it could do to the Florida coastline.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Stated he had received numerous phone calls regarding the 15th Street East closure for improvement of a sewer system and stated that there had been problems with traffic flow especially around 5:00 p.m. Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd announced the project should be completed very soon.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd stated a recent sweep had been done within the city limits of illegal vending operations which had been popping up all over the city due to the current economic hard times. Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd stated he would like to have discussion, in a future council workshop, on what could be done to offer assistance to vendors who are operating illegally in residential areas.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Read the following letter into the record:

"Dear Wayne,

As you know, we were the victims of Delmer Smith's invasion of our home last year. Since that time, we have been so impressed by the professionalism, dedication and sensitivity of Detective James Curulla of the Bradenton Police Department who has handled the case. He has been very thorough in his investigations and has kept us informed every step of the way so that we never felt out of the loop or blindsided by events.

As the handling of the case now moves to the court system, we wanted to be sure to recognize the outstanding work Detective Curulla has done in trying to be sure we received justice and closure. We think that the Bradenton Police Department, and the City of Bradenton, was fortunate to have Detective Curulla on the job."

Sincerely,

John and Mary Pope"

Mayor Poston thanked Chief Radzilowski and the police department for their excellent work, not only in this case, but also in continually keeping the community safe.

Mayor Poston stated that he along with Carl Callahan and Claude Tankersley would be taking a trip to Bartow within the next three weeks to talk to Stan Cann, the FDOT District Secretary to discuss the Downtown Mobility Study which had been placed in jeopardy by FDOT engineers.

Mayor Poston stated he would like to meet soon with Carl Callahan, Chief Radzilowski, Claude Tankersley and Mike Kennedy, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director, to write a policy for Downtown Public Events and what is expected for behavior by those who attend these events.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Reported that budgets were due today.

Chief Souders: Thanked Manatee County's G.T. Bray Park for putting on the annual survival water training for firefighters.

Chief Souders stated he and Captain Trompke attended the "Fire Fighters' Olympics" and they each brought home several gold and silver metals.

Carolyn Moore: Stated there would be a HAZMAT training session on Friday, May 14th and 21st at the Seabird Sanctuary on rescuing and cleaning wildlife should the oil spill come to our shoreline. She stated several employees would like to form a team from the City of Bradenton to take this training on their own time.

She stated the Seabird Sanctuary was also collecting supplies: Dawn dish detergent, clean towels or rags, Pepto-Bismol, and pet carriers.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Reported a positive note on recycling with the passing of a bill opening up conversation with the surrounding communities. He stated he was confident that a program would be recommended soon on recycling.

Tim Polk: He stated that the recent illegal vendor sweep, had resulted in citations to 23 illegal vendors. He stated it was an eye opener as to what people were doing in this bad economy to stay afloat financially.

Mayor Poston stated that the city was not picking on anyone but that there were rules to follow to be in compliance to protect people's best interests.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Staci Cross: Excused from the meeting.

Councilman Gallo stated he had been working with Manatee County Commissioners regarding the intersection at 21st Avenue and 59th Street West by Blake Hospital. He stated he was happy to report that a project would begin in June to put in left hand turns going east and west at that intersection.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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