

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2007**

**APPROVED BY
September 26, 2007
CITY COUNCIL**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in special session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on September 6, 2007 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 James T. Golden.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer; 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.

Not present were: John Cumming, Public Works Director and William Lisch, City Attorney.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2875

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2876

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Callahan distributed copies of "Tax Reform: Revenue Calculations and Proposed 2007-08 Property Tax". He stated that the prior year's millage was 4.75 mills. The calculated roll-back rate was 4.5202, and the statutory rate which represents a 9% reduction from the roll-back rate is 4.1134. He recommended acceptance of the reduced rate of 4.1134.

The public hearing was opened; those wishing to speak in favor or opposition please come forward.

No one came forward, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Callahan distributed a memorandum entitled "Proposed 2007-08 Property Tax" and gave a brief overview of the proposed property tax based on a taxable house value of \$225,000.

General discussion: Possibly the need to purchase used machinery, the high cost of police parking vehicles, Code Enforcement and Building Inspector positions and future funding in the budget for CDBG, SHIP and Section 8 programs.

Mr. Callahan also noted some minor changes that needed to be incorporated into the budget prior to the advertisement and second hearing.

MOTION TO SET the tentative millage rate at 4.1134 and set the second public hearing of Ordinance 2875 for September 18, 2007 at 5:01 p.m. was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Roff and carried 5-0 for approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing of Ordinance 2876 for September 18, 2007 at 5:01 p.m. was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Roff and carried 5-0 for approval.

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 recording of the meeting is available for a fee upon request.