

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 23, 2010**

APPROVED BY
July 21, 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 June 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.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 Pastor Jim LaDuke, Loving Hands Ministries.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Isaac Riley, Manatee High School graduate heading for West Point

Mayor Poston presented a congratulatory letter to Isaac Riley for his outstanding accomplishments as a student of Manatee High School and wished him much success as a military cadet at West Point.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

James Parrot, 221 26th Street West voiced his concern for the speeders on 26th Street West north of Manatee Avenue and requested a 3-way stop at 3rd Avenue and 26th Street West.

Discussion: How best to slow down speeding vehicles. Placing speed bumps was not the answer. The speed bumps make loud thumps when a car drives over them and also cause damage to large public safety vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances. A 3-way stop also may not be the answer.

Councilwoman Barnebey requested Claude Tankersley and/or Arlan Cummings to review the data and advise Council of their findings.

Request for the Safety Committee to review the collected and advise Council of their findings.

James Parrot was encouraged by Council to canvass the neighbors along 26th Street to see what their wishes were on the speeding issue.

Hubble Road Causeway Closure

Mark Harmison, Storm Safe Consulting, LLC, gave an update on the Hubble Road Causeway closure scheduled to begin the week of July 12, 2010. He stated all traffic would be detoured via Oak Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of June 9, 2010.
- b) Resolution 10-18 – A. Payne SHIP Housing Rehab Project Contract.
- c) Resolution 10-37 – C. Martin SHIP Housing Rehab Project Contract.
- d) Resolution 10-38 – Gerry Fisher to the Code Enforcement Board.
- e) Resolution 10-39 – John Mantone to the Fire Pension Board.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda items a, d & e and to take out items b & c for discussion was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd and passed 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan gave a brief overview of items c & d stating Tim Polk was able to negotiate the contracts and requested authorization for Mayor Poston to sign.

Tim Polk stated there had been a few changes to the contracts and requested approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda items b & c with the recommendations made by Tim Polk was made Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Smith and passed 5-0 for approval.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2920/BL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, REPEALING THE CITY OF BRADENTON TRAFFIC LIGHT SAFETY ACT AS CODIFIED IN CHAPTER 50, SECTIONS 50-81 THROUGH 50-95 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing of proposed Ordinance 2920 for July 21, 2010 was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Roff and passed 5-0 for approval.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

Mr. Callahan requested approval of a public event request from the South Florida Museum which had been submitted after the agenda had been distributed.

MOTION TO APPROVE a public event application request for Snooty’s Birthday Bash Saturday, July 17th from 10 am to 2 pm to include the blocking of parking spaces on 10th Street West on the east side from 3rd Avenue to the front entrance of the museum from Friday, July 16th at 5 pm to Saturday, July 17th at 3 pm subject to the departments signing off on the permit application was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and passed 5-0 for approval.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Wayne Poston: Stated that if the Council had no objection, he would like to meet with Mr. Callahan to set a date for a future Town Hall meeting for citizens’ comments regarding the budget.

No one objected.

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Introduced Kwanna Ferguson and her mother Betty who were sitting in the audience. Kwanna was the representative from Bayshore High School attending Girl’s State in Tallahassee.

Councilwoman Barnebey, as the chair of the Manatee County Library Trustees thanked the Council for supporting federal funding for libraries. Councilwoman Barnebey thanked “Friends Group” which raises

funds for library projects and which paid for the newly renovated children's division at the Central Library.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated that Victor Garcia, a local artist from the Village of the Arts, had been selected to create a public art seascape scene listing the benefactor's names, to replace the current display on the wall entrance from Barcarrota Boulevard at the Central Library.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Reported that he had attended a jobs forum and reiterated his support for the House Resolution Bill #4812 to assist to preserve the jobs of municipal workers. He stated there were now 162 sponsors with a goal of reaching 216 to send it to the House.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Stated he was part of a mentoring program at Southeast High School, his alumnus, which focuses on teaching students about local city government.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Byrd stated that as the rainy season was approaching, he would like to have Claude Tankersley look at some of the older neighborhoods with storm water problems. With the housing market down, he thought perhaps some of the older vacant homes and overgrown lots could be purchased for the purpose of installing retention ponds to alleviate the flooding problems in those neighborhoods.

The council congratulated Chief Radzilowski on his 40th year in law enforcement.

Chief Radzilowski thanked Mayor Poston and Council for their kind words. He thanked the police department personnel for their professional and outstanding work; the Department Heads, the Council members for their continued support, and Mayor Poston for his leadership in insisting that the city of Bradenton deserved a professional and ethical police department.

Chief Radzilowski noted that he was not ready to retire.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Souders: Nothing to report.

Staci Cross: Reported that the second phase of the network changeover had been completed this past week with a few minor problems. All in all, the changeover had gone well and involved no additional cost to the city.

Carolyn Moore: Reminded everyone of the employee blood draw scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2010 on the second floor in City Hall for the preparation for the Health Fair on July 14th.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Encouraged all to attend an Open House at the Manatee County Administrative Building, 4th floor, on July 8th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of hearing and offering public comment regarding the Manatee Avenue paving project from 12th Street East to 15th Street West.

Tim Polk: Stated there were many consulting services coming forth to offer services. He stated he would like to meet individually with the council members to determine if they would like to have presentations brought before them from a variety of consulting services, or if they would prefer that a committee make recommendations for consultants.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Carl Callahan: Gave an overview of the difficulties he was facing in balancing next year's budget and encouraged anyone with concerns or questions to come by his office to discuss them.

Mr. Callahan stated a Town Meeting was needed to gauge the citizens as to what their expectations were for public level of service and what they would be willing to pay for that level of service.

General discussion of the difficulties to provide the same level of service and how to pay for it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 7:30 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.