

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 22, 2008

November 12, 2008

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 October 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**City Officials:** Dave Beauchamp, Assistant City Clerk; 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.

Performance by the Manatee High School Marching Band with a representative requesting support to help send the band to London, England for the London Day Parade on New Year's Day.

Mayor Poston presented the band with contributions from Manatee High School alumni and city employees.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.  
Invocation led by Pastor Jim LaDuke, Loving Hands Ministry.  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.  
Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer was excused from the meeting.

*Mr. Beauchamp 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.

COUNCIL REPORTS

**Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I:** Nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II:** REQUEST for Council's feedback as to whether the Winter Wonderland event should again be held this December. She stated that, in previous years the city had contributed approximately \$10,000 to hold this free family-oriented event. She stated should the event be held she planned to decrease the hours of operation by one hour to save some money.

Action: Council agreed that though the city was facing budget cuts, this was an important event everything possible would be done to support it. The council members encouraged scaling back wherever possible, seek private sponsorship, requesting the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to assist financially as the event also promoted the downtown merchants.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated she would move forward with the event application process and would bring this issue up for further discussion at the next council workshop.

**Joe McDonald**, Old Main Street Merchants Association President, stated this event was good for downtown, good for kids, and good for the community.

**Vice Mayor and Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III:** Attended the "Creative Cities Summit" in Detroit, Michigan last week with Mike Kennedy, DDA Executive Director and paid for by a Knight-Ridder Foundation grant. He stated that the group consisted of planners and city leaders meeting to discuss smart growth.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff stated that the summit was well worth attending and that information learned from the summit would be compiled in a presentation.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff encouraged Ghost and Goblins to check out the friendly Historic Ware's Creek Neighborhood haunted house created by the Trowel family, located at 1218 18<sup>th</sup> Street West, and was again spooktacular, and open to the public on Halloween Day, Friday, October 31st from 7 pm to 11 pm.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff announced that the third annual Village of the Arts "Latin Festival" would be held November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff stated that at the last city council workshop each councilmember had received a copy of a "Proposed Issues for the 2009 Legislative Platform" report which they had individually reviewed and ranked by city priorities. He then distributed a summary that he had compiled of what the council members had prioritized. He stated that if the council finds this report acceptable, he would take the report to the next meeting of the Manasota League of Cities.

Action: Council members agreed on the report finding.

**Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV:** Nothing to report.

**Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V:** Announced that the first annual Ward V prayer breakfast to be held by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference would be held November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Councilman Byrd announced that the Tourist Development Council (TDC) meeting would be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Longboat Key Resort to discuss several key issues, to include the Bed Tax and McKechnie Field.

**Mayor Wayne Poston:** Announced that a "Rally for the Rays" would be held on Old Main Street, Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to spur the Rays on to victory in the World Series.

**REQUEST BY Mayor Poston to move forward and sign the lease agreement that had been approved by Council October 12, 2005 for the relocation of a Holiday Inn sign placement.**

No discussion followed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the request by Mayor Poston was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.**

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2008.
- b) Forfeiture Funds-Cameras & Accessories, & Printers.
- c) Public Event-First Baptist Church of Bradenton "Fall Festival" October 31, 2008 with a road closure.
- d) Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Application Submission
- e) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Application Submission
- f) State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Housing Rehabilitation Project Contract request to approve Resolution 08-85.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of October 8, 2008, Forfeiture Funds, First Baptist Church of Bradenton-Fall Festival, PDM Application Submission, FEMA Grant Application, SHIP Project Contract and Resolution 08-85 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.**

## BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### **FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE # 2897**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION BY ADDING A NEW SUB-SECTION 42-28 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING REVIEW FEES FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PLANS SUBMITTED TO THE BRADENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING FOR FIELD INSPECTION FEES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing of proposed Ordinance 2897 for November 12, 2008 was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.**

## NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

Carolyn Moore

### EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

**Requested approval to the revisions of the Employee Handbook.**

No discussion followed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the revisions of the Employee Handbook was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.**

### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS (IAFF) CONTRACT

**Doug Huffman**, Firefighter stated that the ratification was voted on by 50 members with; 48 in favor and 2 in opposition. He thanked all who had been involved in contract negotiations and stated that even in this current difficult economic climate and with future hard times potentially forthcoming due to budget cuts, this had been one of the better experiences in negotiating the contract.

Councilman Gallo thanked the firefighters for accepting no raises this year which was above and beyond what was expected from them.

Each council member thanked the firefighters for all their hard work and dedication to the city and for making the contract work.

Mayor Poston stated for the record, the contract was not a love in, there had been some bumps along the way; but what really came out of the negotiations was that the IAFF was part of the Bradenton Team.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the International Association of Firefighters IAFF Contract was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.**

## DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Dave Beauchamp:** Nothing to report.

**Chief Souders:** Nothing to report.

**Staci Cross:** Nothing to report.

**Chief Radzilowski:** Nothing to report.

**Claude Tankersley:** Nothing to report.

**Tim Polk:** 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 7:00 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.