

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 3, 2005**

**APPROVED BY  
August 10, 2005  
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 August 3, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** 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, Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer, John Ormando, Public Works Assistant 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 Councilman Golden.  
Flag salute was led by Mayor Poston.

Councilman Gallo excused from the meeting.

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

<b>BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS:</b>
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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Notice of Availability for 2005-06 Community Development Block Grant  
Proposed Annual Action Plan**

Larry Frey read the following: **RESOLUTION 05-47**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS FOR 2005-2006 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Larry Frey gave a brief overview of the funding program process and stated that the priorities of the requests were based on several attributes as expressed by the community comments at public hearings and a thorough review of the five (5) year plan.

Larry Frey read the following: **RESOLUTION 05-48**

**A RESOLUTION CONTINUING 2004 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; FINDING OF VALIDITY OF FONSI PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Frey stated that the Community Development Block Grant staff completed in 2004 an environmental review process of the Community Development Block Grant program. He stated that with the Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) the city had prepared its plan for the Community Development Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (commencing October 1, 2005).

He stated that the Environment Review studies the specific target areas within the city to see if any of the proposed projects had negatively affected the area environmentally.

He stated that there were numerous programs presented with the recommendation that certain programs not be funded and many items cut from the plan.

He stated that the plan was significantly reduced to fit the percentage allowed by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

He stated that the Department of Development Services staff recommended approval of the proposed plan as presented.

Discussion: Eliminating "No comments presented" in the resolution.

Jeana Winterbottom, Grants and Assistance Manager, gave a brief overview of the plan with previously presented public comments. The public comments to be heard at this meeting were to aid the Council in making a final decision as to the distribution of funds, with the resolution to be revised at the time of adoption.

She stated that additional community outreach had been done over and above the requirements via more neighborhood meetings, posting the plan on the city's website, distribution of the plan in public areas, two published notices in the newspaper, and three mailings to the public.

She stated that there was over \$900,000 worth of requests received with only \$550,000 of funding available. She stated it was a difficult decision to make as to where the funding should go.

She gave a brief overview of the criteria used to make the decisions as to who should get the funding. She cited project viability, ability to spend the funds in a timely manner, leveraging of the projects for the likelihood of success, the experience of the agencies, and the staffing requirements of the project.

She stated that key issues in determining funding projects were: economic development, homelessness, and neighborhood revitalization.

She gave a brief summary of individual programs which would be funded, projects that were eliminated, and funding items that were reduced.

Questions were asked and answers given on the various projects, leveraging of funding, and reallocating funds.

General discussion: The CDBG administrative funds needed for current administrative costs, and a new position needed for a grant writer seeking new grants for the city.

Discussion: Sidewalks and street lighting projects.

John Ormando stated that the city was awarded \$300,000 for sidewalks which would be available in 2008.

The Public hearing was opened.

There were approximately 75 people in the audience that came to hear the Community Development Block Grant Plan.

The following voiced their concern as indicated:

**Becky Canesse**, Executive Director of Just for Girls, supported the plan as presented; **Rodney Jones** recommended full funding for the Summer Youth Program and was in opposition to funding Code Enforcement out of this plan; **Carl Weeks**, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, voiced his opposition to the club being totally cut out of the plan; **Rev. Dexter McDonald** requested full support for the Summer Youth Program; and **Elouise Bacon** asked for clarification regarding the \$90,000 position.

Those who spoke in favor of supporting the One Stop Resource Center were as follows:

**Martha Childress** supported full funding for the center; **Adell Erozer** supported the plan as submitted and requested that the center be considered in the budget for next year; **Brenda Venhuizen** Harvest United Methodist Church member, requested funding for the center next year;; **Tim Moran** President for the National Alliance for Mentally Ill, supported full funding for the center; **Mona Upp** Community Coalition on Homelessness, requested that the city support the center; **Lee Martin** representing the Rotary Club, requested the city to find funding for the center; **Deborah Hostroun** Chief Officer of Manatee Glens, supported the plan and requested support for the center; **Rita Dralus** Our Daily Bread requested support for the center; **Deborah Stephenson** opposed cutting the Summer Youth Programs; and **Louise (inaudible)** suggested paying the Code Enforcement Inspector from the city's funds.

The following requested to be placed on record:

Those in favor of support for the Center but did not speak were as follows:

**Phil Davis** and **Linda Wagner**.

Those in favor of the CDBG funds as submitted but did not speak were as followed:

**Stacey Becker** and **Deborah Ducett**.

Those in opposition of the CDBG funds as submitted but did not speak were as follows:

**Raphael Allen**.

Discussion: That the CDBG funds could not be used in the Tamiami Trail project.

Carl Callahan referred to two e-mails summarizing them as follows:

**Raphael Allen**, opposed using any CDBG funds in the Tamiami Trail Project and **Clovia Byrd Russell**, requested to "Fund in accordance with the priorities of the Consolidated Plan. Changes and Exceptions should be noted and given adequate public review in accordance with HUD guidelines." She further stated, "If these funds are going to be used to improve my neighborhood, I want reports and review that the money was working. I want to see improvements. Any agency applying for this fund goes through a rigorous review process. The City should too."

Councilwoman Barnebey submitted into the record e-mails she had received.

Public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve Resolution 05-47 with the condition to restore the funding for the Summer Youth Program and the scholarship portion for the Boys and Girls Club was made by Councilman Golden. (Motion was withdrawn.)

Jeana Winterbottom suggested that the following outcomes could be grounds for Council to revisit further funding considerations at a later time:

1. If funds were returned back into program by various reasons.
2. If funds were carried forward.

She stated that at that time a recommendation could be made as to where said funds would be allocated by Council approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 05-47 (CDBG 2005-2006 Funds) as recommended by the Department of Development Services staff was made by Councilman Golden/Councilwoman Weaver and carried 4-0 for approval.** (Councilman Gallo excused from the meeting.)

**MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 05-48 (Environmental Assessment) as recommended by the Department of Development Services staff was made by Councilman Golden/Councilwoman Weaver and carried 4-0 for approval.** (Councilman Gallo excused from the meeting.)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Notice of Availability for Amended 2006-08 Local Housing Agency Plan (LHAP) Strategy**

Jeanna Winterbottom read the following: **RESOLUTION 05-49**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AMENDED LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED BY THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Public hearing opened. Those in favor:

Ms. Winterbottom gave a brief overview of the plan for rehabilitating homes and the affordable housing program. She recommended approval of the plan.

**Lee Martin**, representing Specialty Construction, voiced his recommendation for support of the plan and stated that the plan needed to be reviewed closely as funds were being thrown away by the rehabilitation of homes that were beyond repair.

He suggested that the city stay with the county's tier level numbers instead of constantly going through the process of levels.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 05-49 was made by Councilman Golden/Councilwoman Weaver and carried 4-0 for approval.** (Councilman Gallo excused from the meeting.)

**Carl Callahan**

**PROPOSED BUDGET MILLAGE RATE**

Mr. Callahan distributed the 2005-2006 Budget Message which listed a brief summary of what was included in the budget.

He stated that this year's budget would reflect the City Council's priority to enhance quality of life for its citizens with public safety as the primary focus, followed closely by infrastructure improvements necessary to serve the public, and an aggressive approach to planning that understands the impact of future growth.

Questions were asked and answers provided regarding:

The financial stability of the stock market regarding the city's investments.

That the majority of budget was going to the public safety departments (fire and police), and their pension plans.

The city's commitment to provide good health care and fair wages to its employees.

To aid citizens and employees by increasing technology with less staff.  
By not raising the millage rate this year, it would potentially impact next year's budget as prices were increasing due to impact of growth and development.

Discussion: That there were insufficient revenues in the budget to fund the remaining balance of the money for the One Stop Resource Center.

Discussion: Contemplating the need for a utility rate increase this year to cover utility expenses.

**MOTION TO APPROVE setting the tentative millage rate at 4.75 mills to deliver the DR 420 to the tax assessors office to be noticed for the first public hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 5:01 p.m. with the second public hearing on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 5:01 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Barnebey/Vice Mayor Smith and carried 4-0 for approval.** (Councilman Gallo excused from the meeting.)

<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>
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There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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