

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 26, 2002**

**APPROVED BY
July 10, 2002
CITY COUNCIL**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on June 26, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo
Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey
Vice Mayor and Councilwoman Ward III Michele Weaver
Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith
Councilman Ward V James T. Golden

Also Present: Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer
John Cumming, Public Works Director
Alan Prather, Acting City Attorney
Mark Souders, Fire Chief
Al Hogle, Police Chief
Larry Frey, Assistant Planning Director

Press: Bradenton Herald
Manatee Herald Tribune

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

Prayer was led by Rev. William E. Gerhart, Anglican Church of St. Philips.

Flag salute was led by Vice Mayor Weaver.

MINUTES:

Minutes for June 12, 2002.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the June 12, 2002 minutes was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.

PRESENTATION:

**Code Enforcement Appreciation
By Susie Copeland**

Susie Copeland presented a plaque to Nicholas Lally in appreciation for the seventeen years of commitment he had given to the City of Bradenton for serving on the Code Enforcement Board.

**Recognition of FF/EMT Rinehart
By Chief Souders**

(Withdrawn to a later date)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Les Atwood representing the Old Manatee Neighborhood Association thanked Councilwoman Barnebey, Councilman Gallo and Councilman Smith for attending their Ice Cream Social.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I:

Councilman Gallo distributed a flyer with an update on the Palma Sola Scenic Highway project. He requested support from the Council members for the resolution to be passed at this meeting.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II:

Councilwoman Barnebey announced that a fundraiser for the 13th Avenue Community Center would take place this weekend. She encouraged everyone to attend the Peter Warrick Celebrity Basketball Game at the Sundome in St. Petersburg, Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Michele Weaver, Ward III

Vice Mayor Weaver requested support from the Council for a partnership with Manatee District Schools and the City of Bradenton to develop a park at Ballard Elementary School. She stated that the park would be located along Wares Creek south of the school. Vice Mayor Weaver distributed a letter from Michael Pendley from the School Board of Manatee County which provided an understanding of all discussion and outlined the responsibilities of each party participating in the park project.

Discussion: Responsibilities listed for each party with an associated cost analysts.

Alan Prather stated that an Interlocal Agreement should be drafted authorizing the City's staff to work with the Manatee School Board and to bring back an appropriate document to Council for approval.

Nan Rankin, Principal of Ballard School thanked the Council for their support and cooperation in working with the community.

Motion to draft an Interlocal Agreement listing the partnership for a conceptual park project and to bring back to the Council at a later date was made by Vice Mayor Weaver, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV:

Councilman Smith thanked the Old Manatee Neighborhood Association for the social gathering.

Councilman James Golden, Ward V:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Poston:

Mayor Poston stated that the Wares Creek Public meeting would be televised on the MGA-Manatee Government Access Channel in the near future.

Mayor Poston stated how important it was to have partnerships in government, to make things come together and happen. Mayor Poston stated that the Wares Creek project and the Ballard School project was a prime example of how partnerships work.

Mayor Poston stated that he and Mayor Larry Bustle of Palmetto had hung banners along street lights signifying the Riverwalk project was under way. Mayor Poston commented that this was another way to show that communities are coming together.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL:

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PETER G. "JOHN OTIS" LEVESQUE TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING HIS TERM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Vice Mayor Weaver and carried 4-0 for approval. (Councilwoman Barnebey was absent from voting.)

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY'S LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING STATE ROAD 64 (MANATEE AVENUE) FROM 75TH STREET WEST TO STATE ROAD 689 (GULF DRIVE) ON ANNA MARIA, ISLAND, FLORIDA AS A SCENIC HIGHWAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

John Cumming

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, APPROVING A STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY LIGHTING, MAINTENANCE, AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

John Cumming gave a brief detail of the resolution which was an agreement with Florida Department of Transportation to pay the City of Bradenton for maintenance and operation of street lights along the state roads. He stated that the City has not been compensated for the maintenance for many years. He stated that payments would begin and would work up to approximately \$50,000 a year for this service.

He stated in the near future another resolution would be coming forth for service on the traffic signals.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Vice Mayor Weaver, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

Pierre Abadjian

**Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Application
509 9th Street East**

Mr. Callahan explained the procedures for the Historic Tax Exemption. He stated that once the application was approved by the Council an ordinance would be drafted for a first reading then a second reading with public hearing for the Council's approval. A copy of the fully executed ordinance would then be sent to the property appraisers indicating the property had been approved as a historical property.

Mr. Abadjian stated that the applicant Steve Parisian had completed the building located on the corner of Manatee Avenue East and 9th Street East and was requesting approval of the application to proceed with the Historical Tax Exemption for this site.

Motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Carl Callahan

Mr. Callahan requested approval to accept the 2002 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding to which the City of Bradenton had been awarded \$77,000 of grant funding for 2003 fiscal year with a \$8,500 cash match. He stated the \$8,500 had been incorporated into the 2003 proposed budget.

Discussion: That this grant was for equipment only.

Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Vice Mayor Weaver and carried 5-0 for approval.

Chief Souders

Chief Souders stated that he and Councilman Smith Fire Department Liaison had been working on the budget.

Chief Hogle

Chief Hogle gave a demonstration on equipment called "Virtual Partner Voice Response", "Virtual Partner QuickTicket" and "Virtual Partner QuickSwipe". He stated that one patrol car already had this equipment with plans to install the same equipment in ten patrol cars. He stated that this equipment was a computer software with a computer friendly system which would help the officers to increase productivity and reduce contact time with law violators.

John Cumming

Mr. Cumming stated that the City's reservoir was up two feet in the last few weeks with a full reservoir to supply water for the next seven months.

(Tape 1, Side 2)

Larry Frey

Mr. Frey stated that he and the Central Community Redevelopment Agency Board members went on a very informative road trip to the Southeast Coast with Kimley-Horn. He stated that they came back with many good ideas which would be discussed at the next Central Community Redevelopment Agency meeting scheduled for June 27, 2002.

Alan Prather

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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