

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 2009**

**APPROVED BY
February 11, 2009
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 January 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor and Councilman Smith.
Ecumenical invocation was led by Reverend Todd Morgan, Chaplain, Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor and Councilman Smith.

Mayor Wayne Poston was excused from the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

**WINTER WONDERLAND
Volunteer Appreciation**

Councilwoman Barnebey gave a brief history of the creation of Winter Wonderland 13 years ago and how this family oriented event was so important in promoting downtown Bradenton. She presented awards to all the volunteers who have given so much of their time and to the sponsors that have made Winter Wonderland such a great success each and every year.

**Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Presentation
Master Plan for Seven County Regional Transportation**

Grace Carlson, Public Engagement Liaison for TBARTA Sarasota-Manatee Counties stated that in July 1, 2007 the state legislature mandated a regional master plan improvement for a multi-mode transportation system to be implemented by July 1, 2009. She gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the seven county region consisting of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota Counties. She stated that the goal of TBARTA was to engage the public in developing a vision for regional integration of transportation systems that would foster partnerships between governments, agencies, and business entities. For information call the Info Line (813) 217-4048.

**WADE TRIM
G. T. Bray Park Recreation Center Project**

Tom Yarger, Manatee County Property Management Department and **Sharon Eichler**, Wide-Trim Project Manager, gave a brief Power Point presentation giving an overview of the site located on a 20-acre portion of the 143 acres which compose G.T. Bray Park located at 5502 33rd Avenue Drive West. The site currently has two existing buildings which were constructed in 1986 and were 6,374 SF and 3,815 SF, 10,189 SF total. There were two plan options to replace the existing two structures with a two story 19,000 SF structure. The project budget was \$3.8 million dollars with approximately

half of the funding generated by impact fees and the remainder from the General Fund. The project would be coming before the City Council for a Special Use Amendment approval later this year with construction proposed for 360 days through October, 2010.

Chief Radzilowski presented an actual **Inaugural Award badge and pin** to the Mayor and City Council for their support in allowing some of the city's police officers to attend and assist with the Inaugural Ceremonies for the forty-fourth president of the United States, President Barack Hussein Obama. He stated all expenses were paid for by the Inaugural Committee.

Mr. Callahan 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: Gave his condolences to the families on the passing of Linda Coker and of John Simpson both former employees.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Was honored to participate in the dedication of the First Baptist Church carillon this Friday morning at 11:30 a.m. She stated the bells would chime or play hymns at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon every day.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Reported that the U.S. Postal Service was continuing their investigation into the consolidation of the Sarasota and Hillsborough postal service offices. He stated there would be a meeting at Sarasota City Hall to discuss the consolidation issue. He encouraged citizens to voice their concerns through the city's website at www.cityofbradenton.com and to attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Nothing to report.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Excused from the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2009.
- b) Forfeiture Funds-Camera Systems and Body Wire.
- c) Public Works & Utilities Budget Adjustments.
- d) Resolution 09-06 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee's Recommendation.
- e) Public Event-Reels at Rossi Park every 3rd Friday.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No issue was requested.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

No issue was requested.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Discussed a memo previously distributed to Council which showed a savings in electricity at City Hall due to the 4-day work week. In the 5-month period since the 4-day work week was instituted, there had been a decrease of 9% to 15% in day-to-day kilowatt hours. He stated that the monetary savings were slightly less, due to utility cost increases.

REQUEST FROM MANASOTA COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION to place a trailer on a piece of city property during the Senior Housing construction phase at Bradenton Village.

No discussion followed.

MOTION TO APPROVE the request to place a trailer on city property was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

Chief Souders: Told two brief stories of how city employees go out of their way to help our citizens each day.

Staci Cross: Reminded everyone of the email conversion which was taking place this weekend to *Elephant Outlook*, an outsource company, which would result in a cost savings for the city.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Stated he and a few Manatee County staff would be attending a meeting in Jacksonville, Friday, February 6th to discuss the Ware's Creek Project with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Tankersley stated this Friday, the Public Works and Utilities department would be having a service award luncheon to honor the departments staff who had reached a milestone years of 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service to the city.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Carolyn Moore: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Mayor and Councilman Smith 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.