

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 14, 2009**

**APPROVED BY  
January 28, 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 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.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:** 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 and Channel 8 News.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.  
Ecumenical invocation was led by Councilman Byrd.  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

FLORIDA ARBOR DAY - January 16, 2009

**PRESENTATIONS:**

BRADENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Poston and Chief Radzilowski presented to Master Patrol Officer Linda Stoops a 20-year service award plaque and congratulated her on her recent retirement.

Assisted by Sergeant Lori J. Millard, Chief Radzilowski presented service award packets to 23 police service volunteers who have donated many hours of their time to assist the police department.

The Lifetime Service Award was presented to **Betty Hicks** who has volunteered for 13 years, donating 8,307 hours to the police department.

Chief Radzilowski stated the police department would be serving breakfast to the volunteer's right after the presentation.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Mayor Poston and Carolyn Moore presented the P.R.I.D.E. award to the following employees who had performed their duties by observing the PRIDE principles: in their jobs by being **P**roductive, **R**esponsible, **I**nnovative, **D**edicated, and **E**thical.

The 2008 Annual P.R.I.D.E. awards were as follows:

- The Heroic Award to Bradenton Police Sergeant William Knight.
- The Wellness Award to Laura Anderson and Stanley Yarn.
- The Team Award to: the Bradenton Police Zone 4 Officers as follows: Timothy Smith, Mark Hashem,, Amy Schwartz, Eleazar Garcia, Joshua Small, Jason Rhind, Michael Kriebel, Jay Titen, Dean Buttitta, Shawn Miller, Matthew Johnston, Frank Coleman, Edward Genao (14<sup>th</sup> Street Business Officer) and Jeanine Gagliano and her K-9 Officer.
- The Mayor's Award to Employees of the Year: Doug Huffman and Rocco Salvatori, Bradenton Fire Department.

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

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Ruth Lyerly & Jane Knocher, representatives from the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition distributed tickets to the Families Against Addictive Drug Abuse (FAADA) Benefit Concert on February 15<sup>th</sup>, a fundraiser and awareness program for the local area youth.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Read a poem that he wrote:

While I've seen the Gators when another BCS Bowl  
The feeling is so great that it dwells within my soul  
The championship was great for the Gators to win  
I'm so sorry that Coach Stoops and his company took it on the chin  
So I say to all my friends in the Gator nation  
To be a Gator is really your life's station  
The dreams that all Gators I've been told  
Is to be next year in the Grand Rose Bowl  
So I asked God for one more favor  
Let me live so another championship I may savor

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Thanked everyone who helped to make Winter Wonderland a great success. She stated she would show a brief presentation at the next council meeting highlighting the fun and good times by everyone who attended.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated she attended the Amer-I-can graduation ceremony where she had the privilege of singing the national anthem. She stated this was a wonderful program for at risk children.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated she would be attending the Martin Luther King celebrations this weekend beginning Friday night with dinner and a parade on Saturday.

Councilwoman Barnebey invited everyone to join her as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Manatee Players fundraiser event this Sunday night, January 18<sup>th</sup> where local male celebrities including her husband, Mark, would compete for the title of "Divo Grande."

Vice Mayor and Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Reported that Zio's Restaurant on the northeast corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street West and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West had again been hit by a car. He thanked Councilwoman Barnebey for sending a letter to FDOT requesting that something be done about this corner.

Councilwoman Barnebey stated she would continue to pursue this issue even though FDOT said there was not enough space in the right-of-way to place a barrier.

Claude Tankersley stated his staff was working with FDOT to try to come up with a solution to correct this problem.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff encouraged people to attend the *Realize Bradenton* workshop on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium. He stated the workshop would focus on the enhancement of the arts and culture in downtown Bradenton.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff stated he was proud to announce the opening of the newly renovated 7-11 convenient store on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He thanked the city planning staff for their architectural input on the renovation of the building and the police department for their diligent efforts in maintain security in the area.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff stated that last Friday at noon had been the first of many musical events planned to take place at the Manatee County Courthouse entitled "Bradenton Courthouse

Square Concerts.” He thanked the Downtown Development Authority for sponsoring the events. He also reminded everyone that the Farmer’s Market had opened this past Saturday and was bigger and better than ever before.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Congratulated those involved for getting the newly formed Farmer’s Market going again.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Thanked the police department again for assisting with the control of an unauthorized event at the East Bradenton Park. He reminded everyone that events must go through the application process through the proper channels in order to be held at this park.

Councilman Byrd announced that the CCRA would be giving a “State of the District Address” and an open house to be held on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at their office located at 302 Manatee Avenue East.

Councilman Byrd stated he would be participating this weekend in several festivities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Councilman Byrd stated there were several local events being held to celebrate the presidential inauguration Barack Hussein Obama, and he would be participating in several of these events as well.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Stated the Marriott Courtyard, formerly the Holiday Inn was having its grand opening this evening.

Mayor Poston congratulated Mike Kennedy on winning two tickets to the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. He stated that for the second time, Bradenton would be sending 23 police officers to assist with the security for the inaugural events. The City would be reimbursed for all costs associated with the event.

**REQUEST BY Mayor Poston to nominate a councilperson as Vice Mayor for 2009.**

Councilman Smith stated he would be honored to serve as Vice Mayor.

**MOTION TO ELECT Councilman Smith as Vice Mayor for 2009 was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2008.

Mutual Aid Agreement with area law Enforcement agencies.

Resolution 09-01 Reappointment of Raymond Perez and Lawrence Covins II to the Fire Pension Board.

Resolution 09-02 Retention of Egmont Key State Park by the Florida Park Service.

Resolution 09-03 Establish per diem reimbursement rates.

Resolution 09-04 Pass legislation to combat and curb drug abuse.

Resolution 09-05 Permit Review Fee addressing Manatee County School District.

Public Event- Elvis in the Park at Glazier Gates Park for renewal of marriage vows Saturday, February 14, 2009.

Public Event - St. Stephen’s School Falcon Run on Saturday, February 21, 2009.

Public Event – Family Resources’ Run for Runaways on Saturday, March 7, 2009 on the riverfront.

MB.08.0033 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD 20.04 - Request of Manatee Corporation, trustee of Manatee Trust, agent for Back Bay Preserve for one year extension of time for development located at 3700 SR 64 East.

Request by the police department for the placement of a three way stop sign at two separate intersections: 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue West at 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue West at 20<sup>th</sup> Street West.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA (a – I) was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.**

**BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2899**

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, CERTAIN LANDS CONTINUOUS THERETO CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 55.76 ACRES LOCATED AT 800, 816, 823, 907, 1013, 1015 57<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST (MORGAN JOHNSON ROAD); 5704, 5820 STATE ROAD 64 EAST AND PROPERTY WITHOUT A STREET ADDRESS IDENTIFIED AS MANATEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISAL PARCEL ID#1121710159; PROVIDING FOR A METES AND BOUNDS LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing of proposed Ordinance 2899 for February 11, 2009 was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.**

**NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL:**

**Bradenton Housing Authority requests conceptual plan approval on final phase of HOPE VI Revitalization Grant.**

**Wenston DeSue**, Bradenton Housing Authority Executive Director gave a brief overview of the Conceptual Plan on the final phase of the Hope VI project to include the 36 unit senior housing to be located on the old DMV site, the multi-family units and to incorporate the new Elementary School "E".

He stated applications would be submitted in March to obtain a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. He requested approval of the conceptual plan which was required as part of the application process.

**Steven Smith and Jason Dunim**, Cooper Johnson Smith Architects, Inc., Tampa, Florida displayed renderings and gave a brief overview of the site plan showing the overall plan and elevations of the various building designs.

**Clay Johnson**, Manasota Commercial Construction gave a brief summary of the stages of the project.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the request by Bradenton Housing Authority for the conceptual plan final phase of the Hope VI Revitalization Grant was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Carl Callahan: Nothing to report.

Deputy Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Staci Cross: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Sadly reported the passing of Bob Will, the Police Department's Maintenance Supervisor and stated will be greatly missed.

Claude Tankersley: Sadly reported the passing of Reggie Everson, truck driver in Solid Waste and state he too will be greatly missed.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Carolyn Moore: Nothing to report.

Mayor Poston stated that due to the weather forecast of cold and rain the Getdown Downtown event normally held on the third Thursday of the month would like to postpone the event to the following Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and asked if any of the Council had any objections.

No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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