

CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 23, 2011

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on February 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; 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/Chief of Staff; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Tim Polk, Department of Planning and Community Development Director; and Staci Cross, Information Technology Director.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

Ecumenical invocation was led by Pastor Gary Eldred, Faith United Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo and Carolyn Moore, Human Resources Director were excused from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH – MARCH, 2011

LOCAL BUSINESS TAX OFFICIALS WEEK – APRIL 11-15, 2011

Carl 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of February 9, 2011
- b) Resolution 11-13/ Extending Temporary Cessation of Imposition of Impact Fees for Parks & Recreational Improvements, for Public Safety Improvements and for Road Improvements
- c) Resolution 11-14/ Reappointing **Tom Cookingham, Bruce Wickens, William Humphreys Jr., Rebekah Brightbill and Ellen Weiss** to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- d) Resolution 11-15/ Appointing **Tom Seguin** to the Downtown Development Authority
- e) Resolution 11-16/ Contract with Florida Housing Finance Corporation
- f) Ballard Park Water Main Improvements JEA Bid Recommendation
- g) Harbour Isle R-O-W Landscape Maintenance Agreement
- h) Bradenton River Watershed Management Program (B074) Agreement
- i) Manatee Avenue and 30th Street West Emergency Repair
- j) Public Event- Annual Wild Game Dinner, First Baptist Church, Thursday, March 10, 2011
- k) Public Event- Downtown Diva Derby, Old Main Street, Saturday, March 26, 2011

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS a – k was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff and passed 4-0 for approval. Councilman Gallo was excused from the meeting.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2928 **PUBLIC HEARING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING PART 1, CHARTER AND RELATED LAWS, SUBPART B, RELATED LAWS, ARTICLE IV, POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 4, FINANCES AND FUND MANAGEMENT; ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF FUND; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing was opened, anyone wishing to speak in favor please come forward, no one came forward.

Anyone wishing to speak in opposition, please come forward, no one came forward the public hearing was closed.

Carl Callahan stated this ordinance amended a definition of "cash equivalents" as recommended by the Police Pension financial advisor. He stated the adoption of the ordinance had no impact on city funds and recommended approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2928 was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd and passed 4-0 for approval. Councilman Gallo was excused from the meeting.

RIVERWALK: Downtown Development Authority (DDA) request for approval of funding

Will Robinson, DDA Board Chairman stated last month the DDA Board had unanimously approved the Riverwalk Master Plan concept and proposed finance plan.

Dale Weidemiller, Riverwalk Project Manager, submitted public comment cards from previous public meetings held on the Riverwalk Master Plan. He gave a brief overview of the Riverwalk site and financial terms and conditions subject to final approval by council.

Mr. Weidemiller stated the DDA had sufficient monies, to make up any shortfall, if, during any fiscal year, there were any unpaid sums remaining. This would not affect the City of Bradenton borrowing capacity as it was not the city's debt but DDA's debt.

Speaking in favor of the Riverwalk Master Plan Concept: *Tom Seguin*, River Dance Condominiums Association; *Johnette Isham*, Executive Director of Realize Bradenton; *Paul Blacketter*, Regatta Rowing Organization Committee; *Hugh Miller*, Twin Dolphin Marina; *Jim Vett*, Manatee County Chamber of Commerce; *Kim Dalglish*, Manatee Young Professionals; *Steve Kastner*, Westminster Communities; *Geza Darrah*, Skateboarders, and *DiDi Hager*, Art Center Manatee. Each supported the project as presented and commented about the opportunities the plan would offer to the Rowing Regatta Organization. This would increase, consumer spending in local businesses, hotels and restaurants. It would give the youth somewhere to go and enjoy our beautiful weather and waterfront. It would promote economic development and the arts community via music concerts, art exhibits and classes, and health and wellness classes.

Lengthy discussion regarding paying back the bond and the financial plan.

Carl Callahan stated he wanted to be sure the council was given an overview of the details associated with the financing and stated the city was in agreement with the terms and conditions.

Speaking in opposition to the Riverwalk Master Plan Concept was *J. Clifford Curley* who stated he supported the plan only if the plan included at least one restaurant.

APPROVED BY
March 9, 2011
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MOTION TO APPROVE the Riverwalk Conceptual Project and the financing plan understanding that the final project financing terms would be brought back to council for review and approval. Roff/Smith and passed 4-0. Councilman Gallo was excused from the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIC PLANNING (NSP) UPDATE

Tom Cookingham, Planning and Community Development Assistant Director gave a brief update of eight (8) purchased units through the NSP program. Two vendors have been contracted, Colony Homes & Development, Inc. and Tri-Tech Construction & Design, Inc.

2009 JAG AWARD AMENDMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

Carl Callahan gave a brief overview of the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) proposed use of funds for equipment with a cost savings of \$9,642.97. The request was to accept the equipment purchases as identified in the plan with staff recommendation for approval.

The public hearing was opened, anyone wishing to speak in favor please come forward, no one came forward.

Anyone wishing to speak in opposition, please come forward, no one came forward the public hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE the 2009 JAG Award Amendment was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and passed 4-0 for approval. Councilman Gallo was excused from the meeting.

ADDITIONAL NON-AGENDA ITEM:

PUBLIC EVENT - WALK FOR HOPE, SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011, STARTING AT SUTTON PARK IN PALMETTO, GOING OVER THE GREEN BRIDGE TO BRADENTON AND BACK.

City Attorney Lisch stated that Councilwoman Barnebey could vote on this issue as there were no financial gains to be made on behalf of her husband who was helping to organize the event.

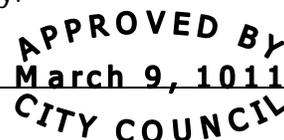
MOTION TO APPROVE the Walk for Hope was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd and passed 3-0. Councilman Smith absent from voting. Councilman Gallo excused from the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Excused from the meeting.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Announced the 4H Foundation Golf Tournament would be held this weekend at Tara Golf Course.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Invited everyone to attend the unveiling of the new bike racks and banners along Old Main Street this Saturday.



Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff stated he represented the Manasota Florida League of Cities in Washington D.C. and lobbied for the CDBG funding which may possibly be cut or eliminated and have the Environmental Protection Agency reconsider the Water Numeric Nutrients Criteria that could cost the city up to \$18 million.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Stated that the council needs to focus on how we, in tandem with the DDA could create incentives to encourage people to come to the downtown area.

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

Mayor Wayne Poston: Spring Training starts this Sunday.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Nothing to report.

Chuck Edwards: 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: Excused from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
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