

**SPECIAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 2006**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in a special budget session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on September 7, 2006 at 5:01 p.m.

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

City Officials: Wayne Poston, Mayor; Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer; John Cumming, 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: Bradenton Herald

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2847 AND PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.

Mr. Callahan stated that it was important to understand that 2005-2006 was first and best year the city had seen with a significant new revenue increase of 18.09%. He stated that Manatee County had seen a continued revenue increase for the past several years with a 27% increase this year.

He gave a brief overview of the 2006-2007 budget announcing the Tentative Millage Rate of 4.75 which was the same rate as last year, but was 13.85% greater than the rolled-back rate.

He stated that this revenue increase would be depleted mainly by the General Conditions which were the normal municipality operating expenses to include employee raises, health insurance, fuel & oil, Florida Retirement System expenses and property/liability insurance.

He stated that other funding sources would provide for general expenses to include, among others, additional necessary staffing, continuing Information Technology upgrades, Public Works operations, capital projects, and infrastructure improvements.

He stated that the Department Heads philosophy was to maintain staffing and to hire good people, provide good wages, and require fewer employees.

The public hearing was opened; those in favor or opposition come forward.

No one came forward, the public hearing was closed.

General questions were asked regarding hybrid cars, the waterfront park extension, impact fees, emergency needs, and landfill garbage rates.

MOTION TO ACCEPT the first reading and public hearing and to set the second reading and second public hearing of Ordinance 2847 for September 21, 2006 was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Gallo/Councilman Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2848 AND PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 – 2007, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing was opened; those in favor or opposition come forward.

No one came forward, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION TO ACCEPT the first reading and public hearing and to set the second reading and second public hearing of Ordinance 2848 for September 21, 2006 was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Gallo/Councilman Smith and carried 5-0 for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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