

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2003**

**APPROVED BY
October 8, 2003
CITY COUNCIL**

The City of Bradenton City Council reconvened in a special session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on September 10, 2003 at 5:01 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 and Councilman Ward V James T. Golden

City Officials: Wayne Poston, Mayor, Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer, John Cumming, Public Works Director, Mark Souders, Fire Chief, Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief, and Larry Frey, Planning Services Director.

Press: Bradenton Herald and Manatee Herald Tribune

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.**

Mr. Callahan explained that the millage rate had been 4.30 with a tentative increase to 4.45. He distributed "Funding Highlights" that listed larger items needed in the budget. He stated that the 2003-2004 budget was tight and explained that each department had requested needs, not wants of their department.

Public hearing opened requesting anyone to come forward in favor or opposition. Hearing none the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Smith voiced his concern with increasing the millage rate but realized that the increase was needed for additional police officers and other costs with running the city departments.

MOTION TO ADOPT the millage rate of 4.45 and set the second reading and public hearing for September 24, 2003 at 5:01 p.m. by Vice-Mayor Weaver/ Councilwoman Barnebey carried 3-2 with Councilman Gallo and Councilman Smith in opposition.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Public hearing opened requesting anyone to come forward in favor or opposition. Hearing none. Public hearing closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for September 24, 2003 at 5:01 p.m. by Vice-Mayor Weaver/ Councilwoman Barnebey carried 3-2 with Councilman Gallo and Councilman Smith in opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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