

**SPECIAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 23, 2009**

**APPROVED BY  
October 14, 2009  
CITY COUNCIL**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in special session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on September 23, 2009 at 5:01 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Wayne Poston; 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 and The Bradenton Times.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

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

Mayor Poston requested anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

**SECOND READING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 66  
A RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS  
ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.**

Carl Callahan gave a summary comparison of the 2009 – 2010 budget at the proposed millage rate of 4.2843 versus the roll-back rate of 4.6758. The 4.2843 rate would result in a decrease in revenues of 8.37%.

Mayor Poston recommended establishing the millage at the rollback rate of 4.6 which would result in approximately \$40 a year or .10 cents a day in additional taxes for each citizen to keep the services that the city currently provided.

**Dave Matthews**, city resident, expressed his concern about not having enough police officers as there had been 27 murders in the community since the first of the year.

**Sean O’Leary**, Bradenton police officer and city resident, read a letter and presented 50 individually signed petitions from residents in favor of a higher rollback rate to increase police staffing to fund 122 police officers.

Mr. Callahan was handed a letter from a citizen who wished to remain anonymous requesting Council to keep the community safe and to allow for the increased funding to maintain public safety.

Chief Radzilowski stated that of the 27 murders Mr. Matthew had mentioned, only 4 of the murders had been in the city limits and all 4 cases had been solved and closed.

General discussion: The need for funds to keep all city services available to the citizens with the concerns about the bad economy, abundant home foreclosures, and job losses, and placing more of a burden on the citizens.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 09-66 at the proposed millage rate of 4.2843 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Roff and carried 5-0 for approval.**

**SECOND READING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 67  
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET; AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
2009 - 2010, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Callahan requested adoption of the 2009-2010 total budget of \$104,694,642.

Public comment was closed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-67 adoption of the 2009-2010 total budget of \$104,694,642 was made by Councilman Gallo seconded by Councilman Roff and carried 5-0 for approval.**

Claude Tankersley asked to be on record, and stated that there had been malicious rumors going around the Public Works Department that there were plans to be privatized the solid waste services. He stated this was a false statement and emphasized that there was no desire to privatize.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 5:45 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.