



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2003**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on March 12, 2003 at 8:30 a.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
Councilman Ward V James T. Golden

Also Present: Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer
John Cumming, Public Works Director
William Lisch, City Attorney
Mark Souders, Fire Chief
Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief
Larry Frey, Planning Services Director
Staci Nelms, Information Technology Director

Press: Bradenton Herald
Manatee Herald Tribune

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

Prayer was led by Reverend Douglas Aldrink, Bradenton Christian Reformed Church.

Flag salute was led by Councilman Gallo.

PRESENTATION:

Public Works “Employee of the Month”

John Ormando introduced Marion Fuller from the Solid Waste Department as the March “Employee of the Month”.

HOMELESSNESS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FUNDING

David English, Chairman and **Bob Kiefer**, United Way of Sarasota requested a one time contribution of \$7500 from the City of Bradenton to help with the initial start-up for a Homeless Management Information System- HMIS. He stated this system would link several service agencies with one data base system in order to keep track of the homeless population in the communities of Manatee and Sarasota County.

Questions were asked and answers given.

Discussion: That the City would make a commitment to include funding for the project in next years budget.

Mayor Poston stated that he had discussed this program with managers from several Wal-Mart stores who commented that each of the stores could commit \$1000 each to this project.

(TAPE 1, SIDE 2)

Vice Mayor Weaver requested additional data as to the funding for this project.

Councilman Gallo stated he would not support this request as the City taxpayers already pay County taxes and if the City committed to funding this project and the County committed also then City taxpayers would be paying twice.

Councilman Smith voiced his concern should other government bodies not participate in the program then the City of Bradenton would be out the initial start up fee of \$7500.

Dave English commented that the Homeless Leadership Council would not implement an HMIS System unless there were enough funds to make this a viable system.

Motion to approve the request to commit \$7,500 one time contribution to be off set by any contributions donated by the Wal-Mart stores and with any Community Development Block Grant funds or other sources was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 4-1 with Councilman Gallo in opposition.

Mr. Callahan administered the Oath to any individuals who wished to speak during the public hearings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one came forward.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I:

Councilman Gallo reported that the two drainage ditch projects were coming along well.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II:

Councilwoman Barnebey thanked all the Public Works employees and neighborhood families who assisted with the Lewis Park clean up.

Vice-Mayor Michele Weaver, Ward III

Vice Mayor Weaver announced the Public Mayor program in Ward III would be meeting on April 14, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the shuffle board court building between 9th Avenue and 8th Avenue.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV:

Councilman Smith encouraged everyone to use smoke detectors and explained that if it were not for smoke detectors a family could have perished in a fire in Cordova Lakes.

Councilman James Golden, Ward V:

Councilman Golden invited everyone to participate in the City wide cleanup this Saturday, March 15, 2003.

Councilman Golden stated that he had been working with Larry Frey on the Code Enforcement workshop and invited everyone to come and tour the Code Enforcement Department in the Department of Development Services on March 27, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Poston:

Mayor Poston stated that there would be a special workshop on March 20, 2003 regarding the Department of Motor Vehicles building on 17th Avenue and First Street.

Mayor Poston stated that the Judicial Center Interlocal Agreement and the Joint Planning Commission Agreement would be forthcoming at the March 26, 2003 Council meeting.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Callahan read the following:

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1600 1ST STREET WEST, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT/FUTURE LAND USE MAP (SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AMENDMENT CPA-M-03-01)CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL 15; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the first reading and set the second reading and Public Hearing on March 20, 2003 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Golden and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2627, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA BY A ZONING ATLAS AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM C-3 TO R-3B OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1600 1ST STREET WEST AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the first reading and set the second reading and Public Hearing on March 20, 2003 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Golden and carried 5-0 for approval.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL:

Mr. Callahan read the following:

**Request from the Central Community Redevelopment Agency
\$354,000 loan for an East Bradenton Library**

Steven Thompson, Chairman of the Central Community Redevelopment Agency gave a brief overview and displayed a conceptual site plan of an approximate three acre site located between 18th Street East and 19th Street East 230 feet south of Manatee Avenue East. He stated this site was the ideal location for a library and would serve the need of the surrounding community. He requested a loan from the City of Bradenton to the Central Community Redevelopment Agency for \$354,000 to purchase the property. He stated that this loan would be repaid to the City of Bradenton from the Central Community Redevelopment Agency Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. He stated that the Central Community Redevelopment Agency Board unanimously voted to purchase the property.

Jerry West, Interim Executive Director Central Community Redevelopment Agency stated that the East Bradenton Library Board, Manatee County, City of Bradenton, Central Community Redevelopment Agency and Tropicana Products, Inc. would be in partnership with purchasing this site which would serve the East Manatee County area.

Mike Rosario, a member of the Central Community Redevelopment Agency distributed a library site update and briefly explained how he determined the price of the property.

(Tape 2, Side 1)

Questions were asked and answers given.

Councilman Gallo voiced his concern for the location of the library site and not acquiring full funding for this effort from Manatee County and from the State of Florida.

Discussion: Alternate site locations. That the State makes the final decision for the site.

Vice Mayor Weaver voiced her concern and referred to a non-committal letter from Manatee County and her concern for other existing projects that the Central Community Redevelopment Agency was currently working on. She voiced her concern with the repayment plan for the loan but stated that she had no problem with the library location.

Discussion: Infrastructure funding. Sources of revenue to repay the loan.

Councilman Smith voiced his concern regarding whether this site would be the best site for the library but stated that he would support the motion because of the expertise of the Central Community Redevelopment Agency to make sound judgments on behalf of the community.

Discussion: Projected revenue and expenditures for next years projects.

Motion to approve the request from the Central Community Redevelopment Agency to purchase the property for a library site with the rates to be determined by Carl Callahan and Bill Lisch with a variable rate to be paid back over seven years was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Golden and carried 4-1 with Councilman Gallo in opposition.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

Manatee Glens is requesting a street closure on Old Main Street between Manatee Avenue and 4th Avenue on Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

No discussion followed.

(Tape 2, Side 2)

Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Vice Mayor Weaver and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EDWARD GULASH TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING HIS TERM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING F. PETER SECRET TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING HIS TERM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MIKE CARTER AND PAUL CHAPIN TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING THEIR TERM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING INGRID MCCLELLAN AND SUE SWEAT TO THE TREE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING THEIR TERM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TONY CIRRANELLO TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING HIS TERM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEANA WINTERBOTTOM TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING HER TERM.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan read the following:

A RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRIEVANCE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA AND DEFINING THEIR TERM.

Mayor Poston asked that Vice Mayor Weaver replace him as Chairperson for the Board to include members Fire Chief Mark Souders, Ricardo Ramos, Police Major Jeffrey Lewis, John Kelly and Ervin Barfield.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey and carried 5-0 for approval.

Chief Souders

Heavy Rescue Apparatus

Carl Callahan stated that a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant had previously been approved to purchase a fire truck. He stated that Assistant Chief Keller was requesting the City of Bradenton to provide advance funding of fifty percent or \$125,184 of the projected cost of \$278,186. He stated that by utilizing pre-construction discounts it would save the City approximately \$10,000 by advancing these funds.

Mr. Callahan recommended approval for the City of Bradenton to provide advance funds with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Motion to approve the recommendation made by Carl Callahan was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Control Burn- 1039 Riverside Drive East

Chief Souders requested approval for a control burn at 1039 Riverside Drive East with a contract price of \$2,500.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the request was made by Vice Mayor Weaver, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT:

**GULF COAST SIGNS REQUEST
Road Closure on 14th Street West**

Mr. Callahan stated that this proposed street closure would be all of 14th Street from Manatee Avenue south to 6th Avenue on April 5, 2003 and April 6, 2003 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with alternate dates in case of rain.

John Cumming stated that Public Works had not reviewed this request and requested a **stipulation** stating Gulf Coast Signs would meet with the Public Works Department to review the barricade placement.

Motion to approve the request with the stipulation was made by Councilman Golden, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Carl Callahan

Mr. Callahan stated that Kurt Gustinger, son of deceased father Alfred Gustinger requested to waive interest charges on a lien from a 1990 demolition for property located at 2307 26th Street West. He stated the principal cost of the demolition was \$4,006 with the interest to be waived of \$4,299.87.

No discussion followed.

Motion to approve the request was made by Vice Mayor Weaver, seconded by Councilman Gallo and carried 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Callahan referred to a notice from Florida Department of Transportation which stated that there would be a road closure on Manatee Avenue (State Road 64) at the railroad tracks at 5th Street West, downtown Bradenton, beginning 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2003 and was expected to reopen Monday, March 31, 2003. He stated that CSX Transportation, Inc. would be constructing the crossing bed.

Discussion: Concerns for the transportation route.

John Cumming stated he would relay the concerns to Florida Department of Transportation regarding traffic control at various intersections along the detour route.

Mark Souders

Chief Souders stated that the department would be meeting for a threat assessment group meeting with all of the public safety agencies to review and update all of the Manatee County critical facilities list.

Chief Souders stated on March 26, 2003 a meeting would be held at the Manatee Civic Center in conjunction with the State Represented School Resource Officer Group to assess terrorism in the school system.

Chief Radzilowski

Chief Radzilowski announced that Major J. J. Lewis would be graduating from the National FBI Academy in Virginia on March 21, 2003.

Chief Radzilowski stated that the Police Department would be on pro-active alert with the County because of the impending war in Iraq.

John Cumming

John Cumming stated that the ASR Well System would begin next week at the Booster Station on First Street and at a large test well at the Water Treatment Plant.

Larry Frey

Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch

Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Weaver voiced her concern regarding the problem that had generated through out the City with the large amount of newspaper stands popping up on various street corners and medians.

Mayor Poston stated that Bill Theroux had been working on this problem with redesign and placement.

Councilman Golden introduced from the audience Mrs. Jayeann Terry, Field Representative from Congressman Jim Davis' Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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