

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2009
8:30 a.m.

APPROVED BY
October 28, 2009
CITY COUNCIL

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

Present: 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: 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 Vice Mayor and Councilman Smith. Ecumenical invocation was led by Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V. Mayor Wayne Poston and City Clerk & Treasurer Carl Callahan were delayed by a previous meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

RED RIBBON WEEK – October 24-30, 2009

FARM-CITY WEEK – November 9-21, 2009

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH – October, 2009

Mayor Poston and City Clerk & Treasurer Carl Callahan joined the meeting.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kevin Parker, Executive Director of Freedom Village, and **Angela Shaver**, Director of Resident Services, wished to express their thanks and appreciation to the Bradenton Police Department in the professional and thorough manner in which Officer Moore and Officer Craddock had handled a theft which had occurred on August 19, 2009 at the complex. Due to their fine police work, the thieves had been apprehended and the goods had been returned.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of City Council meeting of September 23, 2009.
- b. Budget minutes of September 23, 2009.
- c. Grant Award – COPS Technology.
- d. Resolution 09-69 – Appointing **Peter Keenan** to the Planning Commission.
- e. Resolution 09-70 – Appointing **James Farr** to the Tree & Land Preservation Board.
- f. Resolution 09-71 – Reappointing **Ron Santarlas** to the Personnel Merit Board.
- g. Resolution 09-72 – Reappointing **Andy Gregory** and **Lucille Hymes** to the Police Pension Board.
- h. Resolution 09-73 – Appointing **William Webster** to the Central Community Redevelopment Agency.

- i. Resolution 09-74 – Appointing **J.B. Taylor** to the Architectural Review Board.
- j. Resolution 09-75 – Appointing **Richard Coury** to the Enterprise Zone.
- k. Public Event – First Baptist Church’s “Fall Festival,” Wed., Oct. 8, 2009.
- l. 2010 City of Bradenton Holiday Calendar.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda items a-c, e-g, and j-l and remove items d, h, & i for discussion was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5-0.

Discussion: Clarification was sought as to whether or not a board member needed to be a resident and/or business owner within the city. The scarcity of qualified, willing candidates was mentioned and ideas were shared about how best to get the word out about the need for board members. It was stressed that this was not about individuals or boards but about setting policy.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-69 (Item d) appointing Peter Keenan to the Planning Commission was made by Councilman Roff. Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-73 (Item h) & RESOLUTION 09-74 (Item i) and TABLE RESOLUTION 09-69 (Item d) was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Smith, but was withdrawn as the council wished to discuss further the appointment to the CCRA.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-74 (Item i) and TABLE RESOLUTION 09-69 (Item d) was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and was approved 5-0.

Discussion: Referencing Resolution 09-73 (Item h) and past concern about serving on two boards at once and posing a potential conflict.

MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION 09-73 (Item h) until legal counsel could determine if there was any potential conflict in serving on both the CCRA board and the Workforce Development Board was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and passed 5-0.

Discussion: Resolution would be tabled until it was brought off the table, no time certain. An ad would be placed in the Bradenton Herald seeking board applicants as several vacancies needed to be filled on various boards.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Stated that she had enjoyed attending the Farmers’ Market and looked forward to the market being joined this Saturday by Mainly Art, where artisans and artists will present their wares. She also reminded everyone of the Manatee Players’ Masquerade Ball to be held at the IMG El Conquistador Country Club on Saturday, Oct. 17th, and of Crimestoppers’ ‘Safe Halloween Night’ event to be held Oct. 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Reported on the recent Ware's Creek Clean-up during which approximately 65 volunteers picked up over 1000 pounds of trash. He gave kudos to Public Works' Solid Waste Division for its excellent service in working with the citizens in these endeavors. He also referred to crime statistics which, to date, reflected a 7.2% decrease in crime in the city. In conjunction with Chief Radzilowski, Councilman Roff also encouraged citizens to partner with the police department and become involved in Neighborhood Crime Watches, which have proven to be very successful. He thanked Sgt. L.J. Millard for her dedication in assisting neighbors to organize and prevent crime.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Referred to recent news in the paper which addressed problems in DNA collection which needed to be dealt with on a state or national level to fight crime. He thanked the Bradenton police force for doing everything possible within its means to fight crime.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Referred to the previous conversation regarding board appointments and expressed his desire to follow the City Charter. He stated that he had brought forth several residents as candidates for board service. He felt it was very important to fill the Nuisance Abatement Board, specifically. He urged everyone to assist in finding qualified residents to serve on the boards, as these boards made important choices that impact the lives of the citizens.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Stated that the Nuisance Abatement Board had been allowed to lapse as there had been poor results in bringing offenders to court. In addition, although Councilman Byrd had brought forth applicants, it was necessary for the board to be composed of a cross-section of members from all parts of the city, and that had not occurred to date.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mayor Poston: Nothing to report.

Carl Callahan: Mr. Callahan reminded council of the Shade meeting which would follow the Council meeting.

Chief Souders: Nothing to report.

Staci Cross: Nothing to report.

Carolyn Moore: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Nothing to report.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: The City of Bradenton and Manatee County had come to full agreement regarding the Ware's Creek Flood Control project. He stated final approval from Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Army Corps of Engineers was pending.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

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