CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2014
6:00 P.M
MINUTES

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward 1 Gene Gallo; Councilman Ward II Gene Brown; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith; and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer/Chief of Staff; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; and Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director.

The pre-meeting invocation was given by Barbara Bostian, Manatee County Baha'i Community.
(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS: Jeffrey Camden, Building Official - Interactive Voice Response

Building Official, Jeff Camden, gave a brief overview of the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system which will be instituted in the Planning Department to allow 24/7 assistance to project managers, contractors, and private individuals by giving them the ability to independently access permitting and inspection services. The program is anticipated to be installed in May as MUNIS application stages allow. Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer, explained that the system would be paid for and maintained by permit fees. Mr. Camden thanked Council and staff for supporting implementation of this new technology which would better serve the citizens.

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE FUTURE FUNDING for the installation of the Interactive Voice Response System in the Department of Planning & Community Development was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

Carl Callahan administered the oath to anyone wishing to speak on any non-agenda items and during the public hearings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:
a) Bid recommendation for painting of the downtown parking garage.
b) Bid recommendation for the replacement of Lift Station No. 11.
c) Resolution 14-04: Appointing John Harllee III to the Downtown Development Authority.
d) Resolution 14-05: Appointing Grievance Board members for 2014.
e) Public Event: Unity in the Community Resource & Wellness Rally on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Just For Girls, 1011 21st. St. E. The request is for the closure of part of 11th Avenue East.
f) Public Event: Couture in the Courtyard on Monday, March 3 at the South Florida Museum. The request is for the closure of 10th Street West in front of the museum.
g) Public Event: Piratefest on Saturday, March 22. The request is for the closure of a portion of 9th Street West in front of McKechnie Field.
h) Minutes: Dec. 18, 2013, City Council meeting.
i) Minutes: Jan. 8, 2014, City Council meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-I was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY COUNCIL

Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer

a. Request to accept the land transfer of 48th Street Court East from County to City jurisdiction and to execute all necessary documents.

Bill Lisch stated that the entryway into the subdivision needed to be added into the surrounding city property to prevent problems with law enforcement jurisdiction issues. In addition, an agreement had been reached with the Tidewater Preserve Master Association to maintain the landscaping of the entryway.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LAND TRANSFER OF 48th Street Court East from County to City and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

b. Funding for Manatee County Historical Park – Impact Fees – East

Mr. Callahan requested approval to designate funding from impact fees east in the amount of $8,961.00 for playground equipment for Manatee County Historical Park.

MOTION TO APPROVE UTILIZATION OF IMPACT FEES in the amount of $8,961.00 for the purchase of playground equipment for Manatee County Historical Park was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Vice Mayor/Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.

Mr. Callahan said that approximately $43,000 in funding was needed for the proposed enhancements to Love Park, with $5,000 to come from the CCRA, $8,500 from a grant, and the balance from impact fees. This would complete the circle of revamping all of our parks.

MOTION TO APPROVE UTILIZATION OF IMPACT FEES for improvements to Love Park was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II: Had attended the board meeting of the Bradenton Housing Authority and, as had been discussed at the previous council meeting, had offered city assistance in any way which would be needed. Councilman Brown felt that the board was moving forward in a good direction.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Announced there would be a public meeting on Wednesday, January 29th, to garner feedback from the citizens regarding possible uses of city-owned properties in the Ballard Park neighborhood.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Nothing to report.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Mayor Poston said the DaVinci Exhibit on display at the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium was drawing larger crowds here than it had in its previous stays in Denver and St. Louis. As a double win, the South Florida Museum's attendance has increased by 17% this year due to the DaVinci / South Florida Museum dual ticket offer.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Nothing to report.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Tim Polk: Thanked Council for allowing impact fees to be used for the improvements to Love Park and to the police and Public Works Department for their assistance in making it a nice public place again.

Claude Tankersley: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:25 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.