

**CITY OF BRADENTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 24, 2016**  
**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, February 24, 2016.

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

**City Officials:** Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by **Pastor Dr. Anthony Thomas of Carter Temple CME.**  
*(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)*

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston. He introduced **Mayor for a Day Kensie Waller**, age 7, an elementary student from **Bradenton Christian School.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

Vice Mayor/Ward I Councilman Gene Gallo was out with an excused absence.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**Sara Hand** and **Stan Schultes, Sparkgrowth**, gave a report of the very successful **3.0 Leaders Conference** they had hosted a week ago which had drawn technology experts from around the world to collaborate on innovative strategies to create "Smart Cities." Mayor Poston, Councilman Smith, and **David Gustafson** joined in the praise of the event and the excitement it had generated. Sara stated that workshops would be offered in the near future to continue the momentum.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes: Feb. 3 Special City Council meeting
- B. Additional part-time seasonal position.
- C. Authorize the Mayor to execute cooperative funding agreement between SWFWMD and the City Reclaimed Water Pumping Station Expansion.
- D. Budget Adjustments – Planning & Community Development Dept.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-D was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:0** *(Vice Mayor Gallo was excused).*

**BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**ORDINANCE 2977 SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

An ordinance annexing to the City of Bradenton, Florida, certain land contiguous thereto, located at 5700 State Road 64, 711 Morgan Johnson Road (57th Street East) and two (2) contiguous parcels with no addresses on the east side of Morgan Johnson Road; parcel numbers: 1120300056, 1120900004, 1121700059, 1121710209 and legally described as follows.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward.

**Edward Allen, architect, representing the applicant,** gave a brief PowerPoint presentation depicting the area to be annexed. He stated annexation would eliminate the current enclave, maintain current density, utilize current public services, and create increased tax revenue. He respectfully requested approval.

Those in opposition were invited to come forward. None came. The Public Hearing was closed.

**Chris Gratz, Zoning Manager,** gave the Staff and Planning Commission recommendation for approval:

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVAL** of AX.15.4756 based on the Findings of Fact.

**JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE (December 2, 2015):**

No objections to proceeding with the annexation were expressed at the meeting. Subsequently, Manatee County did not object to the proposal.

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**MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2977 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:0.** (*Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.*)

**ORDINANCE 2978 FIRST READING**

CP.16.0144 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD 20.12: Request by GreenbergFarrow Architecture, agent, for MIMCO Properties, LLC / Kathy & Jack McKendree, owners, for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment from RES-6 (County) to SCC, Suburban Commercial Corridor on 2.35 acres located at 5700 State Road 64, 711 Morgan Johnson Road (57th Street East) and two (2) contiguous parcels with no addresses on the east side of Morgan Johnson Road; Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN): 1120300056, 1120900004, 1121700059, 1121710209.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2978 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING for March 9, 2016 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:0.** (*Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.*)

**ORDINANCE 2979 FIRST READING**

LU.16.0145 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD 20.12: Request by GreenbergFarrow Architecture, agent, for MIMCO Properties, LLC / Kathy & Jack McKendree, owners, for a Zoning Atlas Amendment from PDC and A-1 (County) to SCC, Suburban Commercial Corridor on 2.35 acres located at 5700 State Road 64, 711 Morgan Johnson Road (57th Street East) and two (2) contiguous parcels with no addresses on the east side of Morgan Johnson Road; Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN): 1120300056, 1120900004, 1121700059, 1121710209.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2979 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING for March 9, 2016 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 4:0.** (*Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.*)

**ORDINANCE 2980 FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AMENDING ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 2708 BY CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND MATCHING SUCH DESCRIPTION WITH THE MAP THAT ACCOMPANIED SAID ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2980 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING for March 9, 2016 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 4:0.** (*Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.*)

**RESOLUTION 16-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, CREATING THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-10 was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 4:0.** (*Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.*)

## **RESOLUTION 16-11**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, DEDICATING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE PUBLIC FOR PARK PURPOSES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Carl Callahan expounded upon the resolution explaining it was solidifying a settlement agreement with Reflections of Manatee to ensure that the area known as Indian Mineral Springs Park would not be used for commercial purposes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-11 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 4:0.** (*Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.*)

**NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND COUNCIL** – None scheduled.

**BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT** - None scheduled.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II** – Councilman Brown extended his sympathies to Councilman Roff and his family in the loss of his mother, **Patricia Roff**. Mr. Brown gave kudos to **Coach Choate** and the **Manatee High School cheerleading team** which had won their 4<sup>th</sup> State Championship in a row and finished in the top 10 in the country. He also reminded everyone to tune in tonight to watch the **Bradenton Christian School boys' basketball team** play in the state championship for the first time – he wished them the best of luck.

**Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III** – Councilman Roff thanked Mr. Brown for his condolences. He said he was proud that the City's reclaimed water was now being further utilized by selling it to Lakewood Ranch. He commended Councilman Smith and all those who had been involved in expanding the parklands through Reflections of Manatee and dedicating the property to the public.

**Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV** – Councilman Smith also conveyed condolences to Mr. Roff and said that his mother would be missed. He mentioned that on March 4<sup>th</sup>, there would be a fund-raising golf tournament to support **Manatee Children's Services**, an emergency shelter facility for children in need of rescue from dangerous situations. He urged all to come out to support such a worthy cause.

**Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V** – Councilman Byrd conveyed his prayers and sympathies to the Roff family. He stated that as Black History Month was nearing its end, he had been privileged to attend a special event which had been held at **Rogers Garden Elementary**.

**Mayor Wayne Poston** – In reference to Rogers Garden Elementary School, Mayor Poston noted that there were potentially three schools scheduled to be closed in Manatee County, but the City of Bradenton had added a school. He reminded everyone that Spring Training was kicking off with the **Pirates' Pep Rally** to be held on Friday night, and urged everyone to attend the games at McKechnie Field, a facility worth the trip just to see.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Carl Callahan:** Said that he had been contacted by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association which had expressed interest in doing mobile tours at Riverwalk in the fall. He asked Public Works and Utilities Director, Jim McLellan, to contact him and Councilman Smith to discuss the clean-up to be done at Indian Mineral Springs Park to determine the scope of work to be done. Mr. Callahan was very pleased to report that as of yesterday, water was still running over the dam and the water supply was looking good. He informed everyone that he was looking at doing advanced refunding of the 2007 bond for Pirate City, which would save a sizeable sum of money. Lastly, he and Mayor Poston joined in condolences to Councilman Roff.

**Chief Edwards:** Expressed his condolences to Councilman Roff.

**Chief Bevan:** Reminded all that the national "**Click It or Ticket**" campaign would kick off on Tuesday, March 1st. The high-visibility campaign was designed to raise awareness of the need to use seat belts and child car seats, which help to save lives.

**Jim McLellan:** Asked Council and the mayor to let him know if they would like any additional info added to the weekly summary he was providing to them. He stated that most of the major projects in the works would be wrapped up prior to the start of Spring Training. The City paving program would be resumed after Spring Training and modifications to the program may come forth as findings arise during paving. Mayor Poston congratulated Jim on the great work that had been done in front of McKechnie and at the skatepark where terracing was underway.

**Bill Lisch:** Mr. Lisch welcomed Chief Bevan to her first City Council meeting. He expressed his sympathies as well to Councilman Roff in the loss of his mother.

**Mayor Poston:** Mayor Poston presented **Miss Kensie Waller** with a key to the city and a certificate of achievement for her participation in City government. He thanked her for conducting an excellent meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor for the Day, Kensie Waller, and Mayor Poston jointly adjourned the meeting at 6:41 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.