

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 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, March 23, 2016.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman/Vice Mayor Ward I Gene Gallo; 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; David Beauchamp, Public Works & Utilities Asst. Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Catherine Hartley, Director of Planning & Community Development; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by **Pastor Don Sturiano, Kingdom Life Christian Church & Bradenton Police Department Chaplain.**

(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.

Carl Callahan introduced **Catherine Hartley**, the new **Planning & Community Development Director.**

PROCLAMATIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: **Senator Bill Galvano – Legislative Wrap Up**

Senator Galvano summed up the highlights of the last legislative session which had included passing an \$82 billion budget and redistricting of the state. A new senate district had been created, District 21, which was composed of Manatee County and a large portion of Hillsborough County. Mr. Galvano stated he had filed to run for that district and was in line to become president of the senate, which would help to aid Bradenton and Manatee County to establish priorities and plan long term. Many projects were in the works for the area and service to constituents, as always, remained his priority.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution 16-09: Reappointing Gail Murrell to the Central CRA Board.
- B. Minutes: Jan. 27 City Council meeting.
- C. Minutes: March 9 City Council meeting.
- D. Public Event: Quickest Quacky 5K Race on May 14 in downtown.
- E. Public Event: Main Street Live “It Works” on July 13 on Old Main Street.
- F. Addendum to previously-approved “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” on Oct. 22 at Riverwalk: Alzheimer’s Association requests permission to set up for this event on Friday, Oct. 21.
- G. Request to close portion of Third Avenue West for construction work from 8-3 p.m. Saturday, April 2.

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

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCE 2980 SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

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.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward. None came forward.

Those in opposition were invited to come forward. None came.

The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2980 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5-0.

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

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, Ward I – Vice Mayor Gallo offered his condolences to **Chris Constantino** in the loss of his wife, April. Mr. Gallo welcomed **Planning Director, Catherine Hartley**, and wished her well.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Councilman Brown also extended his sympathies to the **Constantino family**. He welcomed **Catherine Hartley** and thanked **Chief Bevan** for the excellent job the police department had done during a recent episode which had occurred in his Ward.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Councilman Roff also welcomed **Catherine Hartley** and **Chief Bevan** and expressed his appreciation for the new initiative of the police department to prevent drivers from blocking intersections which was to begin April 1st.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Councilman Smith also expressed his consternation about the problem of drivers blocking intersections. He emphasized that Bradenton is the Friendly City, but drivers need to be considerate of each other. Chief Bevan stated training had been started and enforcement would begin on April 1, no fooling.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd also welcomed the two new staff members. He then stated that at the last Council meeting, two new board members had been appointed to the Bradenton Housing Authority. The new members were undergoing training and he felt things were moving in a very positive direction. He proposed that the Executive Director be invited to come before Council to provide updates in the near future.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Mayor Poston confirmed that the goal of the intersection blocking enforcement initiative was to gain compliance. He said he had just attended a Pittsburgh Pirates game this afternoon at which several state-wide legislators had been present and good conversations had been had.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Said that he wished to present three items of business:

1. A large grant had been awarded to the City of Bradenton for the expansion of the Twin Dolphin Marina which would include construction of new docks.
2. Pirate City – Tournament Sports Park – Council would meet on April 13, 2016 as the CRA board to hear the proposed plans of the Pirates.
3. Two responses had been received to the Letter of Intent to Purchase the Evers Reservoir property:
 - A. Taylor Morrison - \$12 million following closing in a plan which included construction of 500 units
 - B. Neal Communities - \$12.5 million with \$6 million at closing and a 3.25% commission from each of the proposed 633 homes sold

Pat Neal, President, Neal Communities, came forward and acknowledged the differences in the two proposals and understood why the City would accept the bid from Taylor Morrison as it was more financially certain. He requested that, in that event, that his firm be maintained as second place should Taylor Morrison withdraw.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM TAYLOR MORRISON AND HOLD NEAL COMMUNITIES IN SECOND PLACE was made by Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

Catherine Hartley: Nothing to report.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Chief Bevan: Chief Bevan announced that the Bradenton Police Department was honored to have once again been requested to be present at the Presidential Inauguration in January, 2017.

Dave Beauchamp: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Mr. Lisch offered his sympathies to the **Constantino** family.

Mayor Poston: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:40 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.