

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2016
8:30 A.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 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Vice Mayor/Ward I Councilman 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; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by **Pastor Bill Pierson, J.O.Y. Fellowship.**

(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

Catherine Hartley, Planning and Community Development Director, 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: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: May 11 City Council meeting.
- B. Minutes: May 25 City Council meeting.
- C. Agreement with CEC Motor & Utility Services for electric motor and pump repair/rewind services.
- D. Agreement with Evoqua Water Technologies LLC for wastewater treatment services.
- E. Agreement with Thatcher Chemical of Florida Inc. for wastewater treatment chemicals.
- F. Resolution 16-32: CDBG 2013-14 Program Year substantial amendment.

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

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2982 FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-126 THROUGH 2-130 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES WHICH DIVISION ESTABLISHED THE ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2982 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 22, 2016 was made by Councilman Bemis Smith, seconded by Councilman Harold Byrd, and approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND COUNCIL

Carl Callahan, City Administrator:

Special Obligation Revenue Refunding Bond Resolution - Resolution 15-33

John Stokes, attorney, Nabors, Giblin, & Nickerson, P.A., and Julie Santamaria, RBC Capital Markets, stated the market's current strength and lower interest rates would make refinancing of the original \$18 million bond that had been obtained in 2007 for improvements to Pirate City and McKechnie Field very advantageous. The refinancing could be completed in July.

Carl Callahan said the re-issuance of the bond would save the city \$100,000 a year in interest payments. The bonds would be due by 2037, at which time the city's lease with the Pittsburgh Pirates would end.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-33 was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

Chief Melanie Bevan - COPS Office FY 2016 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

Lt. Jeremy Giddens, Grant Writer, Bradenton Police Department, stated this was an annual grant funded through the Department of Justice which would allow for expansion of the department. Four additional officers would be requested, though an option for six was available. The grant would run for 36 months and provide up to \$120,000 per officer. This would result in funding of 63% from the federal government and 37% from the City.

Councilman Smith expressed his concern about financially assuming the costs for retention of the officers after the grant expired.

Carl Callahan stated that he could prepare for the expense in the budget; and that there was no requirement to retain the officers if the condition of the economy made retention financially unfeasible.

Vice Mayor Gallo said that he felt strongly that, in today's times, an increase in officers would be very beneficial. He spoke of his time as Fire Chief when essential personnel needed to be obtained through the help of programs available at that time or the department would have been woefully understaffed.

Chief Bevan said she had reviewed statistics of officers per population, response times, case closures, workloads, etc., and felt the request for more officers was reasonable and sustainable.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2016 COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, Ward I – Vice Mayor Gallo offered his congratulations to all the graduates of 2016. He also shouted out kudos to **Jessie Crespo** in the Public Works Department for the fine job she does to assist our citizens.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Councilman Brown also expressed congratulations and safe wishes to graduates. Mr. Brown brought up the topic of panhandling to Chief Bevan. Chief Bevan stated that county-wide efforts were being made to help inform the public of methods to deal with panhandlers.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Councilman Roff was glad to report that the Ware's Creek flood control enhancements had paid off during Tropical Storm Colin, and no flooding had been experienced. He thanked Chief Bevan for the good work the police had done in apprehending two graffiti artists who had been plaguing the area. He reported that he had just returned from Washington D.C. where he had participated with the Florida League of Cities in lobbying for issues of importance to Bradenton and other municipalities. Among this year's focus had been retention of municipal bonds and CD's. His trip had been financed by the League.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Councilman Smith expressed his desire to discuss the noise ordinance in the near future so that some resolve could be had within the community. Mayor Poston stated that the Manatee County noise ordinance was still a work in progress. The City wished to review the County ordinance to decide whether or not to utilize it. Mr. Lisch said that counties and cities everywhere have been struggling with this issue, and court decisions continue to further muddy the waters. Mr. Smith recommended the City take action and not wait for the County's ordinance.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd reiterated congratulations to graduates, of both high school and college.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Mayor Poston said he had two Manatee High School graduates in his family who are doing very well.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Mr. Callahan thanked John Stokes, Julie Santamarie, and Accounting Manager, Tom Kelley, for their efforts to get the bond issue resolved. He stated that the City's financial standing is still strong according to Fitch & Moody. Mr. Callahan said he had attended the Manatee County Commission meeting at which the one cent sales tax was discussed. If approved, ½ cent would go to the County; ½ cent would go to the school board. The City's department heads have been looking at needs which could be pursued if the tax was approved. The tax would be collected by the county, and a percentage, as determined by population, would stay in the municipalities. Mr. Callahan stated there would be a City Council meeting and CRA meeting on Wednesday, June 15th. Vice Mayor Gallo stated he wished to invite a guest to the workshop to discuss impediments to redevelopment which he had experienced.

Chief Edwards: Chief Edwards said that Tropical Storm Colin had been a good practice storm for emergency responders to help prepare them for the hurricane season. He said that he would continue to provide the Council with EOC reports.

Chief Bevan: Chief Bevan stated that the department had made 5 promotions: 2 assistant chiefs and 3 civilian supervisors. Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m., the police department would be participating in "Hoagies for Heroes," a competition against the members of the Southern Manatee County Fire Department to raise \$1,000 for Take Stock in Children. The competition would take place at Wawa's on SR 70. Finally, Chief Bevan said that an armed burglary/carjacking suspect had been apprehended. She credited the law enforcement officers for handling a dangerous situation phenomenally. Councilman Smith said the suspect and officers had encountered each other within his ward, and he gave kudos and thanks to BPD officers for the skill used in this encounter.

Jim McLellan: Mr. McLellan said that on June 29th the Public Works Department would host the Florida Department of Transportation at the first monthly meeting of the Aesthetics Committee for the new Anna Maria Bridge. He volunteered to sit in on all of the meetings in place of the late Mr. Rick Fawley, who had been nominated for the committee. Lastly, he invited everyone to attend the Annual Service Awards luncheon and equipment rodeo which would be held at 11:30 on Friday, June 10th, in the Public Works yard.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Jesus Nino, Central Community Redevelopment Agency Manager, said he had toured the district this morning and had spoken to residents who were out actively cleaning up. They had asked him to come to the meeting to personally offer their thanks to Jim McLellan who had provided dumpsters for the cause. They also had nothing but good things to say about Chief Bevan. Mr. Nino said he was engaging the community to determine any impediments they were experiencing; and would provide a report soon.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:36 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.