

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 22, 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, June 22, 2016.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; ViceMayor/Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; 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; Catherine Hartley, Director of Planning & Community Development; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by **Rev. Eric Reaves of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church.**
(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.

Councilman Ward II Gene Brown 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:

Gary Tibbetts, Special Assistant, Representative Vern Buchanan's office, took the opportunity to introduce **Ms. MarDee Buchman, new Constituent Service Worker,** hailing from Plant City in Hillsborough County. Ms. Buchman said it was an honor to serve all the constituents in Mr. Buchanan's district, which included Manatee County and would soon include Hillsborough County.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Public Event: Bradenton Farmers' Market from Oct. 1-May 27 in downtown.
- B. Public Event: Bradenton Blues Fest on Dec. 2-3 at Riverwalk.
- C. Public Event: Home & Lifestyle Expo from on Feb. 25-26 at Riverwalk promenade.
- D. Public Event: Art Slam on March 4 on Old Main Street.
- E. Public Event: Music in the Park every Friday from March 31-April 28 at Riverwalk amphitheater.
- F. Public Event: Pickin' Picnic on May 6 at Riverwalk pavilion.
- G. Resolution 16-34: Request by Bonus Properties Inc. for vacation of two, five-foot platted easements in East Tamiami Park subdivision.

Carl Callahan requested that Item G, Resolution 16-34, be handled separately.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-F was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and passed 4-0. *(Councilman Brown was excused.)*

Mr. Callahan explained that Item G was a resolution that, technically, did not require a public hearing as it involved an easement, but per the verbiage of the resolution, he felt it was important to offer an opportunity for comment. He read the resolution into the record and asked if anyone wished to comment on it.

Rachel Layton, ZNS Engineering, said this was an overlooked item which had been revealed during a site and permit review which needed to be taken care of to complete the Grand Palms project.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM G, RESOLUTION 16-34 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and passed 4-0. *(Councilman Brown was excused.)*

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS – None scheduled.

ORDINANCE NO. 2982 **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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.

Carl Callahan explained that the state legislature had abolished Enterprise Zones, and this ordinance would repeal the Enterprise Zone from the City of Bradenton Code of Ordinances.

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

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2982 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Vice Mayor Gallo, and passed 4-0. (*Councilman Brown was excused.*)

Justice Assistance Grant - Proposed Use of Funds **PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Bradenton Police Department proposes to use its 2016-17 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program funds in the amount of \$26,550 as means to acquire law enforcement equipment and initiate supplemental street level and covert investigations. The goal of the requested funding is to increase police services as it relates to handgun violence and drug use while purchasing equipment that will be used to enhance our apprehension and prosecution of offenders.

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

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT'S PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and passed 4-0. (*Councilman Brown was excused.*)

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

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, Ward I – Vice Mayor Gallo thanked Jim McLellan for holding public hearings to review flooding problems in the city. Mr. McLellan had reviewed Ward I with Vice Mayor Gallo and it was determined that it was in pretty good shape.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Mr. Roff had also spoken to Mr. McLellan and had informed him of the flooding that takes place at 26th Street West and 7th Avenue. Mr. Roff thanked the Public Works Department for trimming trees and cleaning up the site of the future Ballard Park. He was planning to attend a pre-application meeting which would be held on Tuesday, June 28th at 2:30 in the Planning Department which would feature new park designs from Fawley-Bryant.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd said he had also reviewed Ward 5's flood trouble-spots. He planned to attend both tomorrow night's flood control meeting and the Central Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board meeting. He invited the public to attend.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Mayor Poston stated that yesterday, by a vote of 6:0 with one representative absent, the Manatee County Commissioners had approved placing a ½ cent sales tax on the November ballot. Should the referendum pass, the funds would be distributed by population rather than by separate ordinance as some had desired. Secondly, Mayor Poston stated the Florida League of Cities magazine had just come out and had addressed drug issues in the state of Florida. Chief Melanie Bevan was quoted liberally in a section featuring how Bradenton has handled the issue.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Nothing to report.

Catherine Hartley: Nothing to report.

Asst. Chief Ezell: Nothing to report.

Chief Bevan: Chief Bevan thanked Council for approving the JAG Grant. She announced that the Bradenton Police Department had won the **WAWA Hoagie Building Competition** against members of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department and a County Fire Department, bringing home a trophy and a \$1000 donation for **Take Stock in Children of Manatee County**. Finally, she said that BPD had started the summer **Experiential Learning Program** for people ages 18-22. She asked for referrals of individuals who were interested in any aspect of law enforcement.

Jim McLellan: Mr. McLellan reiterated that there would be a public meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber to garner input on the Citywide Watershed Management Plan. Confirmation of flood areas was being sought so that an evaluation could be made to develop a capital improvement plan for storm water projects for the coming years.

He said that on Thursday, June 29th, the first of a series of monthly meetings would be held at the Public Works Department, as host to FDOT and the Anna Maria Island Bridge Aesthetics Committee.

Finally, Mr. McLellan announced the retirement of **Gary Kinder, Supervisor of Landscape & Grounds**, including Riverwalk. Mr. Kinder had provided nearly 32-years of service to the City in the Public Works Department. At Riverwalk, new plantings, new sod at the skatepark, and additional trashcan placements were in progress.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:24 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.