

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 2015
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, July 15, 2015.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Ward I Councilman Gene Gallo, Vice Mayor/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; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Claude Tankersley, Public Works & Utilities Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by Pastor Don Sturiano, Kingdom Life Christian Church, and chaplain of the Bradenton Police Department.

(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: None.

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) Minutes: June 24 City Council meeting.
- b) Budget Adjustments – Public Works & Utilities Department.
- c) Resolution 15-20: Quit claim deed for parcel of land near Ware’s Creek.
- d) Resolution 15-21: Appointing Veronica Rogers to the MPO Citizens Advisory Council.
- e) Two requests to use Forfeiture Funds to buy Police Department equipment.
- f) Vehicle for Hire Operator’s Permit for non-emergency patient transport service.
- g) SF.15.1688: Final Subdivision Plat approval for Morgan Johnson Commerce Park at 5520 & 5526 S.R. 64 East (zoned SCC).
- h) Minutes: June 10 City Council meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda items a-h was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5-0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SU.15.2102 WARD 5 NEIGHBORHOOD 7.03 PUBLIC HEARING

Request of Charlie Rotondo, agent for Harry Bakker, owner, for an Auto Sales use at 708 Manatee Avenue East (zoned T5).

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

Chester Scott, 411 133rd Street E., owner of a business adjacent to the subject property, and representing the owner, offered to answer any questions. No questions were posed.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Discussion: Concern that permitting auto sales businesses on main corridors into the City could discourage future developments in the area. Possibility it would be temporary and market would adjust.

Tim Polk, Planning and Community Development Director, gave the Staff and Planning Commission recommendations for approval with 3 stipulations:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL of SU.15.2102 with the following stipulations:

1. Hours of operation as stated by the applicant: 9AM to 6PM, Monday through Saturday.
2. Total number of vehicles on display not to exceed fourteen (14).
3. Secondary security measures are required for vehicles on display.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (June 17, 2015):

APPROVAL of SU.15.2102 with the following stipulations:

1. Hours of operation as stated by the applicant: 9AM to 6PM, Monday through Saturday.
2. Total number of vehicles on display not to exceed fourteen (14).
3. Secondary security measures are required for vehicles on display.

MOTION TO APPROVE SU.15.2102 WITH THREE STIPULATIONS was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 3:2 with Councilmen Gallo and Smith in opposition.

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

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I – Councilman Gallo offered his sincere condolences to the family of **Mary Cantrell**, longtime devoted public servant.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Vice Mayor Brown also expressed his sympathies to the Cantrell family. He then thanked the Bradenton Police Department which had done a tremendous job in apprehending the suspects in a double-homicide within Ward II. Chief Radzilowski added that it had been a true team effort between the police department, the Manatee County Homicide Task Force, and the US Marshal's Service. He personally expressed appreciation to Lt. James Racky, who had worked tirelessly in the quest to apprehend the individuals.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Expressed appreciation to everyone who had attended yesterday's special **Downtown Development Authority** meeting which had been focused on the selection of a development on the former Manatee Inns site on 14th Street West.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Councilman Smith stated that Governor Scott would have an extremely challenging job to appoint someone to fill the shoes now left vacant in the loss of Mary Cantrell from the Manatee County School Board. The Board would be facing critical decisions which should not be taken lightly. He also expressed condolences to the **Harrison family** in the loss of their mother, who had been one of the cornerstones of the community. Lastly, Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to the DDA and the selection team along with Chairman **Mike Carter** for the work they have done to help in the revitalization of 14th Street. He said he hoped they would continue to avail their skills and expertise to the future Economic Development Director.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd reiterated the sentiment to the bereaved families as well as his appreciation of the fine work done by the police in the murder suspects' apprehension. He also thanked the members of the community who had stepped up to aid in the investigations.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Mayor Poston welcomed Commissioner Chappie in the audience. He concurred that the school board selection would be of vital importance and very political.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Stated that a workshop would be planned for next Wednesday morning which could become a Special Meeting for the purpose of setting the tentative millage rate as it needed to be done by August 1st.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Mr. Tankersley reported that personnel from FDOT would be present at the August 12th City Council meeting to present their recommendations for reconfiguration to the intersection of MLK and 15th St. E. as determined following public feedback. Councilman Gallo also requested an FDOT update on the Manatee Avenue West street lighting as well as the signalization on 67th Street West and at the entrance to Village Green.

Mr. Tankersley reported that the water main replacement project had begun and any questions from the public would be welcomed. Advertising for a well drilling company to drill an ASR well at the water plant would be done next week. Lastly, he said the paving program was moving forward and proceeding well.

Tim Polk: Mr. Polk introduced **Christopher Gratz** who was assuming the position of Zoning Manager. He then addressed the previously expressed concern about developments on main corridors and clarified that Council could eliminate special use permits in any or all areas they wished. He said that going forward, Council may wish to discuss that option further.

The mayor reminded all that the grand opening for Mirabella would take place tomorrow morning.

Bill Lisch: Mr. Lisch said he had just returned from a conference for municipal attorneys which had only served to muddy the waters regarding lawsuits.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 8:59 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.