

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 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, July 20, 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; Catherine Hartley, Planning and Community Development Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by **Rev. Jennifer Potter Buff, Bayshore Campus Pastor** for **Harvest United Methodist Church**.

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

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 or during the public hearings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Public Event: 3rd Annual Ghost 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 22 in downtown
- B. Cintas Facilities Solutions (US Communities – Participating Public Agency Master Agreement)
- C. Request for a one-year extension of time for Preliminary PDP PR.15.067 TDS Office/Workshops
- D. Forfeiture Fund Request from Police Department for equipment
- E. Minutes: June 8 City Council meeting
- F. Minutes: June 22 City Council meeting
- G. Resolution 16-38: CDBG 2016-17 annual action plan
- H. Resolution 16-39: SHIP rehab contract
- I. Resolution 16-40: SHIP LHAP amendment
- J. Resolution 16-41: Reappointing Christopher Gilbert to Tree & Land Preservation Board
- K. Resolution 16-42: Single-family home rehabilitation assistance

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-K was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5-0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-35 SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING A NEW STATE OF FLORIDA BROWNFIELD AREA IN THE CITY OF BRADENTON, ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 166.041 AND 376.77 THROUGH 376.85, FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PROPERTIES LOCATED SOUTH OF 9TH AVENUE EAST, NORTH OF 11TH AVENUE EAST, AND BETWEEN 6TH STREET EAST AND 6TH STREET COURT EAST, WITHIN A PORTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION, REHABILITATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF SAID DESIGNATION; PROVIDING THAT THIS DESIGNATION SHALL NOT OBLIGATE THE

CITY TO PAY ANY COSTS EXCEPT THOSE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S INVOLVEMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BROWNFIELD AREA REMEDIATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-36 SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING A NEW STATE OF FLORIDA BROWNFIELD AREA IN THE CITY OF BRADENTON, ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 166.041 AND 376.77 THROUGH 376.85, FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 9TH AVENUE EAST AND 3RD STREET EAST, WITHIN A PORTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION, REHABILITATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF SAID DESIGNATION; PROVIDING THAT THIS DESIGNATION SHALL NOT OBLIGATE THE CITY TO PAY ANY COSTS EXCEPT THOSE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S INVOLVEMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BROWNFIELD AREA REMEDIATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-37 SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING A NEW STATE OF FLORIDA BROWNFIELD AREA IN THE CITY OF BRADENTON, ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 166.041 AND 376.77 THROUGH 376.85, FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 201 AND 210 13TH AVENUE WEST, BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITHIN A PORTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION, REHABILITATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF SAID DESIGNATION; PROVIDING THAT THIS DESIGNATION SHALL NOT OBLIGATE THE CITY TO PAY ANY COSTS EXCEPT THOSE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S INVOLVEMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BROWNFIELD AREA REMEDIATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Carl Callahan stated that, in order to meet legal advertising requirements, he wished to request that the Public Hearings be continued to July 26, 2016.

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

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

The Public Hearing was continued.

MOTION TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OF RESOLUTIONS 16-35, 16-36, and 16-37 to a Special City Council meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2016 was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Byrd, 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 said that last week he had attended the softball game between the police department and the fire department which had been totally enjoyable. Chief Edwards ‘humbly’ displayed the trophy on top of the dais.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Councilman Brown expressed his appreciation and support to the police department in light of the tragic losses of fellow officers around the country. He extended his condolences to the families that had been harmed by violence.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Councilman Roff stated he had attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization Action Committee on Monday in St. Petersburg at which he had been informed that the federal government is proposing reconfiguration of MPO’s and creating giant MPO’s. This would very negatively impact Florida. Lobbying would be done in opposition to this proposal.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Councilman Smith thanked the police for the excellent work they had done during a recent crime and extended his support to the City’s police officers. Mr. Smith commended Manatee County for the efforts being made to increase housing in the downtown. He expressed concern about affordable housing being placed in inappropriate locations. He said he hoped the county would be cognizant of the city’s concerns. Mayor Poston stated it was a private enterprise.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd reiterated the commendation and appreciation to law enforcement officers. Mr. Byrd said that yesterday he had attended an excellent meeting and luncheon held by the Faith Based Alliance which addressed human trafficking. The FBA had become a 501-3C and was actively working to address important issues within the community. Mr. Byrd acknowledged the today’s reopening of a retail and distribution facility on 9th Street East for Flowers Bakery. He also was pleased with the economic development tools being used such as brownfield designations which would help further development.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Mayor Poston echoed the thoughts about the bravery and excellence of our public safety workers.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan:

McKechnie Field Scoreboard

Mr. Callahan requested approval to authorize Mayor Poston to execute an interlocal agreement with the Pittsburgh Pirates for a new scoreboard at McKechnie Field. The Pirates would pay for the scoreboard and then be reimbursed by the Tourist Development Council. The cost of the scoreboard was estimated to be up to \$1 million with the City paying for any overage. Councilman Roff expressed his desire to be 100% certain that the City would not incur any costs. Mr. Callahan stated there was no expectation that it would cost the city anything. Mayor Poston confirmed that it would be paid for by resort tax money.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR POSTON TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES FOR A NEW SCOREBOARD AT McKECHNIE FIELD was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and passed 5:0.

Setting Tentative Millage Rate & Adopting Tentative Budget

Mr. Callahan announced there would be a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 26th, for the purpose of adopting a tentative budget and setting a tentative millage rate. He said that a decision would also need to be made before August 17th regarding the future use of red light cameras. Vice Mayor Gallo requested that the police department provide statistics of accidents and infractions last year at intersections with cameras.

Catherine Hartley: Ms. Hartley said she had spoken with Manatee County regarding the proposed conversion of the former jail into an affordable housing complex. She said that to do such types of modifications would require a text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. She said she plans to bring several such amendments to Council in the near future. Vice Mayor Gallo asked if it would be easier and less expensive to eliminate Form Based Code rather than do text amendments. Ms. Hartley said that to do so would require creation of new land-use regulations which would cost between \$100,000-\$200,000. At this time, Form-Based Code is used in 1/3 of the City.

In response to a question from Councilman Roff regarding the 8th Avenue crosswalk project, Ms. Hartley said she would be meeting with FDOT and Kimley-Horn, the consultant, on July 27th to discuss options for improvement.

Carl Callahan said that he and Ms. Hartley have been working diligently to help find funding from CDBG, SHIP, or CRA funds to facilitate the Grand Palms senior housing development on 14th Street.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Chief Bevan: The Chief thanked the Council for approving the purchase of additional safety equipment. She said that the community support has been incredible in light of the recent murders of law enforcement officers in various locations throughout the country.

The Chief displayed an award from FDLE which the police department had received as winner in a competition for excellent handling of traffic related issues. The City had been awarded \$18,000 in new traffic safety equipment.

Jim McLellan: Mr. McLellan said that he had been working with the supplier of the surface covering on the Splash Pad. They had agreed to completely replace the surface and institute a new 2-year warranty.

He announced there had been a successful re-bid of the Village of the Arts lighting installation project. Three bids had been received, and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

Lastly, Public Works had received the first of potentially more Right-of-Way use permit requests for the stand-alone antenna towers for cell repeaters. He has been working with Catherine Hartley and Bill Lisch to ensure a proper response.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Mayor Poston made mention of a heartwarming story featured in the Bradenton Herald about a cancer survivor and her friends who were traveling Route 66 to fulfill an item on their bucket list. Before they left, he had given them a proclamation and small keys to the City which they had worn as they traveled.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:18 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.