

**MINUTES**  
**BRADENTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**9 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2016**  
**City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Main Street**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Wayne Poston at 9:03 a.m.

Mayor Poston asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on any non-agenda items.

Palmetto resident Belinda Strickland came forward to question the City's four-day work week. She talked about her history and where she lived after moving away from Manatee County and said she compares places she lived to Bradenton. She said she moved back here a year and a half ago, and wanted to know when Manatee County High School was hosting its homecoming. She said she couldn't reach the high school on Friday and couldn't reach anyone at City Hall, either. She said she talked with Vice Mayor Gene Gallo on Monday and he explained the City's four-day work week. She wants to know why the City is continuing with the four-day work week when other surrounding municipalities work five days.

Councilman Gene Brown said Manatee High's homecoming is Sept. 30.

Councilman Patrick Roff thanked her for coming forward. He said her initial request was with the school system. He said the City's four-day work week was a decision reached during tough times and employees like it, they are very productive and he noted that most departments work a five-day schedule. He said City Hall was open Friday, but it's doubtful anyone would have known Manatee High's homecoming date. He said the four-day work week is working well for employees and citizens who are able to take advantage of City Hall's extended hours in places like Utility Billing. He said he also compares other cities when he travels and he doesn't consider Bradenton's four-day work week "broken." He said City Hall's employees are not well paid, but they are loyal, hard-working and this is a perk for them.

**BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Poston turned over the meeting to City Administrator Carl Callahan, who introduced the three resolutions that had been continued from a meeting on July 20. The resolutions designate three, Central Community Redevelopment Agency-owned sites as Brownfields. But he said this designation does not mean the sites are contaminated, but instead, it is a tool to aid in the redevelopment of the sites to use the benefits of the Brownfield designation.

Mayor Poston opened the public hearing on the resolutions but no one asked to speak.

**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.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 16-35 was made by Councilman Harold Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff and passed 4-0 (Councilman Bemis Smith was not in attendance).**

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.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 16-36 was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff and passed 4-0.**

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.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 16-37 was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff and passed 4-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further topics under Business/Advertising, Administrator Callahan moved on to New Business. The first topic, the Interlocal Agreement between the County and City regarding

Pirate City, is something that was raised recently by a citizen wondering why the County was giving the City nearly \$30,000 in taxes.

Administrator Callahan said this money is what City taxpayers pay to the County for Pirate City, which is in the City and owned and operated by the City. For the past 10 years the City has sent a letter to the County requesting these funds and the County has sent the City the money. The County attorney recently decided this should continue in a more formal matter as an Interlocal Agreement.

Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Financial Support of Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training Facility Project.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Interlocal Agreement was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Brown and passed 4-0.**

Councilman Roff said he watched the County Commission meeting and said he expects one of the County Commissioners is questioning this and will probably bring it up in the future.

Council moved on to the next item, which was the setting of the tentative, maximum millage rate. Administrator Callahan said the City has gone through an extensive process with the budget just to get to this point which is the required setting of the tentative millage rate, where it's still possible to lower it but near impossible to raise it. He said staff recommends leaving it at its current level of 5.8976.

Administrator Callahan said the increase in ad valorem taxes is \$1.4 million based on an 8.6% increase in values, but 3.5% of that is new construction. Overall, taxable values are up year-to-year about 5%. Also, the CRA gets about \$100,000 of it. Comparing the overall, taxable values of about \$3.087 billion to 4 billion in 2008, the City is still 25% lower from 2008's high-water mark, which he said is "way lower." He said virtually all of the increase is going to fund public safety issues.

Budget expenditures will include administrative changes in the police department, new radios (about \$600,000), 3% raises for general employees and yet-to-be determined raises for unionized employees, but he said he believes the budget will work at the 5.8976 millage rate. He told Council he's not seeking a budget approval today, because it will come up in workshops in August and again in the formal meetings in September.

He said on the Public Works side, the big projects are paving, water line placement and cooperative funding for the aquifer storage recovery and reservoir expansion. He said Public Works officials have done a great job keeping him and Council updated on these projects so nothing has come as a surprise.

**MOTION TO APPROVE setting the tentative, maximum millage rate at 5.8976 for 2016-17 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Brown and passed 4-0.**

Administrative Callahan said he'd like to set the first budget meeting, ideally during the first week of September. He suggested Sept. 7.

**MOTION TO APPROVE setting the first public hearing for the 2016-17 millage rate and budget for 5:01 p.m. Sept. 7 was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff and passed 4-0.**

Administrator Callahan said if staff or Council had questions, his office was open or it could come up at workshops.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Roff said the park in Ballard Park is moving forward and he is impressed with its new design. He said he has the plans available if anyone wants them. He said it's going to be a "beautiful asset to the area."

Administrator Callahan said these will be expenditures that will be taken into consideration in the budget when the City has a better idea of the costs, whether it is Ballard Park, Mineral Springs, Glazier Gates or the Riverwalk extension. He said that could change is the half-cent sales tax is passed in November because that could help expedite the process.

Vice Mayor Gallo asked about the community garden, which Councilman Roff said is still part of the Ballard Park project. Both agreed it will be a big asset for the neighborhood.

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.