

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 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, October 26, 2016.

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

The pre-meeting invocation was led by **Rev. Robert Dvorak of Trailer Estates Evangelical Covenant Church.**
(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

PROCLAMATIONS: Farm-City Week: Nov. 9019, 2016

The proclamation was accepted by **Ralph Garrison, member of the Board of Directors, Manatee County Farm Bureau**, and longtime advocate for the conservation and preservation of the area's strong agricultural industry and history, who was joined by **Samantha Kennedy, Manatee County Extension Office Director**. They invited and encouraged everyone to attend the scheduled week-long social and educational activities in observation of the 59th Anniversary of Farm-City Week. Each Councilmember was given a commemorative coffee cup.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Carl Callahan administered the oath to anyone wishing to speak on any non-agenda items or during the public hearings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mike Meehan, 1507 80th St. N.W., expressed his appreciation for the work that the Public Works Department had done immediately on the Causeway following the concerns he had expressed at the last City Council meeting. He said some additional work to the landscaped areas remained to be done and, as a coach, he had prepared a written proposal to utilize members of the Palmetto High School boys' soccer team to complete the work in return for a donation from the City. Mayor Poston said the proposal would be reviewed and a decision made. Carl Callahan expanded that he and Jim McLellan had done a comprehensive review of all of the areas of responsibility on the Causeway to devise a maintenance strategy.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: Sept. 14 City Council meeting
- B. Minutes: Sept. 28 City Council meeting
- C. Minutes: Oct. 6 City Council special meeting
- D. Authorize award of the FY2016 Water Main Improvements Year 3 Bid Additive Alternate contract to DeJonge Excavating Contractors, Inc.
- E. Quit-claim deed for a portion of 48th Street Court East
- F. Lincoln Village – Local match for tax credit application
- G. Resolution 16-54: Approve CDBG funding for the Local Government Contribution for The Addison project
- H. Maintenance agreement – TAW Power Systems Inc. for engine and generator systems
- I. Sales & Lease Agreement for copier replacements
- J. Federal Forfeiture Funds Request – Honoring the Badge

Councilman Roff requested that Item D be pulled from the agenda for further discussion.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-C and E-J, excepting Item D, was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and passed 5-0.

Councilman Roff requested that DeJonge Excavating Contractors be informed that they were working for the citizens of the City and should conduct themselves with consideration and respect to the home and business owners. Mr. McLellan stated he would relay the message.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM D was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

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

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

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 6:29 a.m. to conduct a meeting of the City of Bradenton Community Redevelopment Agency.

It was reopened at 6:31 a.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, Ward I – Nothing to report.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Mr. Brown said that he had attended a Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on Monday at Port Manatee which had been extremely interesting. He deferred to Councilman Roff who serves as the MPO Chairman.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Mr. Roff reported that the MPO meeting at the port had been very well attended. He said that Port Manatee conducts big industrial operations, was the closest port to the Panama Canal, and has the greatest opportunity for growth in the state of Florida. He felt that, like Bealls and Tropicana, there were economic development opportunities for future Port tenants to have a headquarters location in Bradenton. He also praised an inaugural freight summit which had followed directly after the MPO meeting.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Nothing to report.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Nothing to report.

Catherine Hartley: Nothing to report.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Chief Bevan: Nothing to report.

Jim McLellan: Mr. McLellan said that the generator at City Centre had been repaired so normal operations would be resumed and the loaner generator returned. He said that **Ross Peterson**, from the Manatee County Extension Program and with over 25 years of experience, had assumed the position of **Landscape & Grounds Superintendent**. Going forward, Mr. Peterson's experience with Florida friendly landscaping would be very valuable. Lastly, Mr. McLellan reported that the pre-construction meeting of the Village of the Arts lighting installation project had been held last week and work would begin next Monday.

Bill Lisch: Mr. Lisch stated that in response to medical marijuana Amendment 2 being on the ballot, similar to other communities, he had prepared a draft of an ordinance to enact a 180-day moratorium. This ordinance would need to have a first reading and Public Hearing on November 16th, and a 2nd reading and Public Hearing in December, so timing was of the essence.

MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD TO ADVERTISE THE FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2016 OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A 180-DAY MEDICAL MARIJUANA MORITORIUM was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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