

**CITY OF BRADENTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 25, 2012**  
**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, January 25, 2012.

**Present:** Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Vice Mayor and Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith, and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

**City Officials:** Mayor Wayne Poston, Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer / Chief of Staff; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief.; and Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director.

Ecumenical invocation was led by Fidel Diaz of First Hispanic Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

PROCLAMATIONS: None scheduled.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

**Carl Callahan**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes from January 11, 2012 Council Meeting
- B. Resolution 12-01: SHIP Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehab Contract & Agreement
- C. Public Event Request by Foundation for Dreams, Inc. to hold the "St. Patrick's Day 5K" on March 17, 2012
- D. Tree & Land Preservation Board FY 2011-12 Projected Expenditures

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-D was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.**

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

**NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY COUNCIL**

**Claude Tankersley**

City Street Paving Program – PowerPoint Presentation

The almost 158 miles of streets owned and operated by the City of Bradenton were walked and assessed using the Paser Process, a well-established scientific process, which ranks pavement on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being in failure and in need of replacement, and 10 being excellent or new. Only the structure of the street is gauged, not the aesthetic quality. 60% of the roads fall into the good category, 30% in the very good/excellent category, 10% need spots of repaving, and less than 1% is in the poor category and need to be completely replaced in areas. There is a 1:10 ratio in costs for maintenance versus repaving, so maintenance is vitally important to save money.

Discussion: CDBG funds and Gas Tax revenues have been used for road improvements—some for repaving, some for repair and maintenance—to avoid raising taxes. Re-institution of a sales tax would be helpful but must be passed at the County level.

Replacing the 16 miles of roads which need to be repaved would cost approximately \$2.5 million; the rest of the roads could be maintained at a cost of \$ ½ million. The primary goal remains of continuing to stretch dollars as far as possible and keeping the roads maintained.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

**Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I:** Nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II:** Reminded all that the Manatee High School state championship Hurricanes football team would be honored at a ceremony to be held at Hawkins Stadium on Monday evening, Jan. 30th. She invited everyone to come out to salute the team.

The MHS baseball boosters will hold their 13<sup>th</sup> annual *Hurricane Baseball Stakeout* and reunion game on Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at McKechnie Field.

On Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen's Episcopal School will hold its annual *Falcon Run* throughout the historic river district.

**Vice Mayor and Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III:** Announced that he had been contacted by constituents living near the Ballard Park shuffleboard court who had been experiencing some hoodlum disturbances which had required police intervention. Both the Bradenton Police Department and Code Enforcement would continue to monitor the situation.

**Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV:** As it is the annual duty to elect a Vice Mayor at this time, Councilman Smith nominated Councilman Gene Gallo for Vice Mayor for 2012.

**MOTION to approve Councilman Gallo as Vice Mayor was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and approved 5:0.**

**Councilman Harold Byrd, Ward V:** Thanked everyone for their expressions of kindness and support in the recent death of his sister, Clovia Byrd-Russell.

**Mayor Wayne Poston:** Stated that also on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, the Manatee High School state championship football team and Coach Kinnan would be honored at a pep rally which would be covered by national press and include a presentation of a proclamation from the City of Bradenton.

The mayor also said that he had witnessed an electric car being plugged into the new charging station in front of City Hall.

The mayor said he, Councilman Gallo, and most of the department heads had recently attended the Village Green Association's annual meeting and had gathered a lot of useful information.

The mayor had attended the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at which a presentation had been given on the growth of sports in Manatee County. A special committee has been created to promote all of the local sporting venues and to discuss branding.

## DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Carl Callahan:** Requested Council's approval to close 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue West from 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 30 & 31 for the purpose of doing construction on McKechnie Stadium. Carl said he will be in Pittsburgh to meet with the Pirates Association on Jan. 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> to finalize details about the renovation plans for McKechnie.

**MOTION to approve the request to close 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue West from 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.**

Mr. Callahan requested Council's approval to use abandoned property funds to purchase a computer server for the police department, instead of leasing the server as formerly approved by Council, as the lease fees and expenses were prohibitive.

**MOTION to approve the use of abandoned property funds to purchase a computer server instead of leasing it was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor and Councilman Gallo, and approved 5:0.**

**Chief Edwards:** Nothing to report.

**Chief Radzilowski:** Nothing to report.

**Claude Tankersley:** Stated that the sealed bids for the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Project would be opened on Tuesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Tim Polk:** Nothing to report.

**Bill Lisch:** Stated that he believed that Manatee County was poised to become one of the premier sports destinations in the country, if not the world.

**Mayor Poston** said that Prince Tennis Racquet Company was looking at IMG Academy as a potential site to build a facility. IMG has also bought an additional 110 acres to accommodate its sports program. The mayor concurred that this will be a premier sporting location.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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.