

CITY OF BRADENTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 30, 2011
8:30 A.M.
MINUTES

The City of Bradenton City Council met for a special session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 8:30 a.m. on November 30, 2011.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston, 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 E. Byrd, Jr.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mayor Poston.

Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer / Chief of Staff

Manatee River Hotel (aka “Pink Hotel) Agreement – Mr. Callahan distributed copies of the proposed agreement with developers Widewaters Bradenton, LLC and the Downtown Development Authority acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency, to refurbish the historic 1926 hotel. Specifics and details about payment schedules, city approvals and permits, bonds, property taxes, and designated parking areas were reviewed. City Attorney, Bill Lisch, said that he has reviewed the agreement and is satisfied with the details.

Brian Long, Widewaters, expressed thanks to Council for their consideration and stated that there will be a full-time hotel manager on site at all times to assist patrons with any issues, direct them to parking areas, and ensure they have a good stay.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WIDEWATERS, THE DDA, AND THE CITY OF BRADENTON AND WAIVE THE RIGHT TO VETO was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and passed 5:0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PARKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WIDEWATERS AND THE CITY OF BRADENTON was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and passed 5:0.

Turkey Crawl – Event Followup

Overall, the event had gone very well with no major issues. In general, the trash problems that had been experienced were due to individuals that had stayed after the event was officially over and had brought in outside alcohol. Going forward, it may take some additional enforcement of area parking lots, etc. to ensure that no outside alcohol is brought in.

Get Down Downtown Request to Change December Get Down to Friday, Dec. 16, 2011 – To hold a holiday event which will feature The Billy Rice Band, a request has been received from the Old Main Street Merchants’ Association to change the Thursday, December 15th Get Down to Friday, December 16th and to extend the event by one hour to 11:00 p.m.

Deputy Chief Lewis brought up the fact that First Baptist Church will be holding a large Christmas concert on Friday night, too.

Discussion: Sufficient parking area for both events and possible band noise overlap. Public Works may be able to assist the church with parking signage to redirect Get Down patrons and bands performing at the Get Down will keep sound to a minimum.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF THE DECEMBER GET DOWN DOWNTOWN FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH TO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 3:2 with Councilwoman Barnebey and Councilman Byrd in opposition.

St. Stephens Episcopal School – Industrial Development Bond

Initially, it did not seem that it would be possible to allow for another industrial development bond. However, as it is a refinancing, it can go before two different Bond Councils for their opinions to determine that it would not impact our tax exempt limit. All fees for the City Attorney and Bond Councils will be absorbed by St. Stephens. A public hearing will be held at the Dec. 14th City Council meeting.

Public Events

The Seafood Fest and Downtown Bradenton Craft Festival details are being worked out and more information will be forthcoming to the approval process. Mr. Callahan stated that the handling of public events is becoming extremely time consuming and very complicated. As more and more events are anticipated, the process and handling of events may need to be reexamined. Using the event staff in place with the Downtown Development Authority may be further explored and discussed with David Gustafson, DDA Director.

On Dec. 7th, a workshop will be held with representatives of the Seafood Fest & the Downtown Bradenton Craft Festival to work out details with the area businesses, Police Department, and Bradenton Municipal Auditorium to be able to be brought before Council for approval on Dec. 14th. Council's attendance at the workshop will be voluntary.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

Councilwoman Barnebey announced that the resolution dealing with candy-flavored tobacco has been drafted and will come before Council on Dec. 14th.

Councilman Roff reported that great progress is being seen to prepare the work site of the Ware's Creek Flood Control Project.

OTHER:

Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director, had met with FDOT to discuss the Manatee Avenue Project and was assured that the completion date would be 12/15/11.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 10:21 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.