

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2014
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, April 9, 2014.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilman Ward II Gene Brown; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith; and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

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

The pre-meeting invocation was given by Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr.
(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief, was out with an excused absence.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Water Conservation Month – April, 2014

The proclamation was accepted by **Tara Poulton, Southwest Florida Water Management District**, who expressed appreciation for the excellent working relationship that SWFWMD has with the City of Bradenton, and specifically Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director. She reminded and encouraged all to continue to conserve water, our most important resource.

PRESENTATIONS - None.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Manatee County Commissioner John Chappie stepped forward to invite everyone to attend the grand opening of the new Neal Preserve at 4:00 this afternoon.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Request from FPL for intermittent lane/road closures from April 14-29 along 9th Street East to replace 10 wooden transmission poles with metal poles.
- B. Public Event: Easter Egg Hunt at Harvest Chapel, 1300 17th Ave. W. Request for closure of 16th Avenue W. between 13th-14th Streets on the day of the event from 9-2 p.m., Saturday, April 19.
- C. Resolution 14-14: CDBG 2013-2014 program year substantial amendment.
- D. Award of Construction Contract for water main improvements.
- E. Resolution 14-15: Appointing Patricia Johnson to the CCRA Board.
- F. Resolution 14-16: Amendment to Central CRA budget.
- G. Budget Adjustment – IT Department
- H. Telephone System Replacement Contract.

Item A was removed from the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting at FPL's request.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items B-H was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT – None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Said that he would not be present at the next City Council meeting as he would be representing the city at the Annual Statewide Firefighters' Bass Tournament.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II: Thanked Deputy Chief Warren Merriman and the police department for the assistance they had lent in ensuring safety in a new traffic flow configuration at Prine Elementary School. A citizen had expressed concern about how the rules were being neglected leaving the children at risk.

Councilman Brown then also thanked Claude Tankersley and the Public Works Department for working with residents in maintaining the City parks.

Lastly, he thanked Tim Polk for his willingness to take another look at the permit fee schedule at an upcoming Council Workshop.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Last week he had attended the Florida League of Cities' Board of Directors meeting in Tallahassee held in tandem with *Legislative Action Day* where he had had the opportunity to meet with state representatives to discuss local concerns. The working climate between the state and municipalities had been much warmer.

Councilman Roff reminded and invited everyone to meet at the intersection of Manatee Avenue and Virginia Drive to participate in this Saturday's Ware's Creek Cleanup.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Said that he planned to participate in a march to protest violence planned for April 19th which had been presented at the last Council meeting by Hank Mallol & Sharon Carlson of Peace Walkers of Manatee County.

Councilman Byrd stated that he has been working with residents in his Ward to get improvements in street lighting. Public Works has assisted where possible, and Florida Power and Light would be contacted for further assistance in the areas it regulates.

Lastly, Mr. Byrd said that on Tuesday, he and a police representative would be in attendance at a meeting of the NAACP to discuss ShotSpotter technology. He expressed his desire that a City Council Workshop could be scheduled to hear further information about the tool which would assist in gunshot direction detection. The Bradenton Housing Authority is looking at the potential to obtain grants to aid in affordability.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Mayor Poston reminded everyone on Saturday evening the *Legacy of Valor USO Show* would be held at McKechnie Field in honor of veterans.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Nothing to report.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Deputy Chief Merriman: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Said that following an accident on US 301 yesterday, Manatee County had coordinated well with the City to help aid in traffic management and signal timing to move traffic as well as possible during the occurrence.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 8:46 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.