

**CITY OF BRADENTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 23, 2014**  
**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, April 23, 2014.

**Present:** Mayor Wayne Poston; 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; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; and Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director.

The pre-meeting invocation was given by Pastor Joey Mimbs, Bethel Baptist 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.

Councilman Ward 1 Gene Gallo, was out with an excused absence.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**National Arbor Day – April 25, 2014**

The proclamation was accepted by **Misty Servia**, on behalf of the City of Bradenton Tree and Land Preservation Board. Councilman Roff added that ten Royal Palms were to be planted on Virginia Drive tomorrow in honor of National Arbor Day.

**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:**

**Two new Boy Scouts, Josh Shepherd and Sam Howes**, were introduced and commended for currently working on their Merit badges and doing community service to help the citizens. They had been in the Cub Scouts for five years previously, and their Cub Master had died yesterday. Vice Mayor/Councilman Smith and Public Works Director, Claude Tankersley, both Eagle Scouts, urged the boys to continue on in their development and growth in the Boy Scouts of America and one day possibly enter public service.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Resolution 14-13: Form-based Code mapping correction.
- B. Resolution 14-17: Appointing Michelle Atkinson to the Tree & Land Preservation Board.
- C. Resolution 14-18: Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for the SHIP program.
- D. Request from FPL for intermittent lane/road closures from May 1-16 along 9<sup>th</sup> Street East to replace 10 wooden transmission poles with metal poles.
- E. Landscape plan: Landscape plan and bids for installation of 10 Royal palms along 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bridge and Virginia Drive.
- F. Public Event: Princesses & Pirates 5K Run on June 13.
- G. Minutes: March 26 City Council meeting.
- H. Minutes: April 9 City Council meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-H was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 4:0.** *(Councilman Gallo was excused.)*

## **BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **SU.14.00114 WARD 5 NEIGHBORHOOD 7.05 PUBLIC HEARING**

Request of Stephen Switlyk, owner, for Special Use to establish an Automotive Sales/Showroom at 2840, 2842, and 2844 Manatee Avenue East (zoned SCC/PDP)

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward.

**Nicholas Metz, General Manager**, expressed his excitement and desire to do business here in Bradenton.

Those in opposition were asked to come forward; none came.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Tim Polk gave the Staff and Planning Commission recommendation for approval with stipulations:

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVAL** of SU.14.00114 with the following stipulations:

1. Hours of operation as stated by the applicant: 8AM to 7PM, sales by appointment only.
2. On-site automotive repair is prohibited.
3. Total number of vehicles stored inside building not to exceed twenty (20).
4. Outdoor storage or sale of vehicles is prohibited.
5. Compliance with NFPA standards for vehicle storage is required.
6. Compliance with Fire and Building department requirement for use separation is required.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (April 16, 2014):**

**APPROVAL** of SU.14.00114 with the following stipulations:

1. Hours of operation as stated by the applicant: 8AM to 7PM, sales by appointment only.
2. On-site automotive repair is prohibited.
3. Total number of vehicles stored inside building not to exceed twenty (20).
4. Outdoor storage or sale of vehicles is prohibited.
5. Compliance with NFPA standards for vehicle storage is required.
6. Compliance with Fire and Building department requirement for use separation is required.

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Lisch if a timeline could be placed on this request or if it would extend to perpetuity.

Mr. Lisch stated that Special Permit Use can expire if not used for a period of one year. He said that language to allow revocation of a Special Use Permit which is not being used as originally permitted will be coming before Council this summer.

**MOTION TO APPROVE SU.14.00114 WARD 5 NEIGHBORHOOD 7.05 with six stipulations was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 4:0. (Councilman Gallo was excused.)**

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

**BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT** - None scheduled.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

**Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II:** Nothing to report.

**Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III:** Announced that the final Public Workshop for Ballard Park improvements had been held yesterday and the consensus of the community had been to create green space. That request would be coming before City Council. Mr. Roff thanked Mr. Polk for his assistance in organizing the workshops. Secondly, Councilman Roff said that ten Royal palms would be planted on Arbor Day along 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bridge and Virginia Drive to replace the trees that had been removed for the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge replacement project. The replacement trees would restore the area to how it had been since the 1920's.

**Vice Mayor/Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV:** Reminded everyone to attend this weekend's 75<sup>th</sup> annual Hernando de Soto Historical Society Grand Parade on Saturday night.

**Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V:** Councilman Byrd stated that he had been happy and proud to participate in a Peace Walkers march last Saturday which had been organized by Hank Mallol of Peace Walkers of Manatee County, who had just appeared before Council at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. This march had been the first of several to be held in Manatee County to stand against violence in our communities and had included legislators, police, and victims of crime and their families. **Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II**, who had also been at the march along with **Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III**, added that the community support had been wonderful. He felt that all of the various tactics being employed to fight crime, including the potential use of ShotSpotter, would be successful.

**Mayor Wayne Poston:** Mayor Poston said Saturday night's Grand Parade would be huge. It will be composed of 140 units and the event will start with skydivers flying in at 26<sup>th</sup> and Manatee. The Dignitary Reception would be held at the South Florida Museum on Thursday evening and the DeSoto Ball would be on Friday at the Bradenton Area Convention Center. Lastly, the mayor reminded everyone that tonight American Idol would be on; he urged everyone to get their wolf pack out to vote for Bradenton's own Sam Woolf.

## DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Carl Callahan:** Said that 6-month budget reviews have been scheduled for next week and that any necessary budget adjustments would come before Council. Mr. Callahan also said that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Review (CAFR) had been completed at the end of March. He said that as he reviewed this year's and previous year's versions, he had been impressed that they were truly works of art. Each year's edition has featured invaluable historical photos of the area. This year's CAFR features a beautiful piece of history - the Manatee River Hotel. The CAFRs have been a collaborative effort by Sharon Beauchamp, Sheila Lindergren, and Jeana Winterbottom, to whom he gave special thanks. The Mayor added that Manatee County's CAFR featured pictures from the Bradenton Riverwalk and its historical postcard pictures.

Lastly, Mr. Callahan said that Bradenton had received another AA bond rating from Standard & Poor's.

**Chief Edwards:** Nothing to report.

**Chief Radzilowski:** Said that the Police Department will be fully mobilized for the parade as will all of the other local law enforcement agencies to ensure safety for the participants and attendees.

**Claude Tankersley:** Nothing to report.

**Tim Polk:** Nothing to report.

**Mayor Poston:** Stated that Sam Woolf was a student of the Del Couch Music Education Program. Mr. Couch had received a Master's Degree from Berkeley and has been a credit to the community. His music program has put Bradenton on the map, and the headquarters had just moved into the City.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:24 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.