

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2015
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 8, 2015.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Ward I Councilman Gene Gallo, Vice Mayor/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; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Claude Tankersley, Public Works & Utilities Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Child Abuse Prevention Month: April 2015

The proclamation was accepted on behalf of the many agencies that assist to prevent child abuse: Manatee County Sheriff's Office & Child Protective Services, the Department of Health, Healthy Start, Family Partnership Center, Manatee Children's Services, Healthy Families, Parents as Teachers, and more throughout the county. Last year, almost 5,000 Hotline calls were investigated; 2,000 investigations were handled by the Crimes Against Children Unit; and the Domestic Violence Unit handled 1,000 cases. The groups represented were given a standing ovation by the Mayor and Council as well as the other audience members. "Pinwheels for Prevention," each representing an abused child, were planted in the yard of City Hall.

National Public Health Week: April 6-12, 2015

The proclamation was accepted by Dr. George Banks, who invited representatives of the many fields of study within the Manatee County Department of Health to provide more information about the specific services they provide.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mike Fetchko, ISM-USA, provided an overview of the success of the 2015 Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta, citing reported economic figures and community feedback. He thanked the many community partners who had helped make the event so successful and had raised monies for charities. He requested approval from Council to begin preparations for the 2016 regatta.

Discussion: Success of a signature event, accuracy of economic numbers, overuse of City staff's time, mission of the DDA, expansion of event to Palmetto, transportation across the Green Bridge, experience and knowledge gained from inaugural event; and benefits to the City and its residents.

Representing the Hernando DeSoto Historical Society, which had provided food and beverage service for the regatta, John Horne and Terry Wilson expressed their pride in the community and the event and hoped it would be permitted to return. They volunteered to continue and expand their services for the 2016 event.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 6, 2016 FOR THE 2016 BRADENTON AREA RIVERWALK REGATTA UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 2015 REGATTA was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and approved 5:0.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes: Feb. 25 City Council meeting.
- b) Minutes: April 1 City Council special meeting.
- c) Request from Police Department to donate a used vehicle to Manatee Technical College's Police Academy.
- d) Forfeiture Fund request – vehicles.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-D was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and approved 4:0. *(Councilman Gallo was out of the room.)*

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RV.15.0727 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD 20.03 PUBLIC HEARING

Request of Stephen Thompson, PA, agent for Rinehart Homes, LLC, owner, to vacate/abandon platted lots within the Cottages at San Casciano residential subdivision at 119 and 123 San Lorenzo Court (zoned PDP).

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

Stephen Thompson, PA, agent for Rinehart Homes, LLC, owner, further described the request to vacate two lots to provide the legally required access footage to go forward with the second phase of development.

Those in opposition were invited to come forward.

Marc Pease, 218 San Casciano Lane, expressed his concern about emergency vehicle access, the elimination of Tract F, water shedding in construction area, and unsafe conditions for vehicular traffic.

Councilman Smith proposed inclusion of a stipulation to require placement of a gate to permit emergency vehicles. He stated implementation of traffic calming devices would be considered if deemed necessary.

Tim Polk, Planning and Community Development Director, gave the Staff and Planning Commission recommendation for approval with stipulations:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL of RV.15.0727 in accordance with LUR Section 2.2.11.6 - Reversion of Subdivision.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (March 18, 2015):

APPROVAL of RV.15.0727 in accordance with LUR Section 2.2.11.6 - Reversion of Subdivision with the following stipulation:

1. Existing 18" pipe and grate shall be removed as part of an approved Easement Vacation request.
2. Upon issuance of Certificates of Occupancy for the remaining developable lots within the Cottages at San Casciano subdivision, Lots 16 and 17 shall be sodded and maintained by the developer (Rinehart Homes LLC) until such time as Lots 16 and 17 are developed into a functional roadway.
3. Proposed roadway extension shall not be used for construction access. Rinehart Homes LLC, or any subsequent developer, shall develop alternate construction ingress/egress to access adjacent properties.

MOTION TO APPROVE RV.15.0727 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD 20.03 with Planning Commission stipulations and including an additional stipulation to provide a gate for emergency access was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

EV.15.0728 EASEMENT VACATION PUBLIC HEARING

Request of Stephen Thompson, PA, agent for Rinehart Homes LLC, owner, to vacate existing private drainage easements within the Cottages at San Casciano residential subdivision at 119 and 123 San Lorenzo Court (zoned PDP).

Tim Polk, Planning and Community Development Director, gave the Staff and Planning Commission recommendation for approval with stipulations:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL of EV.15.0728 with the following stipulation(s):

1. Existing 18" pipe and grate shall be removed as part of an approved Easement Vacation request.

MOTION TO APPROVE EV.15.0728 with one stipulation was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I – Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Requested Mr. Tankersley to report on the work proposed for the Green Bridge.

Mr. Tankersley said that FDOT had planned to begin work on the Green Bridge in 2017-2018 to construct a multi-use trail. To correspond with that construction, a right turn lane would also be added onto 9th Street at Manatee Avenue. This would be accomplished by reducing the size of the current lanes. At the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 9th Street, the existing median and gutter curb will be eliminated to permit smoother transition.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III - Mr. Roff asked Mr. Tankersley if the light poles would need to be moved or removed on the Green Bridge to construct the trail. Mr. Tankersley said that he had not yet seen the latest design, but that all funds to complete the project had been included in the FDOT budget.

Councilman Roff reported that he and his wife had walked to Riverwalk twice over the weekend. Each time it had been packed and was being thoroughly enjoyed.

Lastly, he thanked Claude Tankersley and Tim Polk and the Planning staff for all the work down on the Village of the Arts ***Tapestry Project*** which was guiding the Village forward.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Councilman Smith extended his condolences to the **Pat Neal family** in the loss of Pat's wife's father, **Joe Lovingood**, who had been an inspirational long-time political activist in the area. Councilman Smith announced that the Bradenton Marauders' season would begin on April 21st, and he urged all to come out to see the games.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd said that on Friday he would be completing the last of the required courses to receive CRA certification.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no Department Head reports.

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