

**CITY OF BRADENTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 16, 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, December 16, 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 Pastor India Dennis of Palma Sola Presbyterian Church.  
*(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.

In the spirit of Christmas, Councilman Smith made a motion to honor retiring long-term Councilman Gene Gallo by nominating him as Vice Mayor for 2016. Councilman Roff questioned if this was proper as the City Charter stated that the Vice Mayor would be nominated at the first regular meeting in January. Attorney Lisch stated it was not in violation of the charter, but that the action would need to be ratified at the January meeting. Councilman Roff requested that a review and update of the charter be done as had been discussed for approximately 10 years.

**MOTION TO ELECT COUNCILMAN GENE GALLO AS VICE MAYOR FOR 2016 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by current Vice Mayor Brown, and approved 5:0.**

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Manatee County Commissioner John Chappie took the oath and expressed his admiration of the City's impressive progress. He wished everyone happy holidays. The Mayor and Council reciprocated the holiday sentiment and conveyed their appreciation for the excellent working relationship between the City and County.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes: Nov. 18 City Council meeting.
- B. Minutes: Oct. 28 City Council meeting.
- C. Budget Adjustments – Public Works & Utilities.
- D. Budget Adjustments – Planning & Community Development.
- E. Resolution 15-42: Adopting the City's Community Development October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report.
- F. Resolution 15-43: Approving the State Housing Initiative Partnership/Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Project Funding.
- G. Resolution 15-44: Reappointing Kerry Ward and Jayne Kocher to the Downtown Development Authority.
- H. Resolution 15-45: A resolution urging members of the Florida Legislature to support the following issues during the 2016 Legislative Session.
- I. Settlement agreement: City and Reflections of Manatee.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda items A-I was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and approved 5:0.**

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

### **ORDINANCE 2972                      FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND ADOPTING APPENDIX A OF THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS REGARDING BOARDING UP OF BUILDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2972 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 13, 2016 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.**

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

**BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT** - None scheduled.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I** – Councilman Gallo thanked his colleagues for selecting him as Vice Mayor. He extended congratulations to **Bradenton Herald Reporter, Mark Young**, on his wedding last week. He offered best wishes to all for a happy holiday season and expressed his deepest sympathies to the family of **Colonel Gregg Dodson** who had passed away unexpectedly.

**Vice Mayor Gene Brown, Ward II** – Vice Mayor Brown reiterated Councilman Gallo in his congratulations to Mark Young, wishes for happy holidays, and empathy to the Dodson family.

**Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III** – Councilman Roff announced that PAC, the new Ware's Creek project contractor, and Gator Dredging had been doing a fine job in cleaning up the residue that had been left behind by the previous contractors that had been hired by the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Roff congratulated the Public Works & Utilities Department for getting the City through the biggest flood control project in history in Manatee County. He was also pleased to say that the Planning Department was continuing with plans for a new City park in the Ballard Park Neighborhood.

**Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV** – Councilman Smith also offered his congratulations to Mark Young. He then noted two items on today's consent agenda, the first being the reappointments of **Kerry Ward and Jayne Kocher** to the Downtown Development Authority Board. With the City Council assuming control of the DDA in January, he wished to see the board remain a strong, independent body to promote the downtown. He said that the fact that these two individuals had again committed to serve, was boding well that it would.

The second item was that the City had finally reached a settlement agreement with Reflections of Manatee which would result in a larger park development in the truly historical Indian Mineral Springs Park. He hoped this development would help to offset the move of Glazier Gates Park. The mayor interjected that this had been a very long, complex issue which had taken all hands on deck to reach an agreement on this property which would become the northern terminus of the Riverwalk Park extension. Discussion about the preservation and maintenance of the cane field.

**Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V** – Councilman Byrd extended congratulations to Mark Young on his wedding and to Chief Radzilowski and Tim Polk on their upcoming retirements. Referring to the change in control of the CRA's, he took the opportunity to thank the members of the boards for their past participation and service and encouraged them to continue to be the force as the transition ensued. He wished all happy holidays and an exciting, productive new year.

**Mayor Wayne Poston** – Mayor Poston commended Mark Young for marrying up. He then asked Claude Tankersley for information about the work being done near the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Tankersley said that some underground pipes were being replaced and updated. Work would be ongoing, including adding a new press to compress solids. The Mayor wished all happy holidays.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Carl Callahan:** Mr. Callahan requested Council to meet after the meeting to review the IAFF contract. He extended condolences to the family of his childhood friend, **Scott Van Ostenbridge**, who had passed away a few days ago.

He informed everyone of the following as well:

- The City's annual audits were almost completed
- The steps necessary to complete the transition of the CRA's/DDA were being made and reminder informational documents would be forthcoming for Council's review:
  - The Accord Agreement with Manatee County
  - Downtown by Design
  - CRA Responsibilities

Mr. Callahan commented that it was amazing how many goals outlined in the Downtown by Design study had already been reached and how many others were included in current plans.

Mayor Poston recommended to Commissioner Chappie that the Accord may be a good agenda item for a future Council of Governments meeting.

Councilman Roff interjected that the studies that had been done in the past were invaluable and served as the roadmaps for where we wanted to head.

**Chief Edwards:** Chief Edwards wished everyone happy and safe holidays and reminded all that the *Children's Haven Christmas Party* would be held tomorrow. He said that in the 40 years it had been held, it had grown from 30 children to 350 children. He recognized Capt. Dana Tindall for her extraordinary efforts in getting each child the gift they most hoped for.

**Chief Radzilowski:** Chief Radzilowski said that the *Honoring the Badge* event had taken place last night, and officers had taken 80 children shopping at Toys R Us. The police department also had adopted two families to support over the holidays. Chief Radzilowski had promoted a contest involving school students at Manatee High School to create a winning design which would be painted on three School Resource Officers' vehicles. The winners were two young ladies, a sophomore and a senior, who won \$100.

**Claude Tankersley:** Mr. Tankersley thanked Council for approving the budget adjustments on today's Consent Agenda which would help in purchasing needed new Solid Waste trucks. Mayor Poston gave kudos to the Solid Waste employees who had worked the Blues Fest and Sounds of the Season and done fantastic jobs.

**Tim Polk:** Mr. Polk extended his wishes to all and their families for happy holidays. He said that he had been working with citizens from Point Pleasant regarding their concerns. He felt it would be best to hold a town hall meeting. Mr. Polk said the development of a neighborhood conservation district with established setbacks and maintenance of established aesthetic architectural features would be helpful to guide future Point Pleasant growth. The town hall meeting was scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the north lobby of the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium with the first reading to come before Council on January 27<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Polk's next to last day before retirement.

**Bill Lisch:** Mr. Lisch issued a reminder to notice that more than one elected official could be present at the town hall meeting. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:31 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.