

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 25, 2015
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, February 25, 2015.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; 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 Clerk & Treasurer/Chief of Staff; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

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. He welcomed Mayor for a Day, Ashlyn McClellan, Sea Breeze Elementary School, 4th Grade.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor for a Day McClellan.

Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo was out with an excused absence.

PROCLAMATIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Boys & Girls Clubs: Youth of the Year

Along with Manatee County representatives **Dawn Stanhope, President; Valerie Bliss, Vice President; Beth Work, Vice President of Operations, and Marti King, Chairman of the Corporate Board, Catriese Estes, Director of Program Services**, told the Mayor and Council of the nature of the award which had been a tradition established in 1947, and which bestowed the **highest honor of the Boys & Girls Club** to the student who had exemplified the uppermost standards in leadership, service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyle. The winner would make public appearances and act as the Club's role model on radio and television.

Ms. Estes then introduced the 3 finalists: **Maliyah Powell, Youth of the Year of the Palmetto Boys & Girls Club, Geovanni Suplee; Youth of the Year of the Southeast High Boys & Girls Club; & Makayla Murrell, Youth of the Year of the Desoto Boys & Girls Club.**

Vice Mayor Gene Brown, 1984 "Boy of the Year" winner, went to the podium to commend the Boys & Girls Club for the investment it makes in young people to prepare them for the future. He then announced that the **2015 Youth of the Year** was **Geovanni Suplee**.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Rick Willats, partner in O'Bricks Irish Pub and president of the Old Main Street Merchants Association, came forward to thank everyone for putting on the **Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta** which had been a spectacular weekend for businesses on Old Main and had created many repeat customers. He said it had possibly been the best event the City of Bradenton had ever hosted. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the transformations made to the City which had turned it into "the place to be."

Joe McClash provided an update on last week's Southwest Florida Water Management District's hearing on Harbor Sound. He said the judge stated that SWFWMD does not have to take into consideration the rules of municipalities or the Army Corp of Engineers. He then displayed and entered into record examples of some of the abuse to the wetlands which had gotten through the cracks. The final judgment on the Harbor Sound development will take approximately 2-3 more

months. The Army Corps' decision may come next week. Lastly, he added that he, too, had nothing but applause for the regatta.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Resolution 15-05: SHIP Housing Rehabilitation loan.
- b) Approval of 5th Trustee to Bradenton Firefighters' Retirement System Board.
- c) Forfeiture Fund request from police department.
- d) Public Event: YMCA Healthy Kids Day on April 18 at Riverwalk.
- e) Public Event: Embracing Our Differences art display from March 29-May 31 at Riverwalk.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-E was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Vice Mayor/Councilman Brown, and approved 4:0. (*Councilman Gallo was excused.*)

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

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY COUNCIL

CC.15.0469 Special Approval Request

Request of Miles Millwee, agent, for Nicholas & Hale, LLC, owners, for Special City Council approval to allow the installation of barbed wire at 2505 Manatee Ave. E. (Zoned UCC).

Tim Polk, Planning and Community Development Director gave the Staff recommendation for approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL of CC.15.0469 in conformance with Section 5 of the Bradenton Land Use Regulations.

MOTION TO APPROVE CC.15.0469 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 4:0. (*Councilman Gallo was excused.*)

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Nothing to report.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – As a representative of the Manasota League of Cities, had just returned from the “Fast Fly-In”, a trip to Washington, D.C. with the Florida League of Cities to lobby for the following municipal goals: A permanent fix for transportation reauthorization, maintenance of tax free municipal bonds, and averting the currently vague “Waters of the US” rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Legislators had been very receptive and like-minded. Councilman Roff added that the expenses for his trip had been completely covered by the League of Cities.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Reminded everyone that this weekend there would be a huge skateboard competition at Riverwalk Park. It was one of three National X-games held in the U.S.: Houston, Los Angeles, and Bradenton. Had also been contacted by someone from Baltimore who wanted to emulate our park and the way the sport has been promoted here as Bradenton was on the cutting edge. Mayor Poston added that this weekend's event would be covered by ESPN. Lastly, Councilman Smith congratulated Mayor for A Day, McClellan, and thanked her for being here.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – As February had been Black History Month, Councilman Byrd had participated in several events reflecting on national and local black persons of renown. He expressed his condolences to BFD Chaplain Paul Ewers in the loss of his wife.

Mayor Wayne Poston – The mayor also offered his sympathies to local architect, Rick Fawley, in the loss of his wife and for his injury which had occurred shortly after her funeral. Last night, the mayor and local dignitaries had attended a grand opening at McKechnie Field to showcase the new clubhouse and companion amenities which are state-of-the-art. Last week, he had viewed the spectacular new work out room and strength and agility center which had been created at Pirate City. The relationship between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the City remains very strong.

Mayor Poston then congratulated and thanked Mayor for a Day Ashlyn McClellan and presented her with a Certificate of Achievement and the key to the city.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Requested approval to add an Administrative Technology position in the police department to help in the huge technological need. Chief Radzilowski had reduced a position in the Records department to help maintain the budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE the addition of an administrative technology position in the police department and the necessary \$35,000 budget adjustment was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:0. (*Councilman Gallo was excused.*)

Chief Edwards: Expressed his sincere condolences to the Paul Ewers family.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director: As a follow-up to the request of Palma Sola residents for installation of benches, Mr. Tankersley said that it was in progress and would be completed by next week.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:38 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.