

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

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Vice Mayor 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 given by Rev. Robert Dvorak, Trailer Estates Evangelical Covenant 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.

PROCLAMATIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Arlene Flisik, 4106 24th Avenue West, came forward to address concerns about a story reported in the Bradenton Herald stating that Pine Island was again in jeopardy of being sold to developers by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). She spoke of the ecological importance of its preservation. It had been understood to have been preserved in a previous agreement between the County, City, and SWFWMD. She requested that Council make a resolution stating its opposition to the sale of the property.

Carl Callahan gave a history of the property and said that the article had been somewhat misleading. A meeting had been scheduled with SWFWMD to state the City's opposition to any sale as it was not in the best interests of the estuary.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) SF.15.0443: Final Subdivision Plat Approval/LagoInvest at Village Green.
- b) Execution of agreement with SWFWMD for Watershed Management Plan.
- c) Minutes: March 11 City Council meeting.
- d) Lease extension for the Michelangelo/DaVinci exhibit in the City Auditorium.
- e) Budget Adjustment – Public Works & Utilities capital projects.
- f) Resolution 15-07: Reappointing John Hawkins to the Merit Board.
- g) Forfeiture Fund Request for donation to drug addiction counseling program.
- h) Forfeiture Fund Request for equipment.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-H was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and approved 5:0.

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

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

2014-15 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PLAN AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Justice allocated \$27,484 of federal funds for law enforcement purposes. The Bradenton Police Department is asking the City to accept the 2014-DJ-BX-0317 Justice Assistance amendment to the Proposed Use of Funds.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward. None came. Those in opposition were asked to come forward. None came. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2014-15 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PLAN AMENDMENT was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I – Nothing to report.

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

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Stated he had participated with a contingency from the Florida League of Cities who had met with legislators in Tallahassee. He said we have been well represented by our local legislators Buchanan, Boyd, and Steube.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Nothing to report.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Stated that Council would be provided with RFP reports on the Manatee Inns property, and requested that they contact him if they had any questions.

Chief Edwards: Said he was pleased to report that the City of Bradenton Fire Department was reaccredited, and was one of only about 200 departments in the nation which had obtained such a high standing.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director: Nothing to report.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:41 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.