

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 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, May 13, 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: Sharon Beauchamp, Assistant City Clerk & Treasurer; 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 Imam Yusuf Memon of the Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton.
(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. The Mayor acknowledged Commissioner Carol Whitmore among the audience and thanked her for her support.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator, was out with an excused absence.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Markie Weinstein Day: May 13, 2015

To recognize her years of excellent service in the Public Works Department, **Markie Weinstein** was honored with a proclamation and standing ovation as she would retire at the end of May. Many kind words and comments of appreciation were expressed, and many current and former co-workers and managers came to participate in her special day.

Police Week: May 10-16, 2015 and Peace Officers Memorial Day: May 15, 2015

A proclamation in honor of this national time of observation was read to honor those who serve to protect others and who lost their lives in the line of duty by doing so. It was accepted by **Sgt. Sean O’Leary, Lt. Valorie Shoates, Det. Dennis French, Det. Nasario Camacho, Ofc. Chris Deshaies, Ofc. Ron Peterson, and Ofc. Brooke Pellegrine.**

Code Enforcement Officers’ Appreciation Week: June 1-5, 2015

Tim Polk, Planning & Community Development Director, thanked **Code Compliance Manager, Volker Reiss, Officers Mark Runnals, Jose Lebron, Michael Maginness, and Jermaine Agurs, and Kimberli Murphy, Code Enforcement Coordinator,** for their diligence and professionalism in maintaining a quality standard of life in Bradenton.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month: May 2015

Marquel and Willie Simmons, teen health educators of **Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County, the Manatee County School Board, and Manatee Glens,** described the program facets which had helped make an impressive reduction in teen births. Manatee County had gone from 11th highest in the state to 32nd; however, much work remained to reduce the over \$11.1 million dollar annual cost to taxpayers. Everyone was invited to the Healthy Teens Pregnancy Coalition Awards Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, May 19th, at the Renaissance on 9th.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Vernon DeSear, representing the Bradenton Downtown Development Authority Board, referenced the proposal to alter the CCRA/DDA structure and formally requested a joint meeting with Council and the respective boards prior to the May 27th City Council meeting.

Susie Copeland, CCRA district resident, took the oath and reiterated Mr. DeSear's request for a special meeting of the DDA and CRA boards and to be included.

Following discussion, the date of the Joint Workshop was set for **Wednesday, May 20th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hampton Inn & Suites conference room at 309 Tenth Street West** to permit a more casual meeting setting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Contract Renewal - Department of Corrections Work Squad.
- B. Budget Adjustment for Public Works & Utilities Department.
- C. Minutes: April 22 City Council meeting.
- D. Public Event: Quickest Quacky 5K on May 16.
- E. Public Event: Manatee Glens' Walk for Life on Sept. 26.
- F. Public Event: 2nd Annual Ghost 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 1.
- G. Public Event: GulfCoast Rhythm & Ribs Music Fest from Oct. 9-11 at McKechnie Field.
- H. Public Event: St. Joseph's 5K and Eagle Fun Run on Nov. 14.
- I. Extension of Agreement for Debris Management Services.
- J. Agreement with Golf Now for services at golf course.
- K. State Highway Lighting Maintenance and Phase II Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreements.
- L. Resolution 15-14: Reappointing David Kocher to Architectural Review Board.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda items A-L was made by Councilman Harold Byrd, seconded by Councilman Gene Gallo, and approved 5-0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

PR.15.0671 WARD 1 NEIGHBORHOOD 4.08 PUBLIC HEARING

Request of David Scherer-TDS Construction, owner, for Preliminary Planned Development Project approval to establish Office/Workshop uses at 4310 63rd Street West (zoned SCC).

Tim Polk, Planning and Community Development Director, stated that the applicant had requested a continuation until the June 10th City Council meeting.

Councilman Gallo presented 22 letters on this matter from concerned citizens for the public record.

MOTION TO CONTINUE PR.15.0671 WARD 1 NEIGHBORHOOD 4.08 to June 10, 2015 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Vice Mayor Gene Brown, 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 – Extended his best wishes to Manatee County Commissioner Larry Bustle for a speedy recovery.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Vice Mayor Brown concurred with the well-wishes for Commissioner Bustle.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III - Mr. Roff said he had been contacted by a concerned citizen about excessive trash being left at the skate park. Mr. Roff had made contact with a respected member of the skating community and steps had been taken to alleviate the problem.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Councilman Smith agreed that the skate park is the most heavily used area of the park and is used primarily by youths. He stated that often trash is not left by the skaters, but by the onlookers. He also sent get well wishes to Commissioner Bustle.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd said that he had completed all requirements of training and was now a certified Redevelopment Professional. He wished Commissioner Bustle a quick recuperation.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Mayor Poston said that he had met yesterday with a representative from Cuba who had been in town to discuss the potential for ship travels to Cuba from various areas in Florida. He stated the opportunities were tremendous. He extended his best to Commissioner Bustle.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sharon Beauchamp: Reminded department heads that Capital & Personnel budget requests needed to be submitted by the end of next week and Operations numbers were due by June 4. Council would need to set the tentative millage rate by August 4th so adequate time had to be allowed for review.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Invited everyone to attend the Law Enforcement Memorial Service which would be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Court House tomorrow.

Claude Tankersley: Clarified that the skate bowl would be undergoing improvements to repair the landscaped areas that had been worn due to popularity. The terrace would be extended all the way around to allow more viewing areas. As an added bonus, terracing would further maintain the structural integrity of the bowl. Mr. Tankersley wished to stress that the skate bowl had been thoroughly inspected and was not damaged other than experiencing normal concrete cracking. Councilmen Roff and Smith both expressed their approval of the plans for improvements and the need for additional seating.

Tim Polk: Speaking as the Executive Director of the CRA, Mr. Polk thanked Council for keeping an open mind on the restructuring of the DDA/CRA's. He stated that redevelopment takes time and much progress has been made which has helped reduce slum and blight.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:41 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.