

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 22, 2014
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, October 22, 2014.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilman Ward II Gene Brown; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Vice Mayor/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; David Ezell, Assistant Fire Chief; Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was given by Rev. Adam Zele of First United Methodist Church of 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

American Pharmacists Month – October, 2014

The proclamation was accepted by a large group of pharmaceutical students from **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)**.

Farm City Week – November 13-21, 2014

Ralph Garrison, local renowned agricultural professional, and **Samantha Kennedy**, President, Manatee County Extension Program, accepted the proclamation and gave an overview of the history and opportunities in the agricultural field.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Glen Gibellina, 7110 28th Street East, distributed informational handouts about the many free medical services provided by **Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps** and expressed the desire to bring this service to Manatee County and Bradenton.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Road closure: Request to close the intersection of 10th St. W. at 4th Ave W. from Nov. 17-29 for construction work.
- B. Public Event: Annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at Riverwalk amphitheater.
- C. Public Event: Bottle Boat Regatta on April 11 at Palma Sola Causeway.
- D. Resolution 14-42: Reappointing Xena Vallone to the Code Enforcement Board.
- E. Resolution 14-43: Reappointing Darrell Turner and Darin Autrey to Architectural Review Board.
- F. Forfeiture Fund requests from Bradenton Police Department.
- G. Required donation to Drug/Education Programs from Bradenton Police Department.
- H. Amendment #2 to FDEP State Revolving Fund Loan WW410330.
- I. Minutes: City Council special meeting of Oct. 15.
- J. Final subdivision plat approval – Tidewater Preserve No. 7.

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-J was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

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

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

ORDINANCE #2966 FIRST READING & PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON FORM-BASED CODE INCLUDING MODIFICATIONS TO SIGNAGE STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO THE VILLAGE OF THE ARTS OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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.

Tim Polk, Planning & Community Development Director, explained that this ordinance would permit the Village of the Arts proprietors to continue to use wind signs for advertising purposes for their businesses until new uniform signage would be obtained.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2966 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2014 was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I – Offered his condolences to the Dutch Powers family and said that Dutch, who had been very active in community politics, would be missed.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Said that the Public Works Department was actively engaged in many water line and street replacement projects throughout the City. The work was scheduled to be completed by year's end.

Mr. Brown stated that last weekend's celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Manatee High School football had been a wonderful event and had featured 200 returning alumni from the 1940's through today. He said that, although Coach Kinnan hadn't been able to be present, a future event would be held in his honor.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Presented statistics which sited the reduction in unemployment and positive economic growth and in our area. He was also pleased that there had been a luncheon celebration for the opening of the Bradenton Innovation Center Incubator Facility which had been established in the former Housing building.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Offered his sympathy to the Sokos family in the loss of Jimmy Sokos.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Expressed his condolences to both the Powers and Sokos families.

Councilman Byrd said that he had attended the luncheon for the Innovation Center and had been very impressed with the technology facility.

Lastly, Mr. Byrd said he had just completed two core classes which were offered by the Redevelopment Academy which he had found very interesting and informative. He encouraged others to take advantage of the training opportunities.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan:

Resolution 14-44

Mr. Callahan requested approval of Resolution 14-44 which would permit the Public Works Director to use his discretion to close roads temporarily if deemed necessary for infrastructure needs if work needed to be done prior to a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-44 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 4:0 with Councilman Gallo in opposition.

Verizon Water Tank Lease – Second Amendment

Mr. Callahan requested permission to authorize the mayor to execute a 2nd amendment to the Verizon water tank lease agreement which would allow Verizon to place underground emergency backup utilities on the site. All other terms of the lease agreement would not be affected.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR POSTON TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE VERIZON WATER TANK LEASE was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

Assistant Chief Ezell: Assistant Chief Ezell said that as October was **Public Safety Education Month**, fire department personnel had gone into numerous schools and community meetings throughout the City to educate children and adults about fire prevention and safety and had reached several thousand.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director: Mr. Tankersley said that the reconfiguration to the entryway of Thornton's would be completed this week. No reduction in number of patrons had been noted and traffic flow had been improved.

Mr. Tankersley commended Public Works employee, **Curtis Oliver**, who had rescued a drowning child at Norma Lloyd Park.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Mentioned that the graduates of LECOM, who had been represented here today, were generally staying in the vicinity to live and work. He said the school had been a very good addition to the area.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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.