

**CITY OF BRADENTON**  
**PUBLIC HEARING #2 ON THE BUDGET**  
**September 21, 2016**  
**5:01 P.M**  
**MINUTES**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, for the first of two public hearings on the proposed 2016-2017 City of Bradenton budget.

**Present:** Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward 1 Gene Gallo; Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward II Gene Brown; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

**City Officials:** Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Catherine Hartley, Department of Planning & Community Development Manager; and William Lisch, City Attorney.

*Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith was out with an excused absence.*

The Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. Callahan indicated that the proposed millage rate of 5.8976 was 4.75% over the rollback rate of 5.6302. He stated that the tax increase would be utilized to fund necessary capital projects: new positions in the police department, 25 police radios needed to be compliance, and a new pumper in the Fire Department. There were no utility rate increases proposed at this time. Grants and low interest loans would also help sustain capital projects. He said that the General Fund was \$48,708.614, slightly up from the previous year due to the fact that it included partial funding for the new downtown parking garage.

No one else came forward in favor or opposition. The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Callahan recommended the adoption of Resolution 16-45 and reiterated that this would set the millage rate at 5.8976, which was a 4.75% increase above the rollback rate of 5.6302.

**RESOLUTION 16-45 FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.

Councilman Roff stated this was a historical budget as this was the first time it included financing for the Bradenton City Council Community Redevelopment Authority and which, for the first time in history, provided funding for an Economic Development Department.

**MOTION TO RESOLUTION 16-45 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 4:0.** *(Councilman Smith was excused.)*

Mr. Callahan recommended approval of Resolution 16-45 which would adopt the 2016-2017 tentative budget of \$115,073,358.

**RESOLUTION 16-46**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-46 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 4:0.** *(Councilman Smith was excused.)*

Carl Callahan thanked the Department Heads, Assistant City Clerk Sharon Beauchamp, and the Accounting Department for all their hard work in going through the budget and putting it together in such a timely manner.

Vice Mayor Gallo thanked Carl Callahan and his staff for their tremendous expenditure of time in the creation of this budget. He was pleased to note that once again, there was no opposition or with complaints about the budget or the direction in which the City was going.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 5:11 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.*