

**CITY OF BRADENTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 9, 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, September 9, 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:** Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Michael Radzilowski, Police Dept.; 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 Pastor Rick Speece, Calvary Baptist 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:**

**Attendance Awareness Month – September, 2015**

The proclamation was accepted by **Philip Brown, President of the United Way of Manatee County**, who emphasized the importance of regular attendance at school to permit learning of reading skills. He stated that Manatee County had become a member community in the **Campaign for Grade Level Reading**. Manatee County is one of only 200 participants in the country and only 16 in the state. He stressed the huge importance of the ability to read as a necessity in creating vibrant communities. Since inception of the program, the statistics had improved to 51% of third grade students being able to read at a third grade level, reflecting that much work still needs to be done by parents, schools, and all members of the community. He thanked Council for the recognition.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics – Recognition of Supporters**

**Police Chief Michael Radzilowski, Lt. Brian Thiers, and Mayor Poston** extended appreciation to the supporters of the run: **Kaitlyn Deshaies, IMG Academy; Lori Ruane, IMG Academy, and Charles Mallette, Gatorade.**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**Joe McClash and Larry Grossman**, individually voiced their opinions that the proper protocol and city land use regulations had not been followed to approve the **Harbor Sound** development on **Perico Island**.

**Jackie Atwood, Mary Beth Koser, Karen Willey, Nancy Reeves, and Kimberly Young Shepherd** voiced their objections to the proposed **Villages at Riverwalk** development which would involve the relocating of **Glazier Gates Park**. They expressed concerns about traffic congestion, tree and history loss, retention pond maintenance, and elimination of the community park atmosphere.

**Shary Metrocavage** spoke in favor of the development as she felt it was a better project than what had been proposed originally and would create jobs, increase tax revenues, and help eliminate problems of loitering and vagrancy.

The City Attorney reminded everyone that tonight's reading of the Villages at Riverwalk development was a first reading only and, with Council's approval, it would be set for a second reading and public hearing on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Authorization to award contract for part of Surface Water ASR-2 Project.
- b) Authorization to reject all bids received and rebid construction component of Sidewalks to Schools LAP Project.
- c) Minutes: Aug. 12 City Council meeting
- d) Resolution 15-26: Recognizing the service of Mr. Manny Pumariega, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- e) Resolution 15-32 Appointing Christopher Gilbert to the Tree Board.
- f) Resolution 15-33: Adopting the latest Manatee County Local Mitigation Strategy.
- g) Public Event: Tribute to Heroes Memorial Service on Sept. 11 at Riverwalk Memorial Site.
- h) Public Event: Courthouse Concerts on Mondays in October at Courthouse Square.
- i) Public Event: Pop-ups for a Purpose on Oct. 16 at South Florida Museum.
- j) Public Event: Music in the Park on Fridays in April 2016 at the Riverwalk.
- k) Public Event: Pickin' Picnic on May 28, 2016, at Riverwalk.
- l) Public Event: Addendum to the Farmers' Market permit for additional activities on 4th Avenue West.
- m) 2015 Justice Assistance Grant Award
- n) Budget Adjustments – Public Works & Utilities Department.
- o) Two Forfeiture Fund requests from Bradenton Police Department.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda items A-O was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.**

## **BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **CP.15.2887 WARD 4 NEIGHBORHOOD 7.03**

Request by ZNS Engineering, LC and Vogler Ashton, agents, for the City of Bradenton, owner, and Bradenton Land Group, LLC and O'Reo Farm Two, LLC, applicants, for a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for Glazier Gates Park located at 1015 Manatee Avenue East, from Recreation/Open Space to Urban Village.

### **ORDINANCE 2970 FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1015 MANATEE AVENUE EAST, BRADENTON (ALSO KNOWN AS GLAZIER GATES PARK) MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT/FUTURE LAND USE MAP (SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT CP.15.2887) CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RECREATION/OPEN SPACE TO URBAN VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2970 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING for September 23, 2015, was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.**

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

### **Downtown Development Authority budgets**

Request from Bradenton Downtown Development Authority to approve Fiscal Year 2015-16 budgets for the Bradenton CRA and the 14<sup>th</sup> Street CRA.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Downtown Development Authority's Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget for the Bradenton CRA was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Downtown Development Authority's Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget for the Bradenton 14<sup>th</sup> Street CRA was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.**

## **Central Community Redevelopment Agency budget**

Central Community Redevelopment Agency (CCRA) Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

Carl Callahan stated that, as it currently stood, the CCRA budget would result in a carryover of only \$870 into the next fiscal year. He did not have any concerns about the items in the budget, but felt that several items could be reviewed and clarified and put into contingency until further timelines on current projects such as the proposed grocery store were determined. Voting against approval would result in a new budget.

Councilman Gallo mentioned that this was a perfect example of what he hoped to avoid in the future with the recent change to have Council become overseer of the boards which would take effect in January. He felt it would be better to address budget issues in advance rather than veto after the fact.

**MOTION TO DENY the Central Community Redevelopment Agency's Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget, provide the Central CRA board with suggestions on how to amend it, and request that the board return the budget to Council for action on September 23, 2015, was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and approved 5:0.**

**BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT** - None scheduled.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I** – Councilman Gallo offered condolences to the family of **Tom Burton**, a former sheriff in the community.

Mr. Gallo said that that **Manatee High School** and **Palmetto High School** had displayed what high school football was all about last Friday evening and had played admirably.

**Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II** – Vice Mayor Brown added his sympathies to the Burton family as well as the family who had lost two sons last week in Palmetto in a senseless act of violence.

He also congratulated the football teams for a fine competition. Mr. Brown said that Manatee High School was thinking of creating a courtyard in the area which was closed on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street West. They wished to ensure that emergency vehicles could gain access. Discussion: There would not be any problem in access if it became a pedestrian walkway with a stabilized base.

**Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III** – Councilman Roff echoed the sense of tragedy in the loss of two responsible young men who had been murdered in a robbery.

Mr. Roff said a new contractor had been selected for the remainder of the Ware's Creek Shore Stabilization Project and progress looked to be going well and quickly.

Lastly, Councilman Roff mentioned that ***People*** magazine had listed **Sarasota/Bradenton** as one of the **top cities** for overall well-being.

**Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV** – Councilman Smith encouraged individuals and the community at large to take strong stands against violence to impress that it will not be tolerated.

**Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V** – Councilman Byrd reiterated all of the sentiments previously shared and said there needs to be a sense of outrage at such violent behavior. He offered prayers and sympathy to those who had suffered loss. He also noted the passing of **Rick Fawley**, a well-known and beloved architect and community supporter.

**Mayor Wayne Poston** – Mayor Poston said that Rick Fawley would be greatly missed as he had been involved in almost every way in City architecture and project developments.

The mayor thanked the Bradenton Police Department for the work done to apprehend the suspect in the double homicide.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Carl Callahan:** Mr. Callahan said that it had been an absolute joy to work with **Rick Fawley** who had given more than anyone knew to better this city.

**Chief Edwards:** Chief Edwards said that issues at Riversong were being addressed. He also invited everyone to attend the 9/11 Memorial Service which would be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday at Riverwalk.

**Chief Radzilowski:** Expressed his thanks to the Pittsburgh Pirates who had allowed him to throw out the ball at the Marauders game in acknowledgement of his upcoming retirement at the end of December.

**Claude Tankersley:** Nothing to report.

**Tim Polk:** Mr. Polk also said that **Rick Fawley's** passing would be deeply felt in the Planning & Community Development Department. He said Rick had been a great visual thinker and his opinion on projects had always been greatly appreciated and sought.

**Bill Lisch:** Mr. Lisch said **Rick Fawley** was a true artist who had brought great visions to the City.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:56 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.