

**CITY OF BRADENTON**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 11, 2016**  
**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 11, 2016.

**Present:** Mayor Wayne Poston; Vice Mayor/Ward I Councilman Gene Gallo, 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; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Catherine Hartley, Planning and Community Development Director; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by **Police Department Chaplain, Pastor Don Sturiano, Kingdom Life Christian Church.**

*(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, May 2016** – The proclamation was accepted by **Lauren Foxworthy**, sophomore at Palmetto High School, on behalf of the **Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County**. She thanked all for their support of efforts to help teens make wiser choices about physical, mental, and emotional health regarding sexual activity and unplanned pregnancy. Ms. Foxworthy invited all to attend the **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Award Reception and Teen Health Educator Graduation** to be held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at Renaissance on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Steve Pac Retirement** – In acknowledgement of 35 years of employment with the City of Bradenton, City Administrator, Carl Callahan, expressed his thanks to Steve Pac for his dedicated service and excellent morale. A reading was devoted to Steve upon the occasion of his retirement effective May 26, 2016. Mr. Pac thanked all for the good ride and thanked his wife for her ever-present support.

**David Jones, Florida Department of Transportation**, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed improvements to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West between 14<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Streets West to provide for increased connectivity and enhanced pedestrian safety. He stated a Public Hearing would be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> and further discussion would be had with area Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Councilman Roff said the concept of the proposed modifications had been utilized in other areas of the state and had been well-received, allowing this project to be fast-tracked.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Resolution 16-26: Reappointing Diane Barcus and Buster Griffith to the Planning Commission.
- B. Minutes: April 13 City Council meeting.
- C. Minutes: April 27 City Council meeting.
- D. Public Event: Manatee Glens Walk for Life on Saturday, Sept. 24 in downtown.
- E. Public Event: Manatee Pride Fest on March 18, 2017 at Riverwalk.
- F. Agreement with BioSafe Systems for water and wastewater treatment chemicals.
- G. Agreement with Safety Products Inc. for safety equipment for Public Works & Utilities Department.
- H. Agreement with Mosaic Global Sales for water/wastewater treatment chemicals.
- I. Agreement with Blue Septic Tank Services for water/wastewater pumping and hauling services.

Mr. Callahan asked that Items F-I be removed to allow him to provide additional information.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A-E was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 5-0.**

Mr. Callahan addressed Items F-I by clarifying that they were for chemicals and equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. To take advantage of bulk buying and cost savings, the City wished to piggy-back on the County's contracts for the chemicals they both use.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Items F-I was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.**

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

### **RESOLUTION 16-25 PUBLIC HEARING**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, FOR THE CITY TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN ITS 2016 WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE AND TO INDICATE ITS WILLINGNESS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE WASTEWATER FACILITIES UPGRADES, INCLUDING THE BIOSOLIDS DEWATERING SYSTEM UPGRADES THROUGH THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING PLEDGED REVENUES; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; PROVIDING ASSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward.

**Jim McLellan, Public Works and Utilities Director**, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Wastewater Facilities Plan. Various components of the current system had been installed between 1955-1983, and had served well and outlasted their anticipated serviceable lives. The last time the City had done a Wastewater Facilities Plan had been in 2005 and had been based on an anticipated large population growth within 10 years. However, due to the economic downturn, only minor projects had been completed since. The current state and age of some of the equipment had been making it necessary to obtain customized parts as stock parts were no longer available. In addition, the system was handling a much greater capacity than it had been designed for. Mr. McLellan specified the projects, new equipment, repairs, pipeline replacements, and lift station changes which would be included in this \$6.4 million plan which would, rolled in with a 20-year SRF, result in an annual debt service of approximately \$360,000.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-25 AND THE FUNDING SOURCE was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Vice Mayor Gallo, and approved 5:0.**

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

### **Carl Callahan, City Administrator:**

#### **Reservoir Property Agreement**

Mr. Callahan reported that following the failure of WCI to move forward on a purchase agreement, City Attorney, Bill Lisch, had negotiated a new purchase agreement with Taylor-Morrison for \$12 million. Mr. Callahan summarized specifics of the agreement: initial money to be put up; additional earnest money to be put up after inspection period of 120 days; closing in 15-18 months; two extension periods available which would cost Taylor-Morrison \$25,000, then \$100,000.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR-MORRISON AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR POSTON TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.**

## 2017 Regatta Agreement

Identical to the commitments made last year, Mr. Callahan asked for a motion to approve the 2017 Regatta Agreement. This agreement would be revised to state the Bradenton City Council and the City of Bradenton was acting as the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Councilman Roff expressed his wishes to institute a cap on the City's expenses and to let the organizer know the event would need to be self-supporting in the future.

Vice Mayor Gallo asked the Police Department and Public Works Department to reevaluate the number of staff actually needed at the event in order to keep costs down. The actual costs of this year's event would be assessed and a cap may be instituted for future events.

Councilman Smith clarified that the event would be alcohol-free on the Green Bridge and in Bradenton. The City of Palmetto would include alcohol.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2017 REGATTA AGREEMENT WITH LANGUAGE STATING THE BRADENTON CITY COUNCIL WAS ACTING AS THE CENTRAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY and AUTHORIZING MAYOR POSTON TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, was made by Vice Mayor Gallo, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 5:0.**

**BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT** - None scheduled.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

**Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, Ward I** – Vice Mayor Gallo offered his condolences to the **Barnebey** family in the loss of **Sarah Faith Barnebey**, a renowned lovely lady who had contributed greatly to the community. Mr. Gallo gave his thanks to switchboard operator, **Jessie Crespo**, and the **Public Works Department** for their quick response in repairing a pothole that had been brought to his attention by a Homeowners Association in his ward. Lastly, he thanked Mayor Poston and Chief Bevan for speaking at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manatee County 100 Club.

**Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II** – Councilman Brown stated he had attended a training session on the Zika virus that had been offered by the Manatee County Health Department. He urged everyone to be extremely vigilant in removing standing water to prevent mosquito hatching. Mr. Brown thanked the Police Department for the excellent job they had done keeping things safe during the Hernando De Soto Historical Society Grand Parade and to the Solid Waste Department for getting things cleaned up so well afterwards that you couldn't tell a huge parade had occurred.

**Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III** – Councilman Roff was glad to report that two derelict properties had been demolished in his ward and new development was forthcoming. Mr. Roff said he would not be present at the next City Council meeting as he would be participating with the League of Cities in the Fast Fly-In to Washington D.C. to bring topics of local interest to the state legislators. Councilman Roff expressed his satisfaction that the City Council had become the CRA board and was dealing with many opportunities for economic growth. Lastly, Mr. Roff said that he hoped to take advantage of a proposal made on Monday by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to offer services of a special program to help entrepreneurship in disadvantaged areas.

**Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV** – Councilman Smith expressed his sympathies to the **Barnebey** family. He then thanked **Jim McLellan** and the **Public Works Department** for finessing details of placement of a parking sign near Manatee Memorial Hospital. Mr. Smith also thanked Chief Bevan and the Public Works Department for the fine job done on the parade. In conclusion, Councilman Smith noted the upcoming retirement of **Brian Flynn, a Manatee County School employee of 40 years**, most recently **principal of Rowlett Elementary School**, and wished him well.

**Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V** – Councilman Byrd also offered his prayers and condolences to the **Barnebey** family.

**Mayor Wayne Poston** – Mayor Poston said he had attended an event for benefactors of the South Florida Museum which had presented environmental educational programs the museum had employed to reach out to school students. The museum had been on the cutting edge of educational training systems. The museum was currently within \$.5 million of its goal for expansion. The Mayor urged everyone to attend the millennial event on Monday sponsored by Realize Bradenton. Lastly, Mr. Poston was pleased to announce that **Wendy Mungillo**, principal of Ballard Elementary, had been named as the new Human Resources Director for Manatee County Schools.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Carl Callahan:** Mr. Callahan announced that it was budget time and department heads were reviewing their respective budgets. Referring to Steve Pac’s retirement, he stated that governments all over the country were experiencing retirements of senior employees. He said that presenting the opportunities for advancement that we have to offer would be an important element in reaching out to younger candidates.

**Catherine Hartley:** Ms. Hartley stated that she had initiated a new policy in the Planning Department eliminating the need for a permit to repair and maintain existing fencing.

**Chief Edwards:** Nothing to report.

**Chief Bevan:** Chief Bevan stated that, as established by President Kennedy in 1962, **May 15<sup>th</sup>** was designated as **Peace Officer Memorial Day** and the surrounding week was **Police Week**. Bradenton police officers would be wearing black bands over their badges during the week. In 2016, throughout the country 32 officers have died; 16 as a result of gunfire and 16 as a result of vehicle accidents. In Bradenton, **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, a memorial would be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Manatee County Courthouse to honor those who have fallen.

**Jim McLellan:** Mr. McLellan said the splashpad at Riverwalk Park was undergoing repair and was expected to be operational by Friday. A firm had also been contacted to repair the loose surface areas on the playground. Permits for the “Driver Feedback” radar signs associated with Manatee elementary schools had been received so signage would be placed prior to the end of the school year. Mr. McLellan encouraged everyone to let the public know they could report any Public Works issues through an app called ***Public Stuff***. He thanked all for their compliments to the Solid Waste crews who had worked the parade. He stated that, going forward, the plastic bags supplied by Keep Manatee Beautiful that the city crews distribute to the parade crowd would be discontinued as their value in collecting garbage was negligible.

**Bill Lisch:** Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:50 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.