

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 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, November 18, 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 Bill Bailey, Happy Gospel Center.

(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:

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, November 14-22, 2015

PRESENTATIONS:

Diana Rowell Retirement

Having officially retired last month, **Diana Rowell** was invited to attend today's meeting to be honored and thanked for her 38 years of dedicated service in the Information Technology Department.

Build Bradenton Area Plan, Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation

Sharon Hillstrom, President and CEO of the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the strategic, long-term plans and means to attract growth and development into the Bradenton area.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr. - Certification

A certificate of completion from the **Florida Redevelopment Academy** was presented to **Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr.**, who had successfully completed all required courses to become certified in **Community Redevelopment**.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Johnette Isham, Realize Bradenton Executive Director, announced that the Bradenton Blues Festival had been named as the #1 Blues Festival in the country. She also relayed news about the growth in the millennial population and a \$95,000 grant nearing reality to be used toward education in healthy nutrition.

Sara Hand, representing Spark Growth, came before Council to invite them to attend the **Spark Growth Sarasota-Bradenton 3.0 Leaders Conference 2016** events that have been planned in observance of **Global Entrepreneurs Week**. She requested sponsorship from the City in the amount of \$2,500.00 to go toward hosting the opening event on February 17th at the South Florida Museum which would feature leaders from around the world who would showcase the exciting things that have been happening in the technological world.

Discussion about DDA funding \$1,900.00 toward the event. This allocation would not be voted upon until January.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SPONSOR \$2,500.00 TOWARD SPARK GROWTH'S 3.0 LEADERS CONFERENCE 2016 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and approved 5:0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes: Sept. 23 City Council meeting (amended)
- B. Minutes: Oct. 14 City Council meeting.
- C. Minutes: Nov. 4 City Council special meeting.
- D. Public Event: Pirates Pep Rally on Feb. 26 on Old Main St.
- E. Public Event: Easter Sunrise Service on March 27 at Riverwalk amphitheater.
- F. Public Event: Bradenton Dragon Boat Fest on April 9 at Riverwalk.
- G. Public Event: Healthy Kids Day on April 9 at Riverwalk.
- H. Public Event: Bottle Boat Regatta on April 16 at Palma Sola Causeway.
- I. Public Event: Hernando DeSoto Grand Parade on April 30.
- J. Sidewalks to Schools contract.
- K. Reclaimed Water System Improvements contract.
- L. Budget Adjustments – Public Works & Utilities.
- M. Budget Adjustment – Solid Waste Division.
- N. Request for FPL easement west of railroad crossing at the Manatee River south about 120 feet to the northeast corner of Riversong.
- O. Request for FPL easement west of U.S. 301 at DeSoto Bridge.
- P. Right-of-way dedication for sidewalk in front of Bradenton Veterinary Hospital, 1324 17th Ave. W.
- Q. CDBG budget adjustment.
- R. ASR-2 Project contract between City and SWFWMD.

Carl Callahan noted that Item Q had been removed for further review and requested approval on Items A-R minus Q.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND COUNCIL – None scheduled.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I – Councilman Gallo stated he had recently participated in a Joint Planning Commission meeting to annex into the City 9 acres of land situated off Morgan Johnson Road. No concerns had been expressed by the County Planner or any committee members. Since then, Councilman Gallo had received a letter from the County citing several objections, all of which were moot. Mayor Poston said that this was the first time there had ever been an objection from the County. In the spirit of the Accord Agreement between City and County, he wished to make it a smooth transition and maintain continuity of government. Discussion about the protocol of the objection process ensued. Mr. Gallo requested the City Attorney's guidance as to how to proceed. Mr. Lisch recommended that, on behalf of Councilman Gallo, Tim Polk should draft a response to the letter outlining the concerns expressed by the County.

MOTION TO REQUEST PLANNING DIRECTOR TIM POLK TO DRAFT A LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY COUNCILMAN GALLO IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM MANATEE COUNTY was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II – Vice Mayor Brown brought forward a request from **Bradenton Christian School** for a street closure of 36th Avenue West between 43rd-45th Streets West for this Friday, November 20th from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. to begin groundbreaking on their new facility which Council had approved last month.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF 36TH AVENUE WEST BETWEEN 43RD-45TH STREETS WEST ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, FROM 8:30-10:00 A.M. was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and approved 5:0.

Vice Mayor Brown extended his best wishes for success to the **Manatee High School Hurricanes** who were in the 2nd round of the state playoffs. He also congratulated **St. Stephen's Episcopal School** for their recent fine performance in the state competition.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III – Councilman Roff announced that he had attended a 40th anniversary celebration and facility renaming for **Manasota SOLVE Maternity Homes**. He congratulated and thanked them for the noteworthy works they have done for 40 years in the community and for being good and responsible neighbors.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV – Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V – Councilman Byrd took the opportunity to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Wayne Poston – Mayor Poston echoed Mr. Byrd’s sentiment for a happy Thanksgiving to all.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Carl Callahan: Mr. Callahan requested Council to consider possible future dates to hold Council workshops and suggested Wednesday, December 2nd and/or 9th. René would follow up to determine availability.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Chief Radzilowski referred to the terrorists attacks in Paris and said increased security would be added to the Blues Festival on December 5th as it had been noted as the #1 Blues Festival in the country. The Chief wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and asked all to remember the first responders who would miss the holiday and their families as they strived to protect those of others.

Claude Tankersley: Mr. Tankersley said he wished to get on the record to state that in regard to the letter from Manatee County citing utility concerns about the Morgan Johnson annexation, storm water was governed by the state and there would be no additional burden from this annexation. He said that in 2009, in preparation for this annexation, the city had designated property for a lift station. Lastly, he said there was currently a 16” diameter water line in place, so water would also not be an issue. He volunteered to work with Tim Polk to draft the response letter.

Tim Polk: Mr. Polk said he would work with Claude and Chris Gratz to get the letter out today. He invited everyone to attend the Planning Department’s Thanksgiving potluck which was taking place today.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:57 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.