

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 2011
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 26, 2011.

Present: Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Vice Mayor and Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith; and Councilman Ward V Harold E. Byrd, Jr.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer / Chief of Staff; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; David Ezell, Assistant Fire Chief; J.J. Lewis, Deputy Police Chief.; and Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director.

Mayor Wayne Poston, Police Chief Michael Radzilowski, and Fire Chief Chuck Edwards were out with excused absences.

Ecumenical invocation was led by Father Mark Heuberger of Saints Peter & Paul the Apostles Catholic Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Roff.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Roff.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Farm-City Week – November 14-19

The proclamation was accepted by Ralph Garrison of the Manatee County Farm Bureau who distributed gift bags to Council members and Department Heads to thank them for acknowledging and supporting the agricultural industry in Manatee County.

PRESENTATIONS:

Downtown Development Authority / CRA Budgets

David Gustafson, DDA Director, requested formal of approval of the budget as it has been presented.

Councilman Byrd stated that he would like to further discuss the funding for Habitat for Humanity and will meet with Mr. Gustafson to do so.

MOTION TO ACCEPT the Downtown Development Authority / CRA Budgets as presented was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and approved 5:0.

David Gustafson stated that term sheets for the revitalization of the Manatee River Motel, aka the Pink Palace, had been drawn up. He welcomed and sought comments from Council.

The historical importance of the landmark, potential economic impact, tax abatements, and payment of permitting fees was discussed. All were in agreement that it is a good project and were supportive of the efforts that have been made by the DDA to bring the revitalization to reality.

A development agreement will be drawn up by City Attorney Bill Lisch which will need to be approved by the DDA board and then brought before Council for final approval.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Roff opened the floor to citizen comments on any non-agenda item. None came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES of October 12, 2011 City Council Meeting.
- B. Public Event: Paws in Motion – Saturday, March 24, 2012
- C. Public Event: Procession of the Virgin of Guadalupe – Sunday, December 11, 2011
- D. Application for Local Business Tax – Marshall Limo LLC
- E. MB.11.0056 Request for a one-year extension of time for 24th Street East Professional Park PDP, 2335 Manatee Ave. East
- F. Resolution 11-62 – Appointment of Brady Woods to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A-F WITH ITEM E WITHDRAWN due to a change in the state legislature was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

AMENDMENT TO JAG PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to accept public input as to the amended use of 2010 Justice Assistance Grant program funds and to accept the proposed amended plan for 2010 Justice Assistance Grant.

The public hearing was opened to anyone in favor. None came forward.

The public hearing was opened to those in opposition. None came forward.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO JAG PLAN was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and approved 5:0.

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

Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer/Chief of Staff

A. RESOLUTION 11-61

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GASB 54 STATEMENT; RESTATING THE 2011 AND 2012 BUDGET WITH CONCERN AS TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AND FINANCIAL PRESENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-61 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.

B. 2012 Council Meeting / Holiday Schedule

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING & CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

Tim Polk, Planning and Community Development Director

Request for approval from City Council to allow the Tree & Land Preservation Board to collaborate with Manatee County Urban Forestry Manager, Bill Bors, on the development of the Tree Canopy Program.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ALLOW THE TREE & LAND PRESERVATION BOARD TO COLLABORATE WITH MANATEE COUNTY URBAN FORESTRY MANAGER, BILL BORS, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREE CANOPY PROGRAM was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Reminded everyone that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and gave a shout-out to City Electric Shop Supervisor, Lynn Meir, who will be walking the Susan G. Komen “Race for the Cure.” Lynn had been helped by many city employees to reach her financial goal of \$2500.

Councilwoman Barnebey announced that Saturday, Oct. 29, would be “Dogtober Fest” on Old Main Street at the Farmers’ Market, to celebrate Halloween and all things dog. For more information, please contact Sheri at Lucky Dog’s, the headquarters of “Dogtoberfest.”

On Friday, Oct. 28, the Women’s Resource Center will be holding “Cirque Des Femmes”, at which Councilwoman Barnebey will be singing.

Encouraged all to attend Crimestoppers’ “Safe Kids Night”, an alternative Halloween event, to be held at the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 31.

Last but not least, Ms. Barnebey wished City Clerk, Carl Callahan, HAPPY BIRTHDAY on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Had attended the Congress of Regional Leaders Conference on Monday, Oct. 24, which provided an overview of the outlook for the Tampa Bay region, consisting of 8 area counties, including Manatee.

Two well-attended public hearings had been held to provide information and answer questions about how the Ware’s Creek Flood Project will be conducted. A ground-breaking ceremony will be held on Monday, November 14th, at 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Thanked everyone who had helped make Manatee Children’s Services’ “Country Night” a huge success.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Expressed thanks to the Bradenton Police Department for its assistance in solving a recent violent crime in the city. In response to that crime, Councilman Byrd also reported that a committee of local pastors was meeting tonight to discuss crime prevention.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan:

- A City Council Work Session will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 8:30 am. to discuss public events. The meeting will be open to public comments, and individuals from the downtown area will be invited to attend.
- Budget Adjustment for Bullet Proof Vest Grant

Mr. Callahan explained that the budget adjustment was just a line item move between funds as the grant had been received.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and approved 5:0.

- Acceptance of MUNIS contract – Discussions have been ongoing between MUNIS and our IT Department to tweak modules more specifically to meet the needs of each department and to add and/or remove necessary vs. unnecessary options to remain within our budget. The strategy of implementing the changeovers has also been carefully planned.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MUNIS CONTRACT was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.

Assistant Chief Ezell: D.C. Ezell stated that a very successful Fire Prevention School Outreach Week had been concluded with 25 different public education events having been held at area schools. The “Strike Out Fire” comic book contest, a collaboration among the Bradenton Fire Department, the Pirates, and the Marauders is ongoing and will wrap up in December.

The Bradenton Firefighters’ Association’s annual golf tournament will be held on November 5th. The proceeds will go toward various charities including sponsorship of the Children’s Haven Christmas Celebration to be held on Dec. 15.

The Fire Department is working with the Salvation Army on their holiday food drive. Donations of non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the Gallo Central Fire Station at 1010 9th Avenue West through December 5th.

Deputy Chief Lewis: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Thanked City Council for their support of the MUNIS software system which should be very helpful in Public Works applications.

Mr. Tankersley also requested action from Council to authorize termination of a contract with Southwest Florida Water Management District for the purpose of initiating a new contract for Phase II of the expansion of the city’s water supply.

MOTION TO APPROVE TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT was made by Councilwoman Barnebey, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and approved 5:0

Tim Polk: Also expressed thanks to Council for approving MUNIS software which seems like it will be a very helpful tool in the Planning and Community Development Department.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Roff adjourned the meeting at 7:02 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.