

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2012
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, October 10, 2012.

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

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk & Treasurer/Chief of Staff; Michael Radzilowski, Police Chief; Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director; William Lisch, City Attorney; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; and Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director.

Ecumenical invocation was led by Councilman Harold Byrd.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne Poston.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

PROCLAMATIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Neighborhood Watch Program Recognition

Chief Radzilowski and Deputy Chief Davis expressed their appreciation to Tami Spyker, volunteer Neighborhood Watch coordinator, for the hours and hours of work she puts in to organize Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the city. With citizens and police working together, much more is accomplished to prevent crime.

Nathan Benderson Park Update

Paul Blacketter provided information on a recent trip to Bulgaria to observe the World Rowing Championships in order to bring back vital pointers which may assist in further development in the Nathan Benderson rowing facility, being designed to one of the top 10 courses in the world. The Federation of International Rowing (FISA) has agreed to accept our bid to host the Championships in 2017, at the only FISA-qualified course in the country. Construction is 6-month's ahead of schedule and the first major event is anticipated to be held in March 2015.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. 2013 City Council meeting / holiday calendar
- B. Minutes: Sept. 12 City Council meeting
- C. Public Event: Harvest Chapel's Children's Fall Festival on Oct. 20 at 1300 17th Ave. W.
- D. Public Event: Easter Sunrise Service on March 31 at Riverwalk amphitheater
- E. Public Event: DeSoto Seafood Fest on April 5-7 downtown
- F. Public Event: Bottle Boat Regatta on April 13 at Palma Sola Causeway
- G. Public Event: DeSoto 5K Run on April 27
- H. Public Event: DeSoto Grand Parade on April 27
- I. Line item adjustment / Public Works & Utilities Department

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A–I was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None.

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

CRA Budget Presentations

Dave Gustafson, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director

Mr. Gustafson stated that the budget had been distributed to Council on September 25 and had been reviewed and discussed. He expressed his hopes that it would be approved.

Tim Polk, Director of Planning and Community Development and CCRA Interim Director

Mr. Polk gave an update on the maintenance of Norma Lloyd Park, which formerly was going to be maintained by Manatee County. It is the goal to be able to sustain the park with CCRA funds in the future.

Mr. Polk also announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new 13th Avenue Save-A-Lot store would be held on October 22nd.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CRA BUDGETS was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:1 with Councilman Smith in opposition.

Carl Callahan - Agreement in Principal

Mr. Callahan presented an overview of proposed loan details of an Agreement in Principal with the Kiwanis Foundation and the Manatee Players designed to aid the Players in completing the new theater. He asked Council for approval and stated that attorneys will draft the proper documentation to be brought back to Council at a later time.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 4:0, with Councilwoman Barnebey abstaining from voting due to a continuing conflict.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Said that he has been receiving emails about problems being experienced at Manatee High School following the recent vacation of 32nd Street. Mr. Gallo said that the traffic patterns and signage should be reviewed by the Traffic Safety Team.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gallo stated that he had met with FDOT, Keep Manatee Beautiful, and Public Works to discuss the problems of horse droppings being left on the Causeway and surrounding walkways. The Litter Ordinance will be invoked and signs will be posted to enforce owners to clean up after their horses. Continuing disregard for the rules could result in revocation of privileges. Further discussion with FDOT and decision on sign placement will be pursued.

MOTION TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.

While speaking of the Causeway, Mr. Gallo also stated that increased parking area needs to be created for use of the boat ramp. He felt this could be a joint venture with Manatee County as the City built the ramp, but the County maintains it.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Announced that the 13th Avenue Community Center would be holding its annual fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 12th. She also said that Manatee Diagnostics Center had been the recipient of a very prestigious award and she offered them her congratulations.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Said that the 9th Avenue Bridge replacement has been going well and spans are being readied to be put in place. While the bridge is under construction, however, the detour has resulted in increased speeds through residential areas and the police department has been requested to step up surveillance and enforcement.

Councilman Bemis Smith Ward IV: Reminded everyone that Manatee Children's Services would be holding its annual COUNTRY NIGHT on Saturday, Oct. 13th and urged everyone to come out to support this worthy cause.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Ward V: Was very pleased to announce that Neighborhood Watch groups are being formed in Wards 4 & 5 as more and more residents are getting on board.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Said that the opening day of the seasonal return of the Farmers' Market had been well attended. He also invited everyone to attend the Riverwalk Grand Opening Ceremony to be held from 4:30 – 7:30 on Thursday, Oct. 18th.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Mr. Callahan said that year-end audits are being finalized and that this week was the last chance to submit items into the 2011-2012 budget. He informed everyone that Council Workshops will be resumed in the near future.

Chief Edwards: Announced that October was Fire Prevention Month, and firefighters were going into schools to train students on prevention techniques. He said that BFD is also supporting breast cancer awareness and personnel are wearing pink in observation.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Nothing to report.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:52 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.