

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 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, January 11, 2012.

Present: Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; Vice Mayor and Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; and Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith.

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

Ecumenical invocation was led by Pastor Tom Winter of Elwood Park Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston who expressed condolences to the family of Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr., in the loss of his sister.

Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr. was excused from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS: None scheduled.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

Carl Callahan

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of Dec. 14, 2011
- B. Contract with Police Lieutenants
- C. Public Event: Couture in the Courtyard – blocking of parking spaces on 10th Street – March 11 & 12, 2012
- D. Public Event: Get Down Downtown Events for Jan. – June, 2012
- E. Public Event: St. Paddy’s Day on Old Main Street – March 17, 2012
- F. FDEP Consent Order #11-1768 regarding mangrove trimming

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-F was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and approved 4:0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SU.11.0092 – Public Hearing

Request of Joseph Vallor, owner, for special use approval for a smokeless sports bar/lounge to be located at 5254 State Road 64 East (zoned Suburban Commercial Corridor SCC).

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

The public hearing was opened to those opposed. None came forward. The public hearing was closed.

Tim Polk – Planning and Community Development Department

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL with the following 4 stipulation(s):

1. Submit revised floor plan to indicate live entertainment area.
2. Indicate anticipated occupancy levels.
3. Hours of operation from 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM seven days a week, per application.
4. Schedule a Security Survey provided by the Bradenton Police Department.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: (December 12, 2011) APPROVAL with the following stipulations:

1. Submit revised floor plan to indicate live entertainment area.
2. Occupancy levels to be determined by Bradenton Fire Marshal prior to occupancy.
3. Hours of operation will be, as stated in the application, 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM seven days a week.
4. Schedule a Security Survey provided by the Bradenton Police Department.

Councilman Gallo asked Police Chief Radzilowski for the definition of a “security survey.” The Chief explained that the police department has an officer trained to look over the design and surroundings of buildings, prior to occupancy and upon regular review, for any issues that may jeopardize safety or encourage criminal activities.

MOTION TO APPROVE SU.11.0092 with the recommendation made by the Planning and Community Development staff and Planning Commission with 4 stipulations was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and approved 4:0.

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

Claude Tankersley

Request to ratify the agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding a sewage spill which had occurred last year at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Tankersley gave an overview of how an industry standard design had been found to be at fault and had also caused spills at other facilities in the state. Due to the response on the part of the City to determine what had caused the spill and the innovative technique employed to correct the problem, FDEP had levied the minimum fine of \$500 to cover administrative costs only and placed no fault on the City.

MOTION TO RATIFY FDEP AGREEMENT #11-1763 was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 4:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Offered condolences to the Byrd family in the loss of Councilman Byrd’s sister, Clovia Byrd-Russell, who had fought a valiant fight against cancer.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Reminded all that the Manatee County Fair begins on Thursday, January 12 and runs through January 22.

She also announced that on January 19, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., the ArtCenter will hold an opening reception for the internationally known show “Blossoms II” which is being hosted by only one other city in the state. The exhibition will run through Feb. 19.

Councilwoman Barnebey also offered sympathy to the Byrd family.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Announced that the last bolts are being tightened on the specialized dredging equipment posted on site, and treatment is to begin this weekend or next week on the Ware’s Creek project.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Offered condolences to Councilman Byrd & family.

Councilman Smith said he had attended the Realize Bradenton luncheon on Monday, January 9, 2012, and had been excited to see and hear about the progress being made in the downtown area. He expressed appreciation to the commitment and recommitment of the Knight Foundation which plays an important part in making economic development possible.

Mayor Wayne Poston stated that the New Year's Eve celebration on Old Main Street had been a wonderful and packed-out event. He thanked Cork Miller for all the hard work he had done to make the event a huge hit.

The mayor also said that the Manatee High School state championship football team and Coach Kinnan will be featured on ESPN on January 30th to acknowledge the great success of the past season.

The mayor also thanked Manatee County Commissioner Chairman, John Chappie, for taking an active interest in city politics and participating in the council meetings.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Reminded Council that there would be no workshop following the Council meeting today. The workshop of January 18th will focus on election mechanics and will have guest speaker, Bob Sweat, Supervisor of Elections, present. The Feb. 1st workshop will feature an update on Blake Hospital.

Chief Edwards: Announced that the Insurance Service Offices (ISO) inspection is wrapping up and no problems were anticipated. Reminded everyone that Engine 1, Mayor Poston, Fire Marshal Langston, and he would be in the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade on Sunday, January 15th.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Stated that he and Mr. Polk serve on a committee with the Metropolitan Planning Organization which is going to start a separate fund dedicated to making multi-modal improvements on US 41. He requested input from Council about improvements they would like to see so that those ideas can be provided to the MPO.

Tim Polk: Gave an update on the progress of the bus transfer station. He stated that art panels are anticipated to be installed in April with completion expected mid-year.

Mr. Polk informed everyone that the City of Bradenton's Shelter Plus Care Program had been awarded \$150,876 toward the city's housing program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. As it has for the past 5 years, the City is partnering with Manatee Glens to help determine housing needs.

He stated that a special presentation entitled, "Revenge of the Electric Car" would be held at Burns Court on Thursday, January 12th. The event will feature several electric charging stations and vehicles. Bradenton has installed seven of its eight charging stations since last fall.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

Mayor Poston requested Police Chaplin, Pastor Don Sturiano, Kingdom Life Christian Church, to pray for the legislature as it begins a new session.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:02 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.