CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 24, 2012
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 24, 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; David Ezell, Deputy Fire Chief; and Brady Woods, Department of Planning & Community Development.

Chuck Edward, Fire Chief, and Tim Polk Department of Planning & Community Development Director, were excused.

Ecumenical invocation was led by Pastor Don Sturiano, Kingdom Life Christian Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wayne Poston.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month – Nov. 2012
The proclamation was accepted on behalf of the Tampa Bay Pancreatic Cancer Association

National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week – Nov. 10-18, 2012
The proclamation was accepted by Adele Erozer of the Community Coalition on Homelessness / One Stop Center. She invited all to attend the Stand Down event which would be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd.

Farm-City Week – Nov. 13-17, 2012
The proclamation was accepted by Mr. Ralph Garrison who reminded all of the huge impact that Florida has on the agricultural industry of our country.

PRESENTATIONS:

Service Award

Mr. Andrew Hanson, local representative of the Florida League of Cities, honored Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Gallo for his 20 years of service to the community as a City Councilor.

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. Resolution 12-45: Appointing Stephen Cotton to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board
B. Resolution 12-46: Appointing Steven Kastner to the Planning Commission
C. Resolution 12-47: Appointing Philip Brown to the Enterprise Zone Board
D. Resolution 12-48: SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan amendment
E. Authorize approval of an amendment to Verizon's Water Tank Lease Agreement
F. AFSCME Union Contract
G. Minutes – Sept. 26 City Council meeting
H. Approval of an agreement with FDOT to replace a waterline on 14th Street West

MOTION TO APPROVE Consent Agenda Items A–H was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and approved 5:0.

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

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

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Announced that Crimestoppers would be holding the annual Safe Kids Night in the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on Halloween, Wed., Oct. 31st.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: As Public Works liaison, Councilman Roff recognized the AFSCME members in the audience and expressed appreciation to them for working hard to work out a contract. Councilman Roff said that the spans have been put in place on the 9th Avenue Bridge.

Councilman Bemis Smith Ward IV: Councilman Smith offered kudos on the opening of the Riverwalk and said that many are greatly enjoying it.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Ward V: Reminded all to get out to vote in the General Election on November 6th.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Announced that six new police officers had just been sworn in at 5:00 today, bringing the total to 120 officers – very good for the city. Mayor Poston also thanked City employees for all the hard work they had done for the Riverwalk Grand Opening Ceremony. He commented that a meeting had been held with members of the skateboard community and they are very happy to assist in keeping the facility clean and safe.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Mr. Callahan presented a request from the Central Community Redevelopment Authority (CCRA) for an advance of monies due from the Norma Lloyd Park Trails Grant in the amount of $127,123.00 and asked for approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE the advance to the Central CRA was made by Vice Mayor/Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

Following the approval of the AFSCME contract, Mr. Callahan wanted to reiterate that the status of the City's pension plans is secure. Last year, the numbers reported in the Collin's study which had been reported in local news stories were inaccurately being combined with OPEB figures. OPEB issues have been resolved by Council and pensions are stable.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gallo added that false information about the pension plans was being further perpetuated by individuals running for office.

Deputy Chief Ezell: Nothing to report.

Chief Radzilowski: Nothing to report.

Claude Tankersley: Requested approval to shut 9th Street West between 13th-16th or 17th Avenues West for approximately 2 weeks to begin within the next 2 weeks for the purpose of installing utilities at McKechnie Field. The detour normally used during Pirate Fest will be utilized and thru-traffic will be allowed.

MOTION TO ALLOW CLOSURE OF 9TH Street West between 13th-16th or 17th Avenues West to install utilities at McKechnie Field was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

Mr. Tankersley also updated everyone that, although the 9th Avenue bridge appeared to be completed, it would be necessary to allow the ground to settle for approximately 30 days before allowing traffic to be resumed.

Regarding the new Riverwalk Park, Mr. Tankersley reported that weekly "Stakeholder" meetings were being held to discuss issues and concerns and keep on top of things.

Brady Woods: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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