

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2011
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, September 14, 2011.

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

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Clerk and Treasurer / Chief of Staff; Dave Beauchamp, Public Works; William Lisch, City Attorney; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; J.J. Lewis, Deputy Police Chief.; and Tim Polk, Department of Planning & Community Development Director.

Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith, Police Chief Michael Radzilowski, and Claude Tankersley, Public Works Director, were excused from the meeting.

Ecumenical invocation was led by Pastor Peter Swanson, Love International.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston. Mayor Poston expressed his condolences to the family of Paul Ridgill, a former City Councilman, who had passed away on September 10, 2011.

PROCLAMATIONS:

U.S. Constitution Week – September 17-23, 2011

The proclamation was accepted by Mr. Harold Crapo – Sons of the American Revolution, SaraMana Chapter.

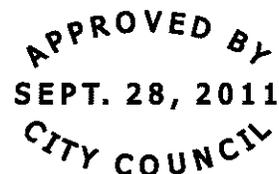
PRESENTATIONS:

The City honored and thanked **Mr. Gerry Fischer** for 13 years of dedicated service as a volunteer member of the Bradenton Code Enforcement Board.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Poston opened the floor to citizen comments. No one came forward.



CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) MINUTES of August 17 City Council meeting
- b) MINUTES of August 24 Special City Council meeting
- c) Public Event Request of the Bradenton Rotary Club to hold the 25th Annual Taste of Manatee on Nov. 5-6, 2011 on Barcarrota Blvd.
- d) RESOLUTION 11-53 Reappointment of Frank Solinko to the Tree & Land Preservation Board.
- e) RESOLUTION 11-54 SHIP 2011 Annual Report
- f) RESOLUTION 11-55 Implementation of changes to Florida Retirement System
- g) Justice Assistance Grant Award
- h) FDOT Construction Agreement

MOTION to approve Consent Agenda Items A-H was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Gallo, and approved 4:0. Councilman Smith was excused from the meeting.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2934

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, REPEALING SECTIONS 54-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO REGULATION OF DISCHARGING OF GUNS AND PISTOLS AND AMENDING SECTION 26-40(A0(1) CODE OF ORDINANCE BY REMOVING THE POSSIBLE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF FIREARMS DURING A DISASTER EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE the first reading of Ordinance 2934 and set the second reading for September 28, 2011 was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey, and passed 4:0. Councilman Smith was excused from the meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 11-52 PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON AMENDING THE CITY'S RATE AND FEE STRUCTURE FOR CITY WATER AND SEWER CHARGES BY INCREASING SUCH FEES, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Carl Callahan discussed the need to remain prudent about following the CPIU to cover costs and bond issues.

The public hearing was opened.

Mayor Poston asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the resolution. No one came forward.

Mayor Poston asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the resolution. No one came forward.

The public hearing was closed.

General discussion: Timing of rate increase was fueled by the need to follow the statutory requirement of notifying citizens by the method in which they receive their bill. This notification had gone out with the August water bills. Having experienced less consumption and fluctuating costs of chemicals for water treatment, this increase was necessary to allow the utility system to stand alone and not be dependent upon subsidies from the general fund.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-52 was made by Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and passed 4-0. Councilman Smith was excused.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT

None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Encouraged everyone to support the Manatee High School football team who is playing the #1 team in the nation this Friday at Hawkins Stadium. The game will be televised on ESPN.

Councilman Gallo offered kudos to Public Information Officer, Tim McCann, who has been doing a fine job in keeping municipalities across the state informed of Bradenton's activities via his monthly newsletter. Councilman Gallo had recently been in Gainesville where another city official had expressed appreciation for that newsletter.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Expressed her sincere sympathies to the Paul Ridgill family.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Following a recent Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting, Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff had taken the opportunity to visit the Gulfport Village of the Arts district. Along with arts and antiques, the Village had transitioned into a restaurant district and is doing very well. He felt this concept could also be applicable to Bradenton's Village of the Arts, and he plans to become more involved with the Arts Guild to explore this course.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV: Excused from meeting.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V: Also offered condolences to the Ridgill family and to the families who had been impacted by the terrible shooting incident which had occurred in Palmetto. He strongly encouraged anyone who may have information about this incident to come forward. He stressed that it was important to be examples of teaching and living non-violence.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Applauded Manatee Memorial Hospital for the excellent implementation of its disaster plan in the handling of the large number of wounded who had been treated following the Palmetto shooting.

Mayor Poston also thanked everyone who had participated in the many fine and moving 9/11 Tribute to Heroes events in the area.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Reminded everyone that a Council Workshop would follow this Council meeting.

Mr. Callahan thanked Jim McLellan, Public Works Engineer, for confirming that it would be possible to add 3 new antennas on an existing AT & T cellphone tower mounted on a water tank. Mr. Callahan requested council to authorize Mayor Poston to sign the agreement to allow the antennas to be mounted on the water tank as requested.



MOTION TO APPROVE the request from City Clerk & Treasurer, Carl Callahan, to authorize Mayor Poston to sign the agreement allowing 3 additional antennas to be added to a cellular phone tower installed on a City water tank was made by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and passed 4:0. Councilman Smith was excused.

Chief Edwards: Nothing to report.

Deputy Chief Lewis: Reported that the Bradenton Police Department had responded to Manatee Memorial Hospital to help with the trauma situation following the Palmetto shooting. Upon request by the Palmetto Police Department, Bradenton had also sent representatives to map out the crime scene with the only crime scene laser mapping equipment owned by any area law enforcement agencies in the county.

Dave Beauchamp: Nothing to report.

Tim Polk: Congratulated the Code Enforcement Department for having been awarded the Public Service Award for Community Commitment by Keep Manatee Beautiful. This is the second time they have received this award since 2003, and he specifically offered kudos to Code Enforcement Officer, Barbara Hogan, and the Planning Department's Ruth Seewer for their diligence in maintaining proper permitting and protection of the tree canopy.

Vice Mayor and Councilman Roff also offered his appreciation to Mr. Polk in the excellent selection in the awarding of the SHIP house building contracts and commended the progress that is occurring in the construction of the new homes.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 9:18 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.