

CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 26, 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, September 26, 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 Rev. Michael Walker.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jillian Palino, Gold Award Recipient, Girl Scouts of America.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Poston.

PROCLAMATIONS: National Arts and Humanities Month, Oct. 2012

The proclamation was accepted by Johnette Isham, Realize Bradenton Executive Director, who expressed her sincere thanks to all of the community partners who have worked so hard to advance Bradenton to # 2 this year as a small art community as ranked by *American Style Magazine*.

PRESENTATIONS: Gulf of Mexico Restore Act – Mark Alderson, Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

Mr. Alderson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the damage caused by the BP oil spill for which the company will be fined for gross negligence by the Dept. of Justice. Congress has passed an act to put 80% back into the Gulf of Mexico areas which were impacted, so a trust fund will be established for disbursement to the communities.

Mr. Alderson stated that, in order to be eligible for the monies, it would be necessary to work with local governments to establish a master plan of project ideas that would make an ecological difference. He urged expediency as there is an Oct. 1st time deadline.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Rev. Emmalou Kirchmeier, James Spencer, Mary Sheppard, Linda Jones, Peggy Dessaint, Sandra Ripberger, and Barbara Hines, Bradenton residents, voiced their opposition to awarding Mosaic with the naming rights for the Riverwalk amphitheater.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the renovation of McKechnie Field
- B. Minutes: August 15 City Council meeting
- C. Minutes: Sept. 5 City Council budget meeting
- D. Authorize approval of an amendment to the Water Tank Lease Agreement
- E. Request from BPD Training Unit to buy a generator for the observation tower
- F. Request from BPD to use forfeiture funds to secure a storage area for vehicles
- G. Resolution 12-40: Appointing Rev. Michael Walker to the Central CRA
- H. Resolution 12-42: Housing rehabilitation contract

- Community Surveys - majority support energy efficiency policies and strategies
- Citizen comments received including support for energy efficiency audits

Sherod Halliburton, Manatee Community Credit Union, announced that a loan program has been developed to work with the city's energy efficiency goals to assist residents to improve their energy efficiency. \$1 million has been earmarked to be available this year. Creation of an Economic Impact Study is being considered by Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, in which Bradenton is an example in taking the lead.

Don Sayre, Florida Power & Light, offered the expertise of FPL to conduct energy audits for residential and business customers and to extend education via their Community Outreach Presentation Program on energy efficiency and more.

Those who were opposed to Resolution 12-39 were asked to come forward. None came forward. The public hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-39 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.

Claude Tankersley, Director of Public Works & Utilities

RESOLUTION 12-41

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

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor of Resolution 12-41 were asked to come forward.

Mr. Tankersley stated that the city has done a very good job in holding costs down, but utilities must be self-funded. With that in mind, it would be necessary to increase fees.

Those in opposition to Resolution 12-41 were asked to come forward. None came forward. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-41 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT - None scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor/Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Expressed his belief that the fragile economy in Bradenton would be benefitted by the \$95,000 offer from Mosaic for the 15-year naming rights to the Riverwalk amphitheater. Tax revenue is insufficient to sustain necessary services and the donation from Mosaic would prevent taxpayers from having to pay more.

Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Ward II: Stated that there seems to be an ongoing problem on the Causeway regarding horse waste, and that mixed signals were being received from FDOT as to whose jurisdiction the property is under. Ms. Barnebey had requested clarification about this matter.

Councilwoman Barnebey also offered condolences to Kelly Beyerlein and family in the recent loss of her mother.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Stated that in all decisions, one side is happy; the other is not. Providing services to our citizens with the current budget results in more decisions that do not please everyone. Council does the very best it can to do what is best for the most.

On another topic, Councilman Roff announced that the T. Muskrat, the dredge which had been used to dredge Ware's Creek, had left the scene and the project has been officially completed. He offered his compliments to the contractor, TransWest, for doing a good job.

Councilman Bemis Smith Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Ward V: Nothing to report.

Mayor Wayne Poston: Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Carl Callahan: Mr. Callahan stated that the South Florida Museum would like to block parking spots on 10th Street West in order to hold the Snooty Gala on October 5th.

In order to run electrical power to Riverwalk Park, it would be necessary to execute an easement agreement with FPL. The easement runs along the waterfront parking lot between Riverwalk and the Plaza del Rio building. Mr. Callahan was seeking approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FPL, was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and approved 5:0.

Chief Edwards: Announced that a retirement party would be held on Thursday, Sept. 27th from 4:00 – 6:00 for retiring personnel, Capt. Tom Woods and Battalion Chief Glenn Hudson.

Chief Radzilowski: Deputy Chief Davis & Tami Spyker, leader of Neighborhood Watch, would be traveling to San Diego, CA, to attend the International Deputy Chiefs of Police Conference, where Bradenton will receive an award for its community policing policies.

Claude Tankersley: Announced that Doug Dobbs, Superintendent of Water Distribution, and Warren Mingleton, Solid Waste Dept., both long-time employees, have also just retired.

Tim Polk: Nothing to report.

Bill Lisch: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 7:41 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.