

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6 p.m.**  
**Sept. 28, 2016**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016.

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

**City Officials:** Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Catherine Hartley, Planning and Community Development Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Jim Mclellan, Public Works & Utilities Director; and Bill Lisch, City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by Pastor Don Sturiano, Police Chaplain and Kingdom Life Christian Church Pastor. *(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Poston.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

Mayor Poston asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on any non-agenda items.

Carolyn Fairbank, 606 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., is a resident in the Riversong condominium and said she is speaking on behalf of 12 units who are upset of the constant, loud noise and unruly behavior from the nearby Riverwalk amphitheater. She is circulating a petition among the towers to allow for addition residents to join the complaint. She said various groups set up at the amphitheater in the evening and not all of them are City- permitted. She noted that City staff cut off the electricity to prevent non-permitted events from happening there, and that worked for a while, but groups now attach long extension cords to other outlets. She said many groups go well beyond 10 p.m., they are loud and raucous, and some of the language they use is obscene. She said she's called the City, police and code enforcement to no avail.

Mayor Poston said the City is working on a noise ordinance. Councilman Smith said he has encountered this before at a local park. He said the City might need to address this if these events include loud, obscene language and said that he's not sure events with speakers or music need to go beyond 11 p.m. He added that the condo builder knew of the amphitheater's location prior to building there. He told Ms. Fairbank that she could call him if this issue comes up again because he's the councilman whose ward covers the Riverwalk.

Warren Merriman (address exempt - former law enforcement officer) said he is here to talk about police accreditation. He said he disclosed that the Police Department was under investigation over missing evidence from the evidence room because the public deserved to know, but he was chastised by the Police Chief. On accreditation, he questioned why it was allowed to lapse. He said FDLE should investigate. He told the City Council that it should have oversight over the Police Chief and not the Mayor so these cover ups won't exist. He urged the Council to change the City's Charter to address this.

Mayor Poston moved on to the Consent Agenda when no one else asked to speak.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Minutes: Aug. 17 City Council.
- b) Motor fuel - diesel and unleaded gas contract with JH Williams.
- c) Public Event: Route change to the DeSoto Half Marathon previously approved for Oct. 15.
- d) Public Event: Request to close a portion of 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. for City Life Church's Children's Fall Festival on Oct. 29.
- e) Public Event: Request to close a portion of 10<sup>th</sup> St. W. for the South Florida Museum's Snooty Gala on Nov. 5.
- f) Public Event: Santa Cause (Suncoast Charities For Children fund-raiser) on Dec. 17 on Old Main Street.
- g) Addendum to Agreements with Mail Finance Inc. and Neopost USA Inc.
- h) Selection Criteria for Vendors Managing City Financial Data

MOTION TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda was made by Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, seconded by Councilman Patrick Roff, and passed 5-0.

#### **BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS&. COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **ORDINANCE 2986    SECOND READING &. PUBLIC HEARING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 614, 616, 619, 620, 622 11TH AVENUE EAST AND 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016 6TH STREET COURT EAST BRADENTON, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT/FUTURE LAND USE MAP (SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AMENDMENT CP.16.3068 LINCOLN VILLAGE) CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (10 DU/ACRE) TO UCBD, URBAN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Administrator Callahan read Ordinance 2986 into record. He said this request came about as a result of the tax credit application for the Love Apartments redevelopment. In order to help with the redevelopment in the future and make it a more viable product, this change was being requested to raise the density. He said getting this approved today doesn't change anything that's there now. It just allows the applicant for the tax credits - if the tax credits are approved - to potentially move a product forward. He said there are no plans to immediately demolish anything there now. He said we won't know anything about tax credit applications until at least March or April, then another six to eight months for a potential product.

Planning Director Hartley said this is the second reading and adoption of the ordinance but third public hearing. It will be sent to the State for review if approved but this is small enough - about 1.6 acres - that it probably won't receive any comments from the State.

She said the site consists of the Love Apartments - 36 units within nine buildings. The Central CRA owns it and developer has approached the City wanting to build 50 affordable multi-family units on the site. She showed photos of the site that were taken today, and apologized if anyone was alarmed by Code Enforcement officers taking these photos. She said the photos are only for the presentation. The presentation showed the site on the Future Land Use Map. She said the change in the Comprehensive Plan will change density from Median Density Residential to Urban Central Business District. Currently it's permitted for 10 units per acre and this will take it to 40.

While utilities already exist and can handle the increased density, the nearby high school is over capacity. If the sales tax does not pass the developer will have to enter into an agreement for a proportional fair share of impact fee payments. She added that the proposal is consistent with the rest of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Poston asked if Councilmen had any comments.

Councilman Roff said he attended a pre-planning meeting on this and saw what City staff and developers were going through to make this a nice living situation. He said this is a good example of "new urbanism," which he is a fan of. Planning Director Hartley said the developer brought forward a conceptual site plan at that meeting. It needs some tweaks but it's heading in the right direction, she said, but it wasn't yet ready to come before Council.

Mayor Poston opened the Public Hearing. No one asked to speak.

Planning Director Hartley said staff recommends approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance 2986 was made by Councilman Harold Byrd, seconded by Councilman Gene Brown, and passed 5-0.**

**ORDINANCE 2988 SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

PR.15.4712, WARD 4, NEIGHBORHOOD 20.03, REQUEST BY STEPHEN W. THOMPSON, NAJMY THOMPSON, P.L., AGENT, FOR NEXT GENERATION DEVELOPMENT LLC, OWNER, FOR THE LASTRA PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPLICATION CONSISTING OF 12 DETACHED SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS AND 172 2- STORY ATTACHED SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOMES) ON THE 30.69 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 4915 1ST AVENUE EAST, VACATED LOT 16: 119 SAN LORENZO COURT, VACATED LOT

17: 123 SAN LORENZO COURT, TRACT F: COTTAGES AT SAN LORENZO, SAN ORTEBELLO DRIVE. AMENDING THE ZONING ATLAS FROM R-1, RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO PDP, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: 1100800159, 1100701809, 1100701859, 1100706209.

Administrator Callahan read Ordinance 2988 into record and Mayor Poston opened the Public Hearing. Administrator Callahan noted that the presentation was made during the Sept. 14 first reading; Planning Director Hartley said staff was prepared to give the presentation again if need be. Vice Mayor Gallo asked about advertising this meeting to residents near the project. Administrator Callahan said the developers were told to prepare to discuss access into the project because that was a major issue at the last meeting.

Marc Pease, 218 San Casciano Lane, said the San Casciano neighborhood is in favor of the project. But he handed in a petition urging Council to not let the developer, Next Generation Development, use the neighborhood's internal roads for construction trucks accessing the site. He said the construction trucks need to use First Avenue East as an entrance and exit with flagmen. He said the Planning Commission and City Council, in previous meetings, have agreed to this. He said there are school bus stops in the neighborhood, kids at play, and property and streets that could be damaged. He also said many residents didn't know about these meetings and only found out through a newspaper article.

Mayor Poston asked Chris Gratz, Development Services and Zoning Manager, to give an abbreviated version of the Sept. 14 presentation for those who may not have seen it. DSZ Manager Gratz went through a PowerPoint presentation and described the location, the zoning, recent history, existing utilities, concurrency, etc. He then showed elements of the site plan, the surrounding streets and its relation to the existing neighborhoods; tree mitigation, utilities and the previous stipulation to use First Avenue East exclusively as an entrance and exit for construction traffic.

Public Works Director Jim McLellan said if it's a one-way in and out there is a safety issue because First Avenue East is too small for a two-way road and traffic might end up "stacked" on 48<sup>th</sup> Street Court East. He said they've discussed with the developer about having a one-way in on one end of First Avenue East and one-way out on the other end. Councilman Smith said previous documents show the construction entrance on First Avenue and wonders why Council is just hearing today that it can't be used. Director McLellan said it can be used but will just need some changes to make it safe, perhaps with the use of a flagger or temporary light.

Vice Mayor Gallo asked what the developers could do to use First Avenue. Director McLellan said with width available it cannot be a two-way road and the right-of-way doesn't exist to make that happen. He said it can be controlled with personnel. Vice Mayor Gallo sympathized with the San Casciano residents, saying they face safety and noise issues with potential construction traffic and he said he wouldn't want construction trucks driving past his house all day. He said if the developers want his vote they will need to find a way to make First Avenue work for their construction traffic.

DSZ Manager Gratz read the stipulation regarding First Avenue at the request of Councilman Smith. Stipulation #9 reads: "The contractor is to submit a safety

construction plan for the Public Works Department review and approval to exclusively utilize First Avenue East as the construction entrance and exit prior to the issuance of any site improvement permits." He also pointed out a parcel near 48<sup>th</sup> Street Court East - bought by the developer - that could be used for access, too.

Pamela Cook, 206 San Casciano Lane, said this is the third time she has spoken to the City about the proposed Lastra development. She said her neighborhood has always understood that the property to their east would be developed and she believes the neighborhood has kept their objections reasonable. They are concerned about construction traffic and have already seen near misses from previous construction projects. With San Casciano fully built out and a lot of children living there, she said people are more worried. She said the developer has agreed to use First Avenue East and urged Council to hold them to it.

Mary Raiman, 405 San Lorenzo Ct, said she is opposed to either entrance of San Ortebello or San Casciano being used because there are bus stops at both. She said there's a constant fear of children and construction traffic, property damage, decreased property values, significantly littering and a rising crime rate because the neighborhood becomes "more visible" with the amount of people coming and going. She said it's a small community and cannot imagine construction vehicles driving through it all day.

Eric Lindquist, 392 48<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. N.E., said he lives between the Lastra site and the DR Horton project and he's suffering from drainage on his property after construction crews filled in a drainage ditch. He worries it will get worse when Lastra construction begins. He said he has spoken to project engineers on various occasions and they've assured him there isn't a problem, but he was flooded "big time" recently.

Art Bolton, 413 San Lorenzo Ct., said three times now the City has decided that there will be one entrance and one exit for construction. He said any alternative will create a serious safety issue, noise, trash, dust from the trucks, and so on. He urged Council to *vote* against the project if the construction traffic plan changes.

Felipe Delgado, 4827 San Ortebello Dr., said he will be directly impacted by construction traffic. He described other access points the trucks could use but said he's opposed to them coming inside the neighborhood.

Carlos Vargas, 4835 San Ortebello Dr., said he also will be directly impacted. He said he has a 3-year-old daughter and bought here because it was a small community without much traffic. He said if this plan is approved it will presents a serious safety issue. He said his property has experience construction issues before when trucks tried to turn around on the small street and ran *over* his property several times.

Councilman Roff asked if the developer could buy a temporary easement along First Avenue to make it wider, but Councilman Smith showed a scene of Google Earth on his cellular phone that showed the land is mostly built out. The phone was placed on the overhead projector so *everyone* could see it.

Stephen Thompson, attorney for Next Generation Development, said they *never* made the representation that said First Avenue was to be used for both exit and entry for construction traffic. It was to be only for entrance because Public Works said the street was too narrow for two-way traffic. He said residents have always known this, and he read a provision from the San Casciano association's declaration that he said proves this. He said developers intended to provide addition access with

two vacated lots but residents opposed it and said they have to use Tract F off 48<sup>th</sup> Street Court East, so developers bought it for construction traffic exit. He said construction traffic will enter on First Avenue East, and that has been their only intention for First Avenue since the beginning. He said the developer has "bent over backwards" to make this a safer plan and using First Avenue exclusively is unsafe. He said there are other developments on First Avenue and it's unfair to them to deal with all the construction traffic. He called Stipulation #9 "unreasonable" and will result in an unsafe situation.

Vice Mayor Gallo asked Mr. Thompson why he doesn't like the idea of using flagmen. Mr. Thompson said it's costly and not *very effective* and it will still back up traffic on 48<sup>th</sup> Street Court East. He said it will result in a significant amount of money for homes they are trying to sell at an affordable cost because of the number of years they'll need the flagmen.

Councilman Brown questioned Mr. Thompson about his contention that San Casciano residents knew about potential construction traffic in their subdivision long ago. Mr. Thompson referred to documents that they directed him to that showed Tract F as access for construction traffic. He called that the "deciding factor" for purchasing that parcel. Councilman Brown asked if Mr. Pease could give his side of this situation.

Mr. Pease, who had spoken earlier, said at a meeting in March 2015 there were references to Tract F but no one from the neighborhood knew anything about it. He said the Planning Commission decided that First Avenue will be used and the developer agreed. Mr. Pease said First Avenue East is a very short access to the construction site and he doesn't see how it will back up 48<sup>th</sup> Street Court East. Even if trucks are stopped on 48<sup>th</sup>, he said it's safer than trucks driving through the neighborhood past bus stops.

Mr. Thompson reiterated that the San Casciano homeowner documents show that First Avenue was never deemed to be a legal means of egress/ingress to the property and he said he never made the representation otherwise and that's why they devised this plan.

Fire Marshal Ken Langston said he has always favored the Tract F plan for entering the property on the north end because First Avenue is too narrow to handle egress/ingress and doesn't mean the Fire Department's minimum width of 15 feet. He said the plan has always been to go through the development.

Councilman Smith read staff reports from Spring 2015 that said proposed roadway extension cannot be used for construction access and developers need to create alternate egress/ingress. But he said that referred to two lots that were being vacated at the time and no one anticipated being able to get access to Tract F. Recognizing that First Avenue is too narrow to handle traffic, he said there were discussions that it could act as a temporary construction entrance into the property. But he said he can't determine if Tract F was ever seen as a possibility to be used.

Councilman Brown asked how the City originally intended to allow the construction traffic to access the site if it was prohibited from driving through the neighborhood. He said he doesn't see where First Avenue even existed early on. Mr. Pease, referring to the March 2015 minutes, said construction ingress/egress will be required and that the developers need to "start thinking about First Avenue East."

Mr. Vargas, who has previously spoken, suggested they exclusively use First Avenue East but schedule comings and goings so there aren't traffic issues.

There being no further comment, Mayor Poston closed the Public Hearing. Vice Mayor Gallo said there is a lot of back and forth and he wondered if they could table the matter and seek more information but City Attorney Lisch said ample evidence has been presented from both sides and the Council can make a decision tonight. But he said the Council has a right to table its decision if it wants.

Planning Director Hartley said the one thing she hasn't seen is documented proof why First Avenue can't be widened for construction traffic but said Public Works and Fire Department officials would have more information on that matter. She explained Council's options, such as deny it all together or approve it with the existing Stipulation #9 that requires the developers use First Avenue East exclusively for construction traffic and "be a good neighbor."

Councilman Roff said it seems to him that homeowners have been given documentation that there was going to be construction and their roads could be used for construction traffic. Councilman Smith said he understands the position of the residents but said he's having a hard time telling the developers they can't get to the construction site through the neighborhood or on the too-narrow First Avenue.

City Attorney Lisch explained that Stipulation #9 says First Avenue is to be used as a construction traffic access and that there will be no other construction traffic through the existing developments. He said if the word "exclusive" was removed from the stipulation then that would essentially allow construction traffic to drive anywhere.

Councilman Roff said he's hung up on documents that seem to show that the developer has the right to use any roads for construction traffic, but City Attorney Lisch said Council has the right to put certain restrictions on that. He reiterated that Stipulation #9 stated that First Avenue is the only road to be used for getting into and out of the development and that the developers will work with Public Works to figure it out.

Mr. Thompson said he doesn't have a problem with working out a safe egress/ingress plan with Public Works but has a problem with the exclusivity of having to use First Avenue. He said the developers probably will return before Council if Public Works forces them to use First Avenue exclusively.

Mayor Poston called for a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance 2988 with the nine stipulations set forth by the Planning Department was made by Councilman Bemis Smith, seconded by Councilman Harold Byrd, and passed 4-1 with Councilman Patrick Roff dissenting.**

There was a brief intermission as many people in the Chambers filed out.

#### ORDINANCE 2989 SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

LU.16.1180 FORM-BASED CODE AMENDMENTS: REQUEST OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON TO AMEND SEVERAL PARTS OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON FORM-BASED CODE.

Administrator Callahan read Ordinance 2989 into the record and Mayor Poston

opened the Public Hearing. Councilman Byrd said one of the main issues in this ordinance pertains to churches mainly along the MLK corridor. He said originally they were precluded from expanding and Planning Director Hartley said this ordinance fixes that. Councilman Byrd said the community is behind the approval of this ordinance.

Willie Williams, a local pastor and former Lakeland mayor, said the Council has a unique opportunity to restore the ability of religious institutions long standing in the community to continue to exist and serve the community. He urged Council to support the ordinance.

No one spoke in opposition.

**MOTION TO APPROVE Ordinance 2989 was made by Councilman Harold Byrd, seconded by Councilman Patrick Roff, and passed 5-0.**

Council's approval of the ordinance drew applause from the crowd.

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

#### City Administrator Carl Callahan

Administrator Callahan said the **Interlocal Agreement for the Joint Administration of 911 Public Safety Services** before Council is an agreement among Manatee County and its cities as to the sharing of the 911 system. He said this is the first piece of a larger agreement on uniting the 911 systems.

Police Chief Melanie Bevan said it defines expectations and costs associated with the public safety communications system with the County and its municipalities and it utilizes state-of-the-art technologies and allows the local governments to keep costs down because of cost sharing. She called it a huge step forward to improving the 911 system and it's been a long time coming. It will cost around \$113,000-\$115,000 over five years and part of it is already budgeted this year.

**MOTION TO APPROVE an Interlocal Agreement for the Joint Administration of 911 Public Safety Services was made by Councilman Gene Brown, seconded by Councilman Patrick Roff, and passed 5-0.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING WAS OPENED AT 8:30 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN HAROLD BYRD.**

#### CRA Business

**MOTION TO APPROVE the July 13 minutes was made by Board Member Bemis Smith, seconded by Chairman Harold Byrd, and passed 5-0.**

Administrator Callahan presented the 2016-17 budget for the Downtown CRA district. He said it went to the Downtown Development Authority Advisory Board yesterday. He said the budget allocates \$2 million from the recent agreement with Manatee County but provides flexibility moving forward if the funds are needed elsewhere. He said all the required expenditures of a Community Redevelopment Agency along with contributions to City projects are addressed. A big change is an increase in district infrastructure because it gives the CRA flexibility. He added that the advisory board asked for an increase in funds for enhancements and

maintenance at Riverwalk.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Downtown District budget was made by Board Member Bemis Smith, seconded by Board Member Patrick Roff, and passed 5-0.**

Administrator Callahan presented the 2016-17 budget for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street district. He said it's similar to the Downtown budget but significantly smaller. It accounts for CRA required expenditures, previous commitments and programs and debt service. He said the biggest increases are in the tapestry project; grants, buildings and site improvements; and paying down the Manatee Inns debt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the 14<sup>th</sup> Street District budget was made by Board Member Gene Gallo, seconded by Chairman Harold Byrd, and passed 5-0.**

Administrator Callahan presented the 2016-17 budget for the Central District. He said the budget covers administration, accounting fees and legal and called it about a \$50,000 savings over last year and that's more funds to projects in the community. He discussed other CRA obligations and previously-approved projects and consulting expenses.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Central District budget was made by Chairman Harold Byrd, seconded by Board Member Patrick Roff, and passed 5-0.**

Administrator Callahan then addressed an editorial in the Bradenton Herald about economic development that he called unfair and "flat out false in a lot of instances" and he called the writer. He said the writer acknowledged that he should have called the City prior to publishing the editorial and agreed to not print Letters to the Editor using that editorial as a basis for criticism.

Board Member Gallo said the perception that the City Council took over the CRAs is inaccurate. He said the CRA advisory boards remain a vital role and nothing has really changed except the elected officials have the final say on CRA decisions. He said there was much misinformation echoed at a recent CRA meeting. He said resident Rodney Jones "verbally, as far as I'm concerned, attacked Mr. Callahan" and accused the City of using the grocery-store groundbreaking as merely a political move because the City had no agreement in hand. However, the City did have an agreement with the proposed developers of the grocery store.

Board Member Roff said he was glad Administrator Callahan called the newspaper to set them straight. He said the editorial upset him, too. Chairman Byrd agreed and said he was shocked when he read the editorial because of its inaccuracies.

Mayor Poston asked if anyone else wanted to speak.

Keenan Wooten, 1915 11th Ave. E., thanked Mr. Callahan for presenting the budget for the residents in the CRA neighborhoods. He asked when the position of the Economic Development Director would be solicited and filled. Administrator Callahan said it was solicited but they didn't like the responses so it was solicited again and will be moving forward soon.

Mr. Wooten said he attended the CRA advisory board meeting that was referenced earlier, and acknowledged there is a lot of hurt and anger throughout the community. He said people in Ward 5 are upset and he asked Council and Mayor

Poston to attend the next meeting.

**THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OPENED AT 9:03 P.M. BY MAYOR WAYNE POSTON.**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, Ward I - nothing to report

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II - Councilman Brown said he attended the Chamber leadership retreat over the weekend and said it was a great networking event for the City. He said the community's business leaders like what the City is doing and he looks forward to attending again next year.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III - Councilman Roff said he has an economic development strategy and an economic plan he wants to talk about but he'll bring it up at a future date because this meeting has gone on so long. He said in Ward 3 he will be participating in the Ware's Creek cleanup Saturday.

Councilman Bemis Smith, Ward IV - Councilman Smith said he was sorry he missed the last budget meeting but he had nothing else to report.

Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr., Ward V - Councilman Byrd said he attended a community meeting at Tropicana with City staff to look at some of the issues in the neighborhood and he would bring them up at the next meeting. He said there are some concerns about drainage in the neighborhood that Public Works and Tropicana are working on.

Mayor Wayne Poston - nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Administrator Carl Callahan - Administrator Callahan said the recent Central CRA advisory board meeting took place at a local church because staff wanted to bring the meeting to the community because attendance was low at City Hall and that might be the plan going forward. On economic development, he said it's "nonsense" that some people and the press claim the City hasn't done anything just because it doesn't have a department. He discussed some of the City's recent economic development initiatives, the grants to renovate the marina and Tournament Park, the hotel and others, and said those things have been spearheaded by the City.

Planning Director Catherine Hartley - nothing to report.

Fire Chief Chuck Edwards - nothing to report.

Police Chief Melanie Bevan - Chief Bevan said the Police Department applied for a pedestrian-bicycle safety grant. It received \$16,000 in funding for staffing that will help it address four intersections - 14<sup>th</sup> St. W. and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., 1<sup>st</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., 1<sup>st</sup> St. and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. E.; Manatee Ave. and 14<sup>th</sup> St. W. She said there will be public announcements soon about this, as required by the grant. Administrator Callahan asked for a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign it.

Motion to Approve authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant for bicycle safety for The Police Department was made by Councilman Gene Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Gene Gallo, and passed 5-0.

Public Works Director Jim Mclellan - Director Mclellan said recent State action now requires the public, press and public officials to be notified of any spill event or pollution release within 24 hours of the incident. He said the wording is vague and it leaves much room for interpretation, and this may result in trivial notifications from Public Works to make sure they are following the law. This initiative expires at the end of the year but DEP is pushing to extend it.

City Attorney Bill Lisch - nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.