

**CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL
&
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2019
8:30 A.M.**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

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

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director; Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer; Catherine Hartley, Planning & 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 Bruce Bragg, Manatee
Community Action Agency.**

(The City does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

Mayor Wayne Poston led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was opened.

PROCLAMATIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Forfeiture Funds Expenditure: \$3,600 of forfeiture funds for purchasing firearm clearing traps and safety helmets.
- b) Minutes: January 2, 2019 – Special Meeting
- c) Minutes: January 9, 2019 – City Council Meeting
- d) Public Event: Paws in Motion, March 2, 2019
- e) Public Event: Protect Florida's Water Rally, February 2, 2019
- f) Public Event: River Regatta, February 8-9, 2019
- g) Resolution #19-05: Reappointing Members to the Grievance Board
- h) Resolution #19-06: Appointing Matthew Gregg to the Nuisance Abatement Board
- i) Resolution #19-07: Reappointing Tom Woods and Lawrence Covins II to the Fire Pension Board
- j) Resolution #19-08: Reappointing Edward Dean to the Tree Board

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-J was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Vice Mayor Byrd. Motion passed 4-0; Councilman Roff was out of the room.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCE 3039 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT FUTURE LAND USE MAP, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM URBAN VILLAGE TO URBAN COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR FOR THE APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE PARCEL LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MANATEE AVENUE EAST AND 14TH STREET EAST AND ILLUSTRATED IN EXHIBIT B BELOW; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #3039 and set the second reading for February 13, 2019 was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Byrd. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE 3040 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON REGULATING PLAN/LAND USE ATLAS AKA “REZONING” FROM T4-O TO URBAN COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR FOR AN APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE PARCEL LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MANATEE AVENUE AND 14TH STREET EAST AND ILLUSTRATED IN EXHIBIT B BELOW; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #3040 and to set the second reading for February 13, 2019 was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5:0.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #19-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, ADOPTING VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES TO ADDRESS THE EXPENSES AND COSTS OF ADMINISTERING PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS, APPROVALS, AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS, PUBLIC NOTICE, RECORDING FEES, PERMITS APPROVALS, LETTERS OF DETERMINATION, APPEALS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

Catherine Hartley, Planning and Community Development Director: Resolution #19-09 will change the fee schedule that was approved last year. The changes will be a reduction in cost of the site permits, changing preliminary plats and final plats to a flat fee versus a per acre fee, adding fees for recording fees for the County Clerk’s Office, re-inspection fees for final zoning, and adding fees for site improvement permits that are submitted more than three times.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-09 was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Vice Mayor Byrd, and approved 5:0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT – None.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS TEMPORARILY RECESSED AT 8:38 A.M. BY MAYOR POSTON AND THE CRA MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
(Separate Minutes Maintained and Available.)

THE CRA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:09 A.M. AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS

RECONVENED BY MAYOR POSTON.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator brought forward a request from Florida Power & Light for a 10-foot easement along 10th Street, behind the City Centre Parking Garage.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT EASEMENT ONLY AFTER INSPECTION AND APPROVAL BY CITY SURVEYOR DAVID CRONKHITE was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Byrd, and approved 5:0.

COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Announced a complaint letter regarding Palma Sola Causeway was published in the Bradenton Herald. The letter stated that beachgoers on the Causeway are staying past the park closing time of midnight and some are camping all weekend. **Mr. Gallo** asked **Melanie Bevan, Chief of Police** to request officers check the Causeway after hours.

Mr. Gallo thanked the Bradenton Police Department Sergeant who assisted him with an issue. **Mr. Gallo** said the Sergeant not only took care of his issue promptly, he also responded with an email explaining how the issue was resolved. **Chief Bevan** announced that the Police Department's focus this past year has been customer service and communication with the citizens.

Councilman Brown, Ward II: Gave kudos to everyone involved in the Open Heart statue placement and unveiling at the Riverwalk last week. He believes it's very rewarding to witness the Riverwalk keep improving over time. He encouraged everyone to visit the Riverwalk near the skate park to see the new fitness center and Open Heart statue.

Councilman Brown recognized **Charles Clapsaddle** for the Citizen of the Year Award he received from the Manatee County Fair Association as well as the new community award in his name. **Mr. Brown** wanted to personally thank **Mr. Clapsaddle** for all he does for our community. **Mr. Clapsaddle** wanted to thank Council, Manatee County Fair Association, and the community for the awards. He said he was very humbled and honored by the recognition. **Mayor Wayne Poston** announced that he married **Mr. Clapsaddle** and his wife over 15 years ago.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Informed Council he will be unable to attend the next City Council meeting. As a representative of the Manasota League of Cities, he's been asked to attend the "FAST Fly-In" on February 12th and 13th in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the trip is to request assistance from the Federal Government to locate a source of the large amounts of red tide and algae blooms that have been plaguing our shores.

Councilman Bill Sanders, Ward IV: Announced he enjoyed meeting Jane Seymour at the Open Heart statue unveiling. Councilman Sanders also attended the swearing in of four police officers yesterday. He was happy to see on the Martin Luther King holiday, Martin Luther King Boulevard was being repaved.

Councilman Sanders mentioned **Mr. McLellan** provided him with the tour around the city and **Chief Bevan** provided him a tour of the Police Department. He noted he was very impressed with both tours and recommended everyone visit the concrete pad for the Streetscape Project at Public Works.

Vice Mayor Harold Byrd, Ward V: Requested Council submit names to serve on the Bradenton Housing Authority Board because it's short Board Members. He also added that the last 3 meeting times have been at 6:00 pm and will make the start time easier for working Board Members. **Mayor Poston** informed Council the Mayor's Office has offered the retired Executive Director of the Manatee County Housing Authority the opportunity to serve on the board for the Bradenton Housing Authority.

Mayor Poston: Nothing to report.

Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk and Treasurer: Nothing to report.

Catherine Hartley, Planning and Community Development Director: Announced **John Anderson with Incremental Development Alliance** will be in town tomorrow to excite attendees about the workshop on February 21st. **Ms. Hartley** and **Johnette Isham, Executive Director of Realize Bradenton** will provide him a tour of the city and he will be viewing a few infill sites. Mr. Anderson also plans to assist a local developer troubleshoot an infill plan problem in a pocket cottage community.

Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief: Announced Fawley-Bryant provided him with a kitchen remodel proposal. Once he reviews it, he will add it to an Agenda in February for Council to review. He explained the kitchen in Fire Station 1 is over 20 years old and in need of a makeover.

Melanie Bevan, Police Chief: Announced there will be a significant promotion ceremony on February 7th with quite a few officers in attendance and invited Council to attend. Yesterday the Police Department held a swearing in ceremony with 4 new officers and the department also received a dog for the K-9 team. They are expecting another dog soon and its name will be "Blue" corresponding with the Bradenton Blue Foundation who will be sponsoring that K-9. **Mayor Poston** invited **Chief Bevan** to bring the new dogs to meet the City Council in the near future.

Jim McLellan, Public Works and Utilities Director: Announced the DOT has scheduled a substantial walkthrough on February 5th for the work completed at 3rd Avenue and 9th Street. During the evenings of February 4th and 5th, Public Works will be milling and paving the intersection of 10th Street and Manatee Avenue. Once this pavement is down, it must cure for 30 days before Public Works can add the stamped asphalt crosswalks. **Councilman Roff** asked if there would be any traffic delays while the final pavement is being laid. **Mr. McLellan** said because the work will be completed overnight and therefore shouldn't be any traffic delays.

Mr. McLellan addressed **Councilman Gallo** on the issues with late and overnight beachgoers at the Palma Sola Causeway. Public Works installed more signs at the Causeway to inform the public about the park closing times and overnight camping is prohibited.

Mr. McLellan announced that he has a teleconference with DOT this afternoon regarding the City of Bradenton managing maintenance for 3 traffic signals in Holmes Beach. He said the DOT indicated the lights would result in approximately \$15,000 in maintenance fees paid to the City each year. Once the teleconference is complete, he would like the City of Bradenton's traffic crew to inspect the lights before agreeing to manage them.

The City has received several complaints from the public regarding people cast netting and fishing along the Riverwalk. The City does not have the authority to stop this from happening at this time. **Mr. McLellan** will add to the next City Council agenda the first reading of the No Fishing Ordinance related to the Riverwalk.

Councilman Brown voiced concerns regarding the new traffic pattern at 9th Street and Manatee Avenue. **Mr. McLellan** requested the public be patient until all of the signs can be installed and the work can be completed. He will discuss concerns with the DOT during the substantial walkthrough on February 5th.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director: Announced **David Ezell, Assistant Fire Chief** requested the Auditorium be used for a break/food preparation area for

workers at the Regatta. Mr. Callahan stated the Auditorium is now a storage area for various departments' equipment and recommended Mr. Ezell be made aware of this for security purposes.

Mr. Callahan requested Council to agree he work with **Ms. Beauchamp** and **Lance Williams, Utility Billing Customer Service Manager** regarding payment plans to assist federal government workers with payments and late fees. **Ms. Beauchamp** said she spoke with **Mr. Williams** about payment plans, but no one from the public has come forward to date.

Chief Bevan asked everyone to remember there are several federal police officers that are still working during the government shut down. The Police Department and the DEA Taskforce arrested suspects in Ellenton with large amounts of Fentanyl and Methamphetamine. The Police Department and Taskforce believe Bradenton was the target for the significant trafficking. **Chief Bevin** commended the police officers for keeping our streets safe during the government shut down.

Bill Lisch, City Attorney: Nothing to report.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:43 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.