

**CITY OF BRADENTON
CITY COUNCIL
&
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
MINUTES
April 10, 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, April 10, 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 **Reverend Brian Bagley-Bonner, Faith United Church of Christ.**

(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:

Fair Housing Month: April 2019

The proclamation was accepted by **Vicki White, HCD Manager.**

National Arbor Day: April 26, 2019

The proclamation was accepted by **Christopher Gilbert, Chair, Tree and Land Preservation Board.** Mr. Gilbert would like to express his gratitude toward Council for the investments donated to preserve the tree canopy in the City.

Water Conservation Month: April 2019

The proclamation was accepted by **Dennis Regosta, Government Affairs Program Manager, Southwest Florida Water Management District.** Mr. Regosta thanked Council for recognizing April as Water Conservation Month and asked the community to conserve water during dry months.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Tim Polk, Managing Director, Urban Planning Solutions, 4840 Trout River Crossing, Ellenton announced he read an article in the newspaper regarding the proposed developments for the Manatee Inns site. Mr. Polk wanted to go on record to say he is in support of workforce housing on 14th Street and was impressed at one of the proposals.

Mayor Poston reiterated that Council has not seen any formal presentations on development for the Manatee Inns site and the determination on whether the developments can be deemed workforce housing won't be made until that time.

Annie Russini, 1001 11th Avenue West, announced she has worked on revitalizing the Village of the Arts for over 30 years. She continued that the majority of residents she's spoken to are in favor of workforce housing, but is not in favor of a large scale development.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Budget Adjustment: BA 19-26
- b) Contract Renewal: Department of Corrections Work Squad
- c) Interim City Attorney Engagement Letter
- d) Minutes: March 21, 2019
- e) Minutes: March 27, 2019
- f) Resolution 19-16: SHIP Rehab Loan Subordination
- g) Resolution 19-17: RCMP Rehab Loan Subordination
- h) Resolution 19-18: Information Security Policy Revisions
- i) Resolution 19-20: Tree and Land Preservation Board Bylaws
- j) Award of RFP-19-01 RW: Sulfuric Acid Tank Replacement
- k) Sole Source Vendor Approval: Paveway Systems
- l) Vehicle Donation: Police Department

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, C, D, F-L was made by Vice Mayor Byrd and seconded by Councilman Sanders. Motion passed 5-0.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director requested the word "adding" in the 2nd paragraph on page 3 of the March 27, 2019 minutes be changed to "eliminating".

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM E WITH CHANGES was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Vice Mayor Byrd. Motion passed 5-0.

In regards to Item B, **Councilman Sanders** asked **Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director** whether the inmates referenced in the contract renewal work 40 hours a week for the City. Mr. McLellan advised Council the inmates work Monday through Thursday. Therefore, less than a 40 hour work week.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B was made by Vice Mayor Byrd and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

SU.19.0566 – Public Hearing

Request by Kevin Renauer and Jeanne Babuka, owners, for a Special Use Permit to construct a private dock structure for a property located in R-1, Single-family residential zoning. The property is located at 1217 50th Street Court East, Bradenton, FL 34208, Parcel ID Number 1127249801. The proposed dock requires a Special Use Permit as it exceeds the maximum length of 80' and seeks a reduced easterly side setback.

Marshall McCrary, Senior Planner, presented on SU.19.0566. Mr. McCrary began the presentation by noting the proposed dock is going to be 135' in length and the maximum amount allowable is 80'. He added the applicant has met all requirements and the Planning Commission as well as staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward.

Kevin Renauer, 1217 50th Street Court East advised Council he is the applicant for SU.19.0566 and would like permission to build the dock.

Johnny Howard, 1215 50th Street Court East announced he is Mr. Renauer's neighbor and he fully supports the dock construction.

Those in opposition were asked to come forward. None came and the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE SU.19.0566 was made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

Catherine Hartley, Planning & Community Development Director

RESOLUTION NO. 19-19

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2.7 OF THE LAND USE REGULATIONS, RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION OF 8TH STREET WEST GENERALLY LOCATED BETWEEN 3RD AVENUE WEST AND 4TH AVENUE WEST AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED BELOW; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution specifically modifies Resolution 17-56.

Catherine Hartley, Planning & Community Development Director reminded Council they approved the vacation of the right of way off 3rd Avenue so the Relator's Association could begin construction of their new facility in Resolution 17-56. She continued the purpose of Resolution 19-19 is to amend the easement stipulation in Resolution 17-56.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-19 was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Councilman Sanders. Motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT – None.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS TEMPORARILY RECESSED AT 9:07 A.M. BY MAYOR POSTON AND THE CRA MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER.

(Separate Minutes Maintained and Available.)

THE CRA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:19 A.M. AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECONVENED BY MAYOR POSTON.

COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I: Nothing to report.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II: Councilman Brown announced he has witnessed cars blocking intersections on downtown streets. He added that 6th Avenue in the easterly direction seems to be the biggest problem. He suggested painting a box around the most troublesome intersections so commuters will be less likely to “block the box”.

Melanie Bevan, Police Chief announced the Police Department conducted an operation over the past two weeks to lessen the number of cars blocking intersections. She added the officers have issued 40 citations and 30 warnings for the activity.

After a brief discussion, Chief Bevan suggested installing more signs around the troublesome intersections before the City begins painting boxes around them and Councilman Brown agreed.

Councilman Brown announced he attended South Florida Museum’s new name unveiling last night. He was pleased to report the new name for the museum is Bishop Museum of Science and Nature.

Councilman Brown concluded his report with updating Council he attended the Seafood Festival in Palmetto Friday night. He gave kudos to all involved that made the event successful.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III: Councilman Roff echoed Councilman Brown’s concerns with the traffic issues and thanked the Police Department for their assistance in combating the issue.

Mayor Poston reiterated the City would rather not penalize commuters and requested compliance instead.

Councilman Roff requested assistance from the Police Department regarding forcing young urban campers to leave once John and Rebecca Neal Park closes.

Councilman Roff then requested assistance from Pubic Works staff to remove debris left by a man that appears to be living in the woods just past John and Rebecca Neal Park off 9th Street. He added the majority of the trees there could be removed and asked the Police Department to force the man out of the woods.

Councilman Bill Sanders, Ward IV: Councilman Sanders invited Council to a semi-annual pancake breakfast at River Isles this Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Councilman Sanders announced that the numbers of homeless have increased since the construction of River Preserve began and wanted to thank the Police Department and Public Works for their efforts in cleaning up the area. He added there have been reports of homeless camping in the woods behind 3 Keys Brewery and requested assistance clearing the area.

Ms. Hartley suggested Code Enforcement visit the camp to ascertain what can be done to clear it out.

Vice Mayor Harold Byrd, Ward V: Nothing to report.

Mayor Poston: Nothing to report.

Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk and Treasurer: Ms. Beauchamp announced the City's Human Resources Department attended a Job Fair at Manatee Technical College yesterday. She added 85 people stopped by the City's table and 29 resumes were collected.

Catherine Hartley, Planning and Community Development Director: Ms. Hartley announced Code Enforcement has been more aggressively collecting snipe signs in the right of way. So far, she added, 120 signs have been collected in the past two days.

Councilman Brown announced he counted over 50 signs from one specific company while driving around the City and requested more information on how to discourage companies from placing signs around town.

Ms. Hartley advised Council that Code Enforcement must witness the signs being put up to be able to issue a citation.

Ms. Hartley encouraged everyone to sign up for the free tree giveaway celebrating Arbor Day.

Ms. Hartley announced she will be presenting at the Affordable Housing Committee Meeting and it is on the same day as the MPO Meeting, but added she would still attend after her presentation. She encouraged Council attend the MPO Meeting and reminded everyone to RSVP.

Councilman Roff requested information on offers for the lots for sale at Ballard Park. Mr. Callahan advised Council there haven't been any offers yet, but a voluntary meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. where interested parties can ask questions regarding the property.

Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief: Chief Edwards announced next week is National Public Telecommunicators Safety Week and encouraged everyone to thank dispatchers for all they do.

Melanie Bevan, Police Chief: Chief Bevan reiterated the importance of showing dispatchers appreciation for all they do.

Jim McLellan, Public Works and Utilities Director: Mr. McLellan presented preliminary concepts for the proposed Complete Streets Project for 2nd Avenue East. He explained it will extend from Braden Castle to 11th Street East along 2nd Avenue East. He added the extension will include creating sidewalks, bike lanes, parking on the South side of the road and because of storm water drainage, installing a center median bioswale.

Discussion: Storm water, bioswales and maintenance.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director: Mr. Callahan announced the City's purchase offer for the X-Lent Auto Body property has been accepted and a small amount of

remediation will need to be completed on the 2,800 square foot building. He explained the owners were asking \$490,000 for the property and after comps were obtained from the area, the City's offer of \$350,000 was accepted. He added a decorative fence will be added on 9th Street and suggested Public Works and the Police Department may be able to use the property for the foreseeable future.

Discussion: Length of time the City will use the property and future space needs for Public Works.

MOTION TO PURCHASE X-LENT AUTO BODY LOCATED AT 1426 9TH STREET WEST was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Gallo. Motion passed 5-0.

In regards to the Administrative Assistant position, Mr. Callahan recommended moving the switchboard upstairs and placing two part-time assistants there to cover phones as well as Council's needs. He added a security presence downstairs is also recommended.

Councilman Byrd requested more information on which days and times the assistants would be covering.

Mr. Callahan explained the needs for the public have changed in recent years as well as traffic. Because of these changes, he recommended the hours of City Hall change to a 4:30 p.m. close time.

Ms. Beauchamp and Mr. Callahan described the history of City Hall's hours in recent years and the changes in customers' demands. She recommended a 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. work day Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. work day on Friday.

Discussion: Employee morale, working with employees to accommodate their schedules, working on Fridays and when the hour change would take place.

Councilman Roff requested an update on which employee would oversee Public Events. Mr. Callahan replied that Karen Kyser, DDA is handling Public Events for now.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION was made by Vice Mayor Byrd and seconded by Councilman Gallo. Motion passed 5-0.

Bill Lisch, City Attorney: Nothing to report.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:12 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.