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CITY OF BRADENTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 1, 2020
9:00 A.M.

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Councilman Ward IV Bill Sanders; and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director; Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director; Charles Edwards, Fire Chief; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief, and Scott Rudacille, City Attorney.

Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey attended via teleconference and Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo was excused.

PRESENTATIONS:

Bradenton Riverwalk Expansion: **James Pankonin, PLA, LEED AP, Edward Dean, Landscape Architect** and an in-house engineer with Kimley-Horn presented the Phase 1 Update.

Mr. Pankonin began the presentation by providing a recap of the Riverwalk Extension Master Plan for Phase 1.

He continued the presentation by providing the following information:

60% Design Plan Documents for Phase 1 connection to Phase 2 which depicted:

- Preservation of Existing Mangroves / Mature Trees
- Mangrove Boardwalk
- Expansion of Existing Pier with the Possibility of Cover
- Alternate Route for Bicyclists
- Bio Swale and Pedestrian Boardwalk Crossings
- Art / Educational Nodes
- Reading Room (Old Manatee Children's Book with Realize Bradenton)
- Living Shoreline (Seawall Removal)
- Open / Flex Lawn
- Buffering from Residential properties
- Parking Along 14th St.

60% Design Plan Documents for Phase 1 between 2nd Avenue East and 14th Street East which depicted:

- Preservation of Existing Mature Trees

- Bio Swale
- Bike Rental Location
- Art / Educational Nodes
- Spring Feature Options
- Gazebo
- Open / Flex Lawn
- Historical / Educational Plaza
- Maintenance Storage Building and Access
- Buffering from Residential properties
- Parking Along 14th St.
- SWFWMD Individual ERP Permit
- USACE Letter of Permission and/or Nationwide Permit Number 54
- Environment Summary
- Grant Funding for a Living Shoreline

Project Schedule:

- February 4, 2020 – 30% Schematic Design Documents
- April 2, 2020 – 60% Design Development Documents Submitted to City
- July 8, 2020 – Construction Manager At Risk Presentations to Council

Next Steps:

- Permitting Submittals
- 90% Construction Documents
- 100% Construction Documents/GMP Pricing
- 100% GMP
- Start of Phase 1 Construction

Councilwoman Barnebey suggested using solar lighting for structures and **Councilman Byrd** suggested camera installation. After a brief discussion, Mr. Pankonin offered to include several lighting and camera suggestions in the final pricing options.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward in order to begin the permitting process.

Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer explained the City, through Florida Blue, has been covering all costs associated with COVID-19 testing and treatment for employees. She added the benefit ended July 1, 2020 and the Insurance Committee requested permission from Council to extend the benefit through the end of the year.

MOTION TO EXTEND UNTIL THE END OF 2020 THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE CITY INSURANCE COVERAGE PAYS FOR COVID-19 TESTING AND TREATMENT was made by Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 4-0. Vice Mayor Gallo was absent.

Ms. Beauchamp announced the City Clerk's Office currently has 10% of employees in quarantine status due to COVID-19. Mayor Poston requested everyone wear masks to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director announced the Police Department completed a traffic study on Martin Luther King Avenue East. He continued that there are not any stop signs between 15th Street East and 27th Street East along Martin Luther King Avenue East. He said the Police Department recommends placing a four-way stop at 19th Street Court East.

After a brief discussion, **MOTION TO APPROVE INSTALLING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT MARTIN LUTHER KING AVENUE EAST AND 19TH STREET COURT EAST** was made by Councilman Byrd and seconded by Councilman Sanders. Motion passed 4-0. Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.

Councilman Byrd asked if there was a way to slow traffic down in certain parts of the City without damaging first responders' vehicles. Both Mr. McLellan and **Charles Edwards, Fire Chief** agreed speed bumps could possibly damage the vehicles. Mr. McLellan volunteered to research other traffic calming methods.

Mr. McLellan announced a large shipment of silver and copper treated cloth masks were received and staff will distribute 40 per employee. He added the masks are washable up to 15 times.

Melanie Bevan, Police Chief announced the Police Department opened the third annual Forfeiture Grant Program and she is looking forward to awarding funds to neighborhood groups who are truly in need.

Chief Bevan distributed a draft Bradenton Police Department Citizen Advisory Committee policy to Council. Chief Bevan said after researching several model policies, she believes the draft policy is a working model that could guide an advisory committee that would serve in a variety of capacities.

She suggested each Councilmember submit two people from their ward to sit on the committee. Mayor Poston said Council's recommendations would be vetted and potentially serve on a seven-person committee.

Councilman Byrd voiced his concerns regarding criticism of how other communities' police advisory committee members were appointed.

A discussion ensued regarding public policy and other citizen advisory/review committees around the state and country.

Mayor Poston requested Council send their recommendations for the committee to **Captain Valorie Knight** to begin the vetting process.

Councilman Roff and Councilman Byrd announced they reviewed the applications for the Planning Director position and requested an update on the timeline for interviewing.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director said he would provide copies of the applications to Councilwoman Barnebey for review then ask staff to contact Council's top applicants to inquire if they are still interested in the position.

The Special City Council meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio CD or DVD recording of the meeting is available upon request.