

CITY OF BRADENTON

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES July 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, July 10, 2019.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Councilman Ward II Gene Brown; Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III; 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; Charles Edwards, Fire Chief; Josh Cramer, Assistant Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director, and Scott Rudacille, Interim City Attorney.

Melanie Bevan, Police Chief was out with an excused absence.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by Michael Carroll, Pastoral Staff, Citylife Church.

(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:

Code Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Week

The proclamation was accepted by Catherine Hartley, Planning & Community Development Director. Ms. Hartley thanked the City's Code Enforcement Officers for all of their hard work.

In turn, the Mayor and Council voiced their appreciation for the Officers' hard work.

PRESENTATIONS: - None.

Ms. Beauchamp requested anyone wishing to speak during Citizen Comments or Public Hearings stand to be administered the oath. None stood.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: - None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Award of Contract: RFQ #19-04RW Communications Services
- b) Budget Adjustment: Public Works Department
- c) Minutes: June 19, 2019 Special Council Meeting
- d) Minutes: June 26, 2019 Council Meeting
- e) Resolution 19-39: Appointing Glen Gibellina to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- f) Resolution 19-40: Reappointing Gene Bay to the Architectural Review Board
- g) Sole Source Vendor: Chemical Injection Unit, Public Works Department
- h) State Revolving Fund Loan Amendment 1: Public Works Department

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS a-h was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Councilman Sanders. Motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCE 3048: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70, UTILITIES; ARTICLE II, WATER; DIVISION 2, CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, REPLACING SECTION 70-62; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director, announced the Cross Connection Control Program is currently tied to an ordinance. To aid in expediting changes to the program in the future, Mr. McLellan explained, Ordinance 3048 would allow changes via resolution instead of ordinance.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward and none came.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 3048 was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance Number 3049: FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BRADENTON LAND USE REGULATIONS CHANGING SECTION 5.1.2, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, RESIDENTIAL, TO INCLUDE COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS AND CHAPTER 10, DEFINITIONS, TO INCLUDE OFFICES AS A PUBLIC FACILITY; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Catherine Hartley, Planning & Community Development Director explained Ordinance 3049 pertains to accessory structures that meet code, but don't mesh with the neighborhood and the Ordinance also addresses an adjustment to the definition "public facilities".

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING ORDINANCE 3049 AND TO SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 24, 2019 was made by Vice Mayor Byrd and seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution Number 19-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, APPROVING HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN #657 FOR \$55,220.60; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-37 was made by Vice Mayor Byrd and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution Number 19-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, APPROVING HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN #658 FOR \$35,376.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-38 was made by Vice Mayor Byrd and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution Number 19-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR HURRICANE LOSS MITIGATION PROGRAM (HLMP) FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Hartley announced the grant award for Hurricane Loss Mitigation is \$194,000. She explained the City applies for the grant through the Division of Emergency Management and applicants generally utilize the funds for hurricane prevention repairs as in new roofs, hurricane impact windows, and hurricane impact doors.

Vicki White, HCD Manager, explained the priority is to award grant funds to low to moderate income applicants.

Councilman Gallo requested Ms. Hartley provide Council with an information sheet explaining applicant qualifications for the HLMP Grant. Ms. Hartley agreed to create the information sheet.

Discussion: Waiting list for applicants and past grant award amounts.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-41 was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5:0.

NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL – None.

BUSINESS BY APPOINTMENT – None.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS TEMPORARILY RECESSED AT 8:55 A.M. BY MAYOR POSTON AND THE CRA MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER.

(Separate Minutes Maintained and Available.)

THE CRA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:27 A.M. AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECONVENED BY MAYOR POSTON.

COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councilman Gene Gallo, Ward I:

Councilman Gallo announced the former principal of Sea Breeze Elementary, Jackie West, has been admitted to hospice and asked everyone keep her in their thoughts.

Councilman Gene Brown, Ward II:

Councilman Brown gave kudos to Realize Bradenton for all they do for the City. He added he met James Simon, the artist that installed the mosaic *Magic River* and attended the event *Clay Together* with his family.

Councilman Brown was pleased to announce he attended the fireworks display downtown on July 4, 2019. He went on to commend everyone involved in making the 30 minute firework display a success. Because the display has become such a large event, Councilman Brown invited potential vendors to come forward with proposals on how to make the 4th of July celebration an annual event.

Mayor Poston added the Riverwalk was packed with people and very few incidents occurred.

Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III:

Councilman Roff announced that despite the recent heavy rain, Wares Creek is holding the excess water without an issue and the Village of the Arts is draining well.

Councilman Roff requested Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk and Treasurer share an article from the Florida League of Cities magazine with Council regarding City Charter review process. Ms. Beauchamp agreed to send the article to Council.

Councilman Bill Sanders, Ward IV: Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Harold Byrd, Ward V:

Vice Mayor Byrd inquired if a Workshop or working with the League of Cities is the best way to move forward in the Charter review process. He said he's learned to work with the current Charter but questioned if it is the best form in place for the future.

Councilman Roff announced he plans to research Charter review vendors at the annual Florida League of Cities conference.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director proposed to have a Workshop on July 17, 2019 where the budget can be reviewed and if Council wishes, discuss the Charter review. It was agreed to schedule a Workshop on July 17, 2019.

Mayor Poston:

Mayor Poston announced there are two DDA Advisory Committee seats open and requested Council notify him of any volunteers.

Mayor Poston reiterated how wonderful the fireworks display was on July 4, 2019. He also suggested adding a sidewalk close to the mosaic installation and adding a pathway from the City Centre Garage to City Hall.

Mr. Callahan announced he will pursue adding the walkways with the Public Works Department.

Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk and Treasurer:

Ms. Beauchamp announced she shared the Clerk's Newsletter with Council and encouraged everyone to attend the Cyber Security Training.

Ms. Beauchamp announced there is a Council of Governments Meeting on July 30, 2019 and a resolution would need to be created if Council chooses to attend. Councilman Gallo confirmed he will be speaking at the meeting and Ms. Beauchamp concluded that a resolution will be presented to Council on July 24, 2019.

Catherine Hartley, Planning & Community Development Director:

Ms. Hartley announced Lucky's Market hasn't contacted the City in some time but Wawa will be breaking ground soon at 75th Street West and Manatee Avenue.

Ms. Hartley announced the Governor approved HB7103 regarding building inspections and is optimistic that it won't adversely impact the City's building permit revenue however, the City's administrative fee schedule may need to be amended.

Mayor Poston requested Ms. Hartley provide an update on legislation changes regarding the home rule opportunity for local government overseeing affordable housing projects.

Discussion: Legislation changes and affordable housing changes.

Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief:

Chief Edwards announced there are Fire Department representatives in Appleton, Wisconsin inspecting the new firetruck for final approval. He is optimistic the truck will be fully operational in three to four weeks.

Josh Cramer, Assistant Chief:

Assistant Chief Cramer announced the major complaints during the July 4, 2019 festivities were traffic related. He added a search warrant in the 500 block of 5th Avenue West resulted in the arrest of six people for narcotics. Quite a bit of stolen property was recovered at the scene which led to the closure of at least five burglary cases.

Assistant Chief Cramer announced there was a reported battery Downtown in the early morning hours of July 5, 2019. With the assistance of the SafeCam System, he added, the suspect was identified in two hours and subsequently confessed to the crime.

Jim McLellan, Public Works and Utilities Director:

Mr. McLellan announced one of the solid waste trucks caught on fire and he is in the process of locating a rental solid waste truck as a replacement until a new truck arrives.

Mr. McLellan asked for patience because of paving delays as a result of the inclement weather. Councilman Roff gave kudos to the Public Works Department with their hard work during the paving project and asked Mr. McLellan to provide a status report on the paving project. Mr. McLellan agreed to compile the information and provide a status report.

Mr. McLellan added the camera trucks are a great asset to assist in viewing issues under the roads prior to repaving. The result of using this technology, he added, is addressing issues prior to paving instead of addressing issues at a later date.

Councilman Brown announced the camera trucks give a great perspective on what's underground and encouraged everyone to view a demonstration.

Discussion: The significance of utilizing the camera truck technology.

Councilman Gallo requested Mr. McLellan provide an inventory of historic signs in storage at the sign shop and Mr. McLellan agreed.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director:

Mr. Callahan confirmed with Council there will be a Workshop on July 17, 2019. He added the tentative millage rate will be set at the July 24, 2019 City Council Meeting and it will be discussed during the Workshop.

Scott Rudacille, Interim City Attorney:

Mr. Rudacille announced he will be attending the Florida Municipal Attorneys Conference July 11-13, 2019.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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