

CITY OF BRADENTON

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

July 29, 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 29, 2020.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilwoman Ward II Marianne Barnebey; 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; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Charles Edwards, Fire Chief; and Scott Rudacille, City Attorney.

Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo was excused.

NEW BUSINESS:

Setting of the tentative millage rate and scheduling of budget hearings.

Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director explained that he anticipates the City's revenues could be \$1,650,000 lower than last year. Even so, he recommended keeping the tentative millage rate at 5.8976, where it has been since 2014. He also explained that, if necessary, emergency reserves can be used to maintain operations because of dips in the City's revenue sources.

Mr. Callahan recommended setting the budget hearings for September 9, 2020 and September 17, 2020 with a start time of 5:01 p.m. for both meetings.

MOTION TO SET BUDGET HEARINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 AT 5:01 P.M. AND THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AT 5:01 P.M. was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Councilwoman Barnebey. Motion passed 4-0. Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.

After a brief discussion regarding the City's investments, **MOTION TO SET THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AT 5.8976** was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Councilman Byrd. Motion passed 4-0. Vice Mayor Gallo was excused.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Keenan Wooten, 1915 11th Avenue East, thanked Council for not increasing the tax rate.

Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer inquired as to which Councilmember would be the delegate attending the Florida League of Cities Business Meeting on August 13, 2020 and August 14, 2020.

After a brief discussion, **Councilman Roff** nominated **Councilwoman Barnebey** to be the delegate to attend the business meeting. Councilwoman Barnebey accepted the nomination and requested Ms. Beauchamp provide her with the meeting information.

Due to Manatee County passing a face covering resolution, Councilwoman Barnebey inquired if the City would need to extend the City's Emergency Ordinance prior to expiring.

Scott Rudacille, City Attorney explained the City's ordinance is set to expire automatically after 60 days and then the County's resolution would take effect in the City. He then asked Council for their direction regarding interest in keeping the City's ordinance in effect.

Ms. Beauchamp explained the ordinance is set to expire on September 15, 2020. If Council would like to keep the ordinance in effect, she continued, the First Reading would be August 26, 2020 and the Second Reading and Public Hearing would be September 9, 2020.

A discussion ensued regarding the differences between the County's resolution and the City's ordinance.

It was the consensus of Council to revisit the topic at a later City Council Meeting.

The Special City Council meeting adjourned 9:32 a.m.

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