

# CITY OF BRADENTON

## CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES September 25, 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, September 11, 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; Charles Edwards, Fire Chief; Paul McWade, Assistant Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director, and Scott Rudacille, Interim City Attorney.

The pre-meeting invocation was led by Ben Stambaugh, Associate Pastor, 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: - None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: - None.**

**Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer** administered the oath to anyone wishing to speak on any non-agenda items or during the public hearings.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**Glen Gibellina, 7110 28<sup>th</sup> Street East.** Mr. Gibellina suggested reserving property for sale within walking distance to the downtown corridor for affordable housing. He concluded by inviting Council to attend a meeting with him and the Manatee County School Board regarding impact fees.

**Pat Simmons, 5400 26<sup>th</sup> Street West, B-18.** Ms. Simmons requested the City organize a forum to teach seniors gun violence prevention. Assistant Chief McWade announced the Police Department offers that training and gave Ms. Simmons his card so she may contact him.

**Ingrid McClellan, 7803 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive West.** Ms. McClellan requested the City recognize Mike Meehan for outstanding volunteerism and highlighted his contributions to the community. She added the Public Works Department has drafted a recognition letter to Mr. Meehan for his volunteerism.

**Toni Dutreuil, 2104 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.** Ms. Dutreuil discussed her water bill and was concerned that her water meter is defective. Ms. Beauchamp requested Ms. Dutreuil's address and contact information so she can investigate the matter further.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Minutes: September 4, 2019 Budget Hearing #1
- b) Minutes: September 11, 2019
- c) Minutes: September 18, 2019 Budget Hearing #2
- d) PSAP Emergency Communication Interlocal Agreement

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA** was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Councilman Gallo. Motion passed 5-0.

**BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

## **NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL**

### **Ballard Park Lots**

Mr. Callahan announced an RFP was advertised several months ago for the sale of eight lots in Ballard Park and the City received a singular response. He requested the applicant, Jeff Hamilton, present his vision for the lots to Council.

**Jeff Hamilton, 213 21<sup>st</sup> Street NE.** Mr. Hamilton explained the lots for sale include two that are waterfront and six that are not. He envisions building high-end custom modular homes on the lots that are consistent with the architecture of the neighborhood.

**Dan Gruszka, District Sales Manager, Affinity Building Systems, LLC.** Mr. Gruszka provided a presentation describing the construction of Affinity Building Systems' custom modular homes. He said the homes are predesigned, secure and hurricane resistant up to 180 mile per hour winds.

Mr. Hamilton added building modular homes creates less of a disturbance to the neighborhood than building a custom home. He concluded if Council is in agreement with the plans presented, he would like to move forward by negotiating a Development Agreement and contract.

Discussion: Ballard Park Committee sale and development recommendations.

**MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH JEFF HAMILTON** was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Councilman Sanders. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Contract for Services for the Riverwalk Extension**

Mr. Callahan explained the Riverwalk Extension Amendment presented is associated with Phase II of the Riverwalk. He recommended approval of the Amendment for services Council approved in the amount of \$253,750.

Discussion: Replacing pipes through the seawalls, natural shorelines and expanding the natural habitat.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR THE RIVERWALK EXPANSION** was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Vice Mayor Byrd. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Legal Services Discussion**

Mr. Callahan announced the only response received from the RFP for Legal Services was from Blalock Walters P.A. He said the next step would be to negotiate the contract and recommended Council select staff that may contact the City Attorney directly to cut down on billable hours.

**MOTION FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO BEGIN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH BLALOCK WALTERS FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND BRING THE CONTRACT BACK TO COUNCIL** was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Gallo. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Resolution 19-61**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, APPROVING DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN #669 FOR \$20,000; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 616 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue West

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-61** 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 10:47 A.M. BY MAYOR POSTON AND THE CRA MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER.*

*(Separate Minutes Maintained and Available.)*

*THE CRA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:38 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:** Nothing to report.

**Councilman Patrick Roff, Ward III:** Councilman Roff requested **Jim McLellan, Public Works and Utilities Director** speak with representatives at Twin Dolphin Marina regarding cleaning up the construction site. Mr. McLellan and Mr. Callahan agreed to speak with marina representatives.

Councilman Roff announced there was an issue with a member on the Tree Board and he will work with staff internally to resolve.

**Councilman Bill Sanders, Ward IV:** Councilman Sanders announced water taxis were discussed at the last MPO Meeting and inquired about the service being added to the City. Mayor Poston provided a brief history regarding water taxi service vendor presentations to Council.

Councilman Sanders inquired as to the status of the Panhandling Ordinance. Scott Rudacille, Interim City Attorney said the Police Department is compiling supporting data needed to draft an ordinance for the City and it will be brought to Council soon.

**Vice Mayor Harold Byrd, Ward V:** Vice Mayor Byrd thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work repairing sidewalks close to the East Bradenton Pool. He said Ross Peterson was his main contact and concluded he received numerous calls from residents thanking Public Works staff.

**Mayor Poston:** Nothing to report.

**Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer:** Nothing to report.

**Catherine Hartley, Planning & Community Development Director:** Nothing to report.

**Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief:** Nothing to report.

**Paul McWade, Assistant Police Chief:** Nothing to report.

**Jim McLellan, Public Works and Utilities Director:** Mr. McLellan announced the City will be starting single stream recycling a month earlier than expected due to the recycling facility closing and he will bring new contracts before Council as soon as possible.

**Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director:** Mr. Callahan reminded Council a Workshop is scheduled for October 2, 2019. Councilman Brown suggested discussing City Administrator duties during the Workshop and requested it be added to the agenda.

**Scott Rudacille, Interim City Attorney:** Mr. Rudacille thanked Council for the considering Blalock Walters, P.A. to handle the City's legal matters.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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