

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE  
 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 201 HOWELL AVENUE  
 MINUTES**

November 7, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Frankie Burnett, and Council Members Joe Bernardini, Lara Bradburn and Kevin Hohn present. Also present were Thomas S. Hogan, Jr., City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Steve Baumgartner, Finance Director; Mike Walker, Parks and Recreation Director; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Members of the Hernando Times was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burnett, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

American Indian Heritage Month

Proclamation in honor of American Indian Heritage Month to be presented to a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mayor Burnett read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which included Suzy Machamer, Vice Regent, Judy Walters, Regent, Sharon Skrimshire, Weida Liguori, Pauline Galloway and Lisette Anthony.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Burnett asked for public input.

Bill Gilbert asked that Council consider Instant Runoff Voting. Mayor Burnett advised that staff would research and Council would get back with him.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

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|----------------|-----------------|
| July 18, 2011  | Regular Meeting |
| July 26, 2011  | Budget Workshop |
| August 9, 2011 | Budget Workshop |

Dumpster Supply Purchase

Consideration of approval to purchase replacement dumpsters for commercial accounts via piggybacking on the City of Largo's bid award to Iron Containers, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed the \$26,090 approved by Council in the FY2011/12 Budget.

Award of Bid – Mowing Services SD2011-16

Consideration of bid award to Benchmark of Central Florida, LLC for Utility Site Mowing and to Elixson Enterprises, LLC for right-of-way and Code Enforcement mowing.

Rural Development Funds

Consideration of authorization to reject loan funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development, for the direct-read meter replacement.

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## Brooksville Ancient Trail, LLC - Vacation of Lot

Consideration to not object to the vacation of Lot 17, Damac Modular Home Park by Hernando County Board of County Commissioners and authorize the Mayor to execute the Utility Easement Agreement.

## Public Service Tax Closing Agreement

Consideration of City Council's approval of Public Service Tax Closing Agreement with Progress Energy of Florida, Inc.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Hohn for approval of Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Resolution No. 2011-13 Mecklenburg Memorial Highway

Consideration of approval of resolution supporting the designation of U.S. 41 from S.R. 50 to the Pasco County Line in memory of Deputy John C. Mecklenburg.

City Manager Jennene Norman-Vacha reviewed the resolution. Penny Mecklenburg addressed Council, thanking them for their support.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of Resolution No. 2011-13.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2011-13 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA,  
SUPPORTING THE DEDICATION OF U.S. 41 FROM S.R. 50 TO THE  
PASCO COUNTY LINE AS THE "DEPUTY JOHN C. MECKLENBURG  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 4-0 upon roll call vote as follows:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Council Member Bradburn   | Aye    |
| Council Member Bernardini | Aye    |
| Council Member Hohn       | Aye    |
| Vice Mayor Johnston       | Absent |
| Mayor Burnett             | Aye    |

### Florida Blueberry Festival Site Plan Approval

Consideration of approval of the proposed site plan for the festival.

Festival Coordinator Michael Heard reviewed the proposed site plan, which was briefly discussed.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Burnett adjourned the regular Council meeting and convened the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

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## CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Burnett asked for public input; there was none.

## ITEMS BY COUNCIL

### T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised Attorney Battista is with the Hogan Law Firm and will be representing Council.

### Lara Bradburn, Council Member

She advised the Hazardous Waste Notice that was mailed out was unreadable.

### Kevin Hohn, Council Member

Council Member Hohn reviewed the Town Hall Meeting at Southern Hills last Thursday and thanked City Manager Norman-Vacha and the City Attorney for attending and helping clarify some things.

He reviewed an issue with his water bill. Staff will get with him.

Concerning red lights, he referenced the letter he recommended sending first time offenders. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised they are working on that and will bring back information.

### Joe Bernardini, Council Member

#### Impact Fees

He advised he is opposed to the lowering or eliminating of impact fees being voted on tomorrow by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners. Council Member Bradburn felt it would be prudent for the City to send another letter restating their opposition to lowering or eliminate them. Council Member Hohn was opposed as well.

#### Progress Energy Franchise

He asked if it is possible to end the franchise agreement with Progress Energy and go with Withlacoochee. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised it may be a legal issue but staff will look into it. Council Member Bradburn commented on the original agreement and felt the city should have a say on how they trim the trees.

#### Beautification Board Fundraiser

Council Member Bernardini advised the Beautification Board is again raising funds to update the Christmas decorations for the downtown area. He advised the Wal-Mart Distribution Center donated a 30" flat screen television to be given to the business that sells the most tickets to the wreath.

### Frankie Burnett, Mayor

#### Board of County Commissioners Workshop

Mayor Burnett reminded Council that Mike McHugh sent an invitation to attend November 17<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Economic Development.

#### Veteran's Parade

He also reminded all of the Veteran's Parade on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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### Thanksgiving

Mayor Burnett advised the requests for help this year have increased from last year. He encouraged all to help if they can.

### Brooksville Housing Authority

He shared that the Brooksville Housing Authority, as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, is no longer in the troubled status. Council Member Bernardini recommended the Mayor send a letter of thanks to the board members.

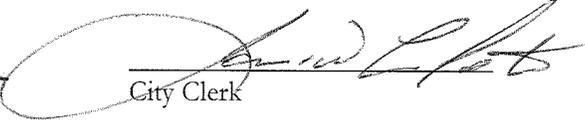
He thanked the City Manager and staff for the wonderful job they do.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk