

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

December 5, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Frankie Burnett, Vice Mayor Joseph E. Johnston, III, 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. A member of the Hernando Times was present.

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

**SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Selection of Mayor

Council Member Bradburn nominated Vice Mayor Johnston for Mayor  
Council Member Hohn nominated Mayor Burnett to continue as Mayor

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Joseph E. Johnston, III for Mayor. Motion carried 5-0.

Selection of Vice Mayor

Council Member Bernardini nominated Council Member Bradburn for Vice Mayor  
Vice Mayor Johnston nominated Council Member Bradburn for Vice Mayor

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Lara Bradburn for Vice Mayor. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Bradburn commended Frankie Burnett on his leadership as Mayor for the past year.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Johnston asked for public input.

Paul Douglas, President of NAACP, expressed appreciation and pride of Frankie Burnett.

Dennis Wilfong, Ambassador of Commerce, expressed appreciation to Frankie Burnett, as well as all of Council.

Kojack Burnett announced that he would still be in attendance at the Council meetings taking notes even though his brother is no longer Mayor.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL  
ON 5/21/12 INITIALS JA

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### Minutes

August 1, 2011 Regular Meeting  
August 15, 2011 Regular Meeting  
August 22, 2011 Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Bradburn asked that Item 2 be removed for discussion.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Hohn for approval of Consent Agenda Item 1. Motion carried 5-0.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Road/Sidewalk Pavement Management Program

Consideration of approval of Program with Civil-Tech Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$91,184 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

Council Member Bradburn asked for the completion deadline and does this include the frontage roads. City Manager Norman-Vacha confirmed it does include the frontage road.

Public Works Director Radacky stated the contract is 365 from the notice to proceed. Vice Mayor Bradburn felt the project could be completed sooner. City Manager Norman-Vacha felt they will do it as quickly as possible but it is a huge undertaking. Alan Garman, with Civil-Tech, stated discussions have been about inventory as this will be expending a lot of time and indicated the project should be completed in about ten (10) months then the software and database will be handed over to Public Works Department with training for maintenance/updating.

Public Works Director Radacky stated staff will have a lot of input through every phase of the program.

Council Member Hohn, referencing Step 5, asked could the records show maintenance from the last 5-years for a trend analysis. Mr. Garman advised they will work with staff for that information and gave examples of issues with clay based roads and trees on sidewalks.

Director Radacky felt the city's roads to be the most neglected project in the City and vowed to fix the problem.

Larry Boone with Civil-Tech briefly reviewed that the system will be set up for immediate use and several features can be added in the future.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval to include the amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

### Ordinance No. 770-B – Police Officer's Retirement Trust Fund Amendments

Consideration of approval of ordinance amending City of Brooksville Police Officer's Retirement Trust Fund.

Police Chief Turner reviewed the amendments covered in the Ordinance. He stated the amendment is to conform to the new laws passed by the State Legislature; unused sick and vacation leave after July 1, 2011 not to be included in final average salaries and limitation on amount of overtime.

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**Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Hohn for approval.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 770-B by title, as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT TRUST FUND ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 770, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED; AMENDING ARTICLE 2.23, SALARY/COMPENSATION; ADOPTING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN DOCUMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Council Member Hohn	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Council Member Burnett	Aye
Vice Mayor Bradburn	Aye
Mayor Johnston	Aye

Mayor Johnston announced the second and final reading is scheduled for the December 19, 2011 meeting.

**Intergovernmental, Board Assignments and Organizations - City Council**

Appointments to various Boards and Committees.

Board appointments were as follows:

**City Boards/Committees**

Beautification Board  
Brooksville Cemetery Advisory Board  
CDBG Citizens Task Force  
Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

**Council Representative**

Joe Bernardini  
Frankie Burnett  
Kevin Hohn  
Lara Bradburn  
Joe Bernardini

**External Boards/Committees**

Anti Drug Coalition  
Brooksville Business Alliance  
Community Alliance  
Committee against Assaults on Law Enforcement Officers  
Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Committees:  
    Intergovernmental Committee  
    Energy & Environmental Committee  
    Finance & Taxation Committee  
    Growth Management & Transportation  
    Urban Administration Committee  
Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Council Representative**

Frankie Burnett  
Lara Bradburn  
Kevin Hohn  
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Joe Johnston  
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Frankie Burnett  
Lara Bradburn  
Joe Bernardini  
Lara Bradburn  
Joe Johnston, Alternate

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Take Stock in Children  
Tourist Development Council  
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority  
Youth and Family Alternatives

Frankie Burnett  
Joe Johnston  
Joe Johnston  
Frankie Burnett

Mayor Johnston suggested Council Member Hohn be appointed as an alternate for any of the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Committees. City Manager Norman-Vacha will look into whether that is an option.

### **Adopt-a-Trail Program**

Consideration to implement a program to allow volunteers to contribute in maintaining and providing a litter-free trail system along the Good Neighbor Trail.

Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation Walker reviewed the program, which was briefly discussed. This program has been approved in November 2011 by the Good Neighbor Trail Committee and the Brooksville Parks and Recreation Board. The requirement for adoption of a part of the trail is a quarter mile in length and a two-year commitment and maintained up to six (6) times per year. The City's obligation is signage along the trail and safety equipment and pick-up of trash at designated locations. The budget impact will be absorbed in the current Parks Facilities budget with no additional expense.

Vice Mayor Bradburn stated there has already been interest in volunteerism and adoption is longer than a quarter mile for the County. Volunteers provide a great resource to report problems to the City and the County along the trail.

Council Member Hohn suggested an announcement on the City's website for volunteers. City Manager Norman-Vacha confirmed.

Council Member Bernardini supported the issue and asked about the County's responsibility. Vice Mayor Bradburn stated the County has a similar program to this and the City has a great working relationship with them.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval. Motion carried 5-0.

### **First Time Violation Warning with Traffic Infraction Detection and Enforcement Program**

Council direction concerning a violation warning to first time offenders.

City Attorney Battista reviewed staff findings concerning the issue. Mayor Johnston recommended a sign be placed at the city's main entrance points indicating the City of Brooksville participates in the program. Vice Mayor Bradburn voiced concern for sign pollution. Council Member Hohn withdrew his support of the first-time offender warning letters, following his description of the day's events in which a red-light runner almost hit him. Council Member Bernardini was in support of a warning letter. Council consensus (3-2) was to add the signs recommended by Mayor Johnston.

### **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Johnston asked for public input.

Kojack Burnett congratulated the new Mayor and Vice Mayor.

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## ITEMS BY COUNCIL

### Joe Bernardini, Council Member

#### Beautification Board Christmas Decoration Contest 2011

Council Member Bernardini reminded all of the Beautification Board's Christmas Decoration judging on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Water Bill

He pointed out a printing problem on the water bill flier regarding household hazardous waste.

#### Flavored Tobacco Sales

He was in favor of no candy flavored tobacco sales resolution.

#### Christmas Parade

He announced that he will not be attending the Christmas Parade.

### Frankie Burnett, Council Member

#### Reason for the Season

He reminded all of the reason for the season of the holidays.

#### Frederick Kelly Elks Lodge

He advised baskets and gifts would be distributed by the Elks Lodge as they have for 53 years and asked for donations.

#### Mayoral Service

He was honored to serve as Mayor over the last year and wished all a Merry Christmas.

### Kevin Hohn, Council Member

#### Southern Hills Plantation

Council Member Hohn relayed that the Southern Hills community appreciated Council's assistance for the courtesy extended.

### Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor

#### Christmas Parade

Vice Mayor Bradburn reminded all of the Christmas parade on Saturday at 10 a.m.

#### Pot Hole on Mildred Avenue

She noticed on Mildred Avenue at SR41 South a pot hole has opened up.

#### Mayoral Service

She thanked Council Member Burnett for his term as Mayor.

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

#### Christmas on Main Street

She reminded all this Thursday evening downtown businesses will have Christmas on Main Street.

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## Joe Johnston, Mayor

### Christmas on Main Street

Mayor Johnston asked that Vice Mayor Bradburn attend on his behalf as he will be at the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Committee meeting in Ocala.

### Christmas Parade

He asked would Council still be on the Junior Service League and Hernando County Builder's Association float. City Manager Norman-Vacha confirmed that they would be.

### Municipal Election Tie Vote

Mayor Johnston relayed another municipality's tie-breaker procedure was to put numbers in sealed envelopes and the victor is declared on either highest or lowest number picked.

### Countdown Signals on Main Street

He again asked if it would be possible to get countdown signals at Jefferson and Broad Streets. Director Radacky advised the sequencing on electronics did not work out for those signals.

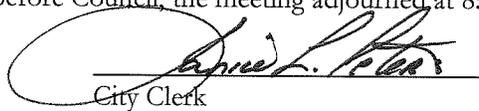
### Mayoral Service

He thanked Council Member Burnett for his leadership as Mayor.

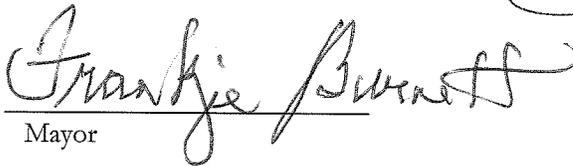
Council Member Burnett asked that the citizens visit the Brooksville Historical Cemetery.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

  
City Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor