

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HERNANDO COUNTY MINING ASSOCIATION
ENRICHMENT CENTER
800 JOHN GARY GRUBBS BLVD.
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601
MINUTES**

March 5, 2012

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Joseph E. Johnston, III, Vice Mayor Lara Bradburn, Council Members Joe Bernardini, Frankie Burnett 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 Today and Hernando Times were also present.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion to add Resolution 2012-02 to the agenda honoring Brenda Joyce Wright Cason.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Burnett to add the resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Institute for Elected Municipal Officials

Presentation of Certificate of Completion to Council Member Kevin Hohn for his recent completion of the Florida Institute of Government and Florida League of Cities' "2012 Institute for Elected Municipal Officials".

Mayor Johnston presented Council Member Hohn with the Certificate of Completion.

Proclamation – Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary

Consideration of Proclamation to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts and designating 2012 the "Year of the Girl".

Mayor Johnston read the proclamation in its entirety. There was no one present to receive the certificate; it will be mailed.

Proclamation – Sertoma 100th Anniversary

Consideration of Proclamation to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Sertoma and to declare the month of April "The Month of Sertoma".

Mayor Johnston read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to Sertoma's Central Florida District Governor Harvey Reinhart.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE

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Progress Energy Presentation of Rebate

Presentation of third rebate check for the City Hall Roof the City has installed.

Gary Renfro, Senior Account Executive presented the rebate check in the amount of \$1,136 to City Council.

Resolution No. 2012-02 Honoring Brenda Joyce Wright Cason

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2012-02 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE HONORING BRENDA JOYCE WRIGHT CASON.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval.

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

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

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Johnston asked for public input.

James Davis, of City Electric Supply, regarding the bid of the Generator, asked that Council consider awarding locally.

CONSENT AGENDA

Florida Junior Golf Council Grant Application/Agreement

Consideration of approval of Grant application through the Florida Junior Golf Council in the amount of \$5000, to promote and implement First Tee programming at affiliate golf courses in the community.

Boom Truck Purchase

Consideration to purchase a replacement boom truck via the Florida Sheriff's Association, Association of Counties, and Fire Chief's Association bid list for the not-to-exceed amount of \$140,986 and surplus of the 2000 Peterbilt Boom Truck and body via the next Hernando County auction.

Fire Department Generator Equipment Bid Award

Consideration of bid award to Generx Generators, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$30,259.

Surplus Equipment

Consideration to surplus obsolete/inoperable equipment.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the Consent Agenda with discussion.

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Council Member Bernardini inquired of the generator that was surplus last year, asking could it not have been used? Fire Chief Mossgrove advised it was a mobile generator.

Discussion ensued of the award of the generator bid and what will become of the current one. Fire Chief Mossgrove reviewed. Vice Mayor Bradburn suggested it be used elsewhere in the city such as a utility lift station.

Council Member Bernardini recalled there was discussion of adopting a policy that stated a bid within a certain percentage of lowest bid would be awarded locally. Council Member Burnett agreed the award should go to the lowest bidder unless there is indeed a policy in place that states otherwise. Mayor Johnston confirmed with Attorney Battista that there is no such policy in place.

Attorney Battista will review the City's policy on awards and the item will be revisited.

Vice Mayor Bradburn felt the lowest bidder does not guarantee award of the bid as there are other factors to consider.

Council Member Hohn asked if the bid award could be removed to a later date.

The motion on the floor for approval of the entire consent agenda was withdrawn by Council Member Burnett.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Hohn for removal of Item E-3, award of the generator, to the next agenda, pending staff research. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval of the remaining Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Bid Protest Procedure – Policy 1-2012

Consideration of procedure for bid protests.

City Attorney Battista reviewed the procedure, changing the timeline to file a protest to seventy-two (72) hours after a bid opening.

Motion:

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

Southern Hills Plantation Project

Update and timeline information for the Southern Hills Plantation Phase 3A-1, Phase 3 Final Asphalt Life & Southern Hills Blvd. Mill and Resurface.

Public Works Director Richard Radacky reviewed the options presented to Council and the status of the project bid and schedule of construction. One option was for bid award at the March 19th meeting of Council. Option two was to postpone award of the bid to April 2nd with extension of the bid closing to allow additional time for contractors to view the site. He requested Council direction as to which option they would like to take.

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The second item was for relocation of the Gopher Tortoises, which staff recommended, as opposed to bulldozing over them. One option was to include in the work for the Coastal Engineering contract. The other was to hire David McAlpine who specializes in Tortoise removal. His cost was lower than Coastal's cost of \$15,500. There is a 60-day time period for removal.

He requested staff recommendation amendment to allow the City Manager to decide which proposal to accept for the Gopher Tortoise removal.

Council Member Bernardini and Council Member Burnett were in favor of Option 2 as well as relocation of the Tortoises with the City Manager to decide on which proposal to take. Council Member Hohn asked for points of clarification on the timeline, which Mr. Manual provided.

Council Member Hohn, Vice Mayor Bradburn and Mayor Johnston were in favor of Option 1, the current schedule.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Option 2. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Hohn and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of Option 1. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn to authorize the City Manager to contract removal of the Gopher Tortoises. Motion carried 5-0.

City Manager Contract

Review and renewal of City Manager Contract.

Mayor Johnston reviewed that the overall evaluation was 4.1. No motion was made to alter her contract so it automatically renewed for another year.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Johnston asked for public input; there was none.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Red Light Camera Water Bill Insert

Council Member Bernardini referenced the warning period regarding Red Light Cameras included in the water bills and asked if they were in place. Mayor Johnston advised they are not as of yet.

Acquisition of Hernando Park

He asked about the city taking over the park downtown. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the Brooksville Vision Foundation has been working to acquire the park. Mayor Johnston asked for the financial projection of taking over the park.

Blueberry Festival/Brooksville Vision Foundation

He advised he has gotten telephone calls about the event and feels there needs to be more information put out about the project. He felt that at every meeting Council needs to be brought up to date on the projects by the Blueberry Festival and the Brooksville Vision Foundation.

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He is concerned that citizens within a few blocks of the Blueberry Festival are not informed as to what is going on and there needs to be better communication in bringing that information forward.

Progress Energy Rates

He advised that in the Tampa Tribune there was an article saying electrical prices are a critical part of economic development. Statewide Florida, Power and Light has the lowest rates and Progress Energy has the highest rates.

Red Light Cameras

He read a letter into the record from Laurie Sowers to the Chief of Police and City Manager Norman-Vacha regarding red light cameras.

Frankie Burnett, Council Member

Southern Hills Project

Council Member Burnett asked that the Home Owners Association be notified of the project schedule.

Commendations

He thanked City Manager Norman-Vacha and staff for the wonderful job they are doing on a daily basis and congratulated the City Manager on her evaluation score of 4.1.

Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor

Pothole

Vice Mayor Bradburn indicated there is a large pothole at Veterans Avenue and Benton Avenue.

Commendations

She echoed Council Member Burnett in congratulating the City Manager.

Joe Johnston, Mayor

Countdown Light

Mayor Johnston noticed there is a countdown timer at Broad and Main Streets.

Traffic Light

He inquired of any information on fixing the traffic light at the Winn-Dixie plaza. Director Radacky advised he has a call in to the County Engineer and is awaiting a call back.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor

Janice L. Peters

City Clerk

