

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

April 16, 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 Butch Battista, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Kim J. Harsin, Deputy 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.

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

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Progress Energy Presentation of Rebate

Presentation of a rebate check in the amount of \$288.96 for the Department of Public Works ceiling insulation.

Gary Renfro, Senior Account Executive presented a rebate check to City Council.

Resolution 2012-03 – Daniel T. Papa Retirement

Consideration of Resolution honoring Daniel T. Papa, who retired from the Brooksville Fire Department after more than 23 years of service.

Mayor Johnston read the resolution in its entirety.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Hohn for approval of Resolution No. 2012-03.

Deputy City Clerk Harsin read Resolution No. 2012-03 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO DANIEL T. PAPA, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA.

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

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE

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Mayor Johnston presented it to Chief Mossgrove on behalf of Mr. Papa who was not present.

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 15 – 21, 2012

Presentation of proclamation declaring April 15th – 21st as National Volunteer Week and honoring our citizens that volunteer their valuable time and make a difference in the City of Brooksville.

Mayor Johnston read the proclamation in its entirety and presented volunteers with Certificates of Appreciation.

Vice Mayor Bradburn recognized and commended the youngest volunteer Tim Hughes who has helped beautify the City in so many ways.

Council Member Bernardini recognized the time and money volunteers have saved the City over the years. He indicated when the economy affords, a volunteer dinner would be appropriate. Other Council Members concurred.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Presentation of proclamation supporting Arbor Day in our community, which will be recognized at a Beautification Board event to be held on April 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at Tom Varn Park.

Mayor Johnston read the proclamation in its entirety.

Council Member Bernardini announced there will be trees donated by the Division of Forestry to the public at a celebration on April 27th.

Proclamation – Donate Life Month

Consideration of proclamation designating April as “Donate Life Month.”

Mayor Johnston read the proclamation in its entirety. The Proclamation will be mailed to Manager of Public Affairs Jennifer Krouse of LifeLink Foundation Inc.

CITIZEN INPUT

Tour Guide Gretchen Countryman spoke on behalf of the Hernando Historical Museum fundraising event for reconstruction of a one room school house on Russell Street. She can be contacted at the museum or directly at 352-597-1064, 630-801-7689 or at gretchencountryman@yahoo.com.

Vice Mayor Bradburn confirmed the design was based on the original Lykes Plantation School House on Old Fort Avenue, not what is now known as Spring Hill. The Good Neighbor Trail plan has an area for historical buildings such as this to be moved or constructed.

Council Member Hohn asked how much money is needed for the project. Ms. Countryman indicated \$60,000 and announced several upcoming fundraising events.

Blueberry Festival Chair Michael Heard gave an update on the upcoming Blueberry Festival on May 4, 5 and 6.

Council Member Bernardini asked if all the billboards are the same for advertising. Ms. Heard stated they are different than the “welcome” boards but have the same message advertising the festival. She advised they are located in Pinellas County, County Line Road, Dale Mabry, two in Hillsborough County south of Dale Mabry and one by Memorial and Racetrack. Most are digital boards but six are paper boards. She believes the billboard at the Hard Rock Café alone will have two and a half million hits. She welcomed businesses to advertise in the program with 40,000 distributions. The

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Parade brochure will have 5,000 printed and there are applications available for floats. She suggested a “volunteer” float.

Mayor Johnston referenced the new entrance where the shuffle board courts were removed and asked will it be handicap accessible. She stated the driveway coming into the park was intended for ADA requirements. Two dead trees will be removed by Thursday, paver bricks will be delivered tomorrow and the bathrooms will be repainted and reroofed with a preliminary completion date by end of next week.

City Manager Norman-Vacha stated the ADA entrance will remain off the library parking lot. Ms. Heard pointed out there is an ADA ramp that goes to the teen hall along the bandshell.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting
September 28, 2011 Final Budget Hearing

Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund (FFPTF) Board Member

Ratification of appointment of the “fifth member” to the FFPTF for an unexpired 2-year term of office through December 31, 2014, as elected by a majority of the Board Members on March 29, 2012.

Council Member Bernardini pointed out item E-2 staff recommendation should read “Council ratify the appointment of the fifth member to the “Firefighters” Pension Trust Fund Board, per F.S. 175.061(a)”. Council concurred with the change and approved as amended.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Audited Financial Statements

Review and acceptance of Annual Audit for Fiscal Year ended 09/30/11 prepared by Oliver & Joseph Auditors, P.A.

Mary Beth Gary, CPA, Oliver & Co. reviewed the audit. She stated there were a number of things happening within in the City during the year from an audit standpoint. The Finance Director compiled an excellent summary of highlights of financial activity in the front of the audit report. GASB 54 was a new pronouncement this year to make the financial statements more meaningful and user-friendly for identifying net assets, what can be done with them and what they are dedicated to. There is a summary in the financial statements for new terminology within footnotes. She commended the City’s financial officers for their due diligence. She reviewed the City’s current and completed projects, including Energy Systems Group, the Enrichment Center and the Landmar bond settlement. There were routine items that were paid off and vehicles purchased. This year there was a single audit of a major program funded by Federal funds, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund which affects the Utility Fund by about \$1.4 million dollars. Approximately \$600,000 of the fund is expended and earned in the current audit year. There were no major findings in the reports for full compliance.

Vice Mayor Bradburn stated this is the best audit she has seen in many years. She commended the Finance Department staff for their summary of accomplishments. She also commended all City staff for compilation of accomplishments under the guidance of the City Manager. She suggested

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Ms. Gary work in conjunction with the City Manager and Finance Director on a viable proposition to pay off the ladder truck that was purchased in 2005 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund. She also referenced a loan taken out in 2008 for \$1.6 million that would be unfunded in six years. Ms. Gary indicated specifics of the transactions would need to be determined as to the reason for financing at the time.

Ms. Gary pointed out the City has made tremendous progress with efficiency, software, upgrades and presentations.

Vice Mayor Bradburn suggested a summary mailing to City residents as a “State of the City Address”.

Mayor Johnston commended City staff on their handling of financials.

Council Member Hohn appreciated the effort of the audit due to the complexity of GASB 54 and congratulated City staff on a clean audit.

Motion:

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

CITIZEN INPUT

Kojack Burnett suggested consideration of a volunteer dinner for next year and Certificates of Appreciation presented in a wooden frame.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Fishing Tournament

Council Member Bernardini announced the Hogan Law Firm Hospice Fishing Tournament was a great success last weekend.

Street Lights

He indicated there are several street lights not working in the areas of US41 near the Hilltop and along Howell Avenue from Crosby Street to Tangerine Cove.

Historic Banners

He asked for an update on the status of removing the weathered historic banners downtown before the Blueberry Festival.

Arbor Day Celebration

He reminded all there will be an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Tom Varn Park. He invited all to join the City of Brooksville’s Beautification Board in the celebration of trees and their purpose; learn about choosing, planting and maintaining the proper trees for this region. Awards will be presented to Project Looking Ahead students for their Arbor Day posters. A special appearance will be made by Smokey the Bear and representatives of the Forestry Department. The event will conclude with the planting of a tree.

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Frankie Burnett, Council Member

Staff Commendation

Council Member Burnett commended City Manager and staff on the audit report and for their continued due diligence.

Volunteer Reception

He asked fellow City Council Members consider a dinner for volunteers in the next budget.

Kevin Hohn, Council Member

Volunteerism

Council Member Hohn proposed “Adopt-A-Volunteer” to recruit and increase volunteerism.

Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor

Road Assessment Project

Vice Mayor Bradburn asked the status of the project. City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated there will be an upcoming presentation for finalization during budget. Mayor Johnston stated Alan Garman told him they would be giving a progress report within the next couple of meetings.

Good Neighbor Trail

She asked that trash receptacles be provided for the cleanup project. She also asked that City staff coordinate with the Brooksville Housing Authority to resolve the issue of cars driving around the barricades on Tanglewood Drive.

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

Finance Staff Commendation

City Manager Norman-Vacha thanked the Finance Director and staff for their due diligence during the budget audit. She also commended department directors and staff on better managing their budgets.

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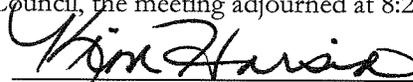
Joe Johnston, Mayor

Commendations

Mayor Johnston thanked volunteers for all they do and recognized Finance staff on a great audit. He also commended Chief Turner and his staff for cleaning up vagrants that had set up camp in the woods behind his property.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Deputy City Clerk

Attest: _____

Mayor