

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
201 HOWELL AVENUE  
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

**MINUTES**

**June 17, 2013**

**Small Business Appreciation Reception**

**6:30 P.M.**

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor Kevin Hohn, Council Members Frankie Burnett and Joe Bernardini present. Also present were T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Council Member Joe Johnston was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradburn at 7:00 p.m., followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**National Small Business Week**

Presentation of proclamation declaring June 17-21, 2013 as National Small Business Week and honoring new business in the City of Brooksville for 2012-2013.

Michael Heard, Assistant Ambassador of Commerce & Employment and Cliff Manuel, of Coastal Engineering and the Brooksville Vision Foundation (BVF) presented personalized Small Business Week certificates to individual business owners who were present. Mayor Bradburn asked all business owners present to stand and be recognized.

She advised a few things are being done in the city to encourage recruitment and retainment of local businesses. The Enterprise Zone that gives tax breaks to local businesses who build or expand within that zone, the CRA district downtown and the Vision Foundation.

Mr. Manuel advised the BVF has been working with the State of Florida promoting elimination of the one-way paring downtown. He reviewed the intent of the BFV and encouraged local business to get involved and attend the meetings held at 4:00 p.m. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at City Hall. Michael Heard, Chairman of Events asked that anyone who is interested in volunteering or with suggestions call her.

Mayor Bradburn advised the City values partnerships and anyone interested in becoming involved with the process can contact any Council Member, as well as the City Manager.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Bradburn.

**2013 Hurricane Season Update**

Cecilia Patella, Director of Emergency Management was unable to attend and will be rescheduled.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL

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## CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bradburn asked for citizen input.

Dan Patrick reviewed his history of business in the City of Brooksville. He advised there are businesses in town that are barely hanging on and encouraged Council to do something to encourage businesses to come downtown.

Lucy Basa and Jack Waldron of Just Poets, inspired by the opening speech of Mayor Bradburn at the Art Gallery reception, presented Mayor Bradburn with a framed poem, which Ms. Basa read.

Pat Miketinac, referencing the red light cameras, elaborated on the yellow light timing, which he felt is too short to avoid getting a ticket.

Shirley Miketinac, regarding about the transportation bill, asked if the City if they will be appointing a Magistrate for appeals to the red light cameras. She pointed out a law had also been passed wherein you have to stop completely before taking a right on red, although you can go past the white line. She asked how the City is planning to get the word out regarding the changes.

Mayor Bradburn advised the City had the Magistrate before and has no problems continuing that.

Monique Moore expressed concern about the red light cameras as well.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Ordinance No. 837 – Synthetic Drugs

Consideration of an Ordinance prohibiting the possession, sale, or manufacture of synthetic drugs.

Lt. Steve Mislyan reviewed the ordinance.

Council Member Bernardini passed around two articles from this week's paper involving use of synthetic drugs. He recommended the fines for violations be added into the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Hohn asked if the local businesses have been informed. Lt. Mislyan advised they have.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the Sheriff's office is working on a proposal for the County Commission as well. Council Member Bernardini pointed out it is packaged to target kids.

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Tracy Cummings, a student at St. Petersburg College, advised this is a growing epidemic and is more harmful than legal drugs. She is in favor of the ordinance.

Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, advised Section 8-1.5(G) addresses the fines, which was briefly discussed as it relates to F. S. Chapter 162. It stipulates that the

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hearing officer may impose fines of up to \$500 per day. He asked that it be attached to the Ordinance for final reading. He advised offenders can be prosecuted beyond the hearing officer.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Ordinance No. 837.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 837 by title, as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 58, "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS," BY ADDING ARTICLE III, "SYNTHETIC DRUGS"; PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION, SALE, OR MANUFACTURE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS; PROVIDING A STATEMENT OF INTENT; PROVIDING FOR A TITLE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR DETERMINATION OF A PRODUCT WHICH CONSTITUTES A SYNTHETIC DRUG; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITED ACTS; PROVIDING FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF THE ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT BY RESOLUTION.**

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

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

### Mosquito Control Interlocal Agreement

Consideration of Interlocal Agreement with Hernando County for mosquito control services.

Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works, reviewed the agreement, which provides a long-range plan for mosquito control in the City of Brooksville and identifies all the applications to be provided by Hernando County. Exhibit A details services the City will receive. Monthly reports will be provided to the City and they will be monitoring the activity.

Mayor Bradburn advised she believes this should be a County provided service. She also advised the County has hired a new Mosquito Control Director.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the Agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

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Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Kojack Burnett congratulated Mayor Bradburn on her recognition and Happy Father's Day to all fathers.

### **Joe Bernardini, Council Member**

#### Red Light Cameras

Council Member Bernardini advised the red light cameras are still flashing when there's no violation happening and it's very distracting. He didn't know there was a part of the new transportation bill that says, "dead on red", which he would like more clarification on.

He advised he disagrees with the increase in the amount of the citation if someone disagrees, as well as having to say who was driving a vehicle if the owner fills out an affidavit that indicates they were not the driver.

### **Frankie Burnett, Council Member**

#### Red Light Cameras

Council Member Burnett agrees with Council Member Bernardini except that he feels an owner will know, unless it's stolen, who was driving their car and they should have to say who it was.

#### Noise

Council Member Burnett thought the noise ordinance was going to be brought back. It is getting worse and needs to be readdressed.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised staff is working on it. Mayor Bradburn asked that staff obtain a copy of what Hillsborough County has done.

#### Brooksville Vision Foundation

Council Member Burnett encouraged all citizens that can to become a part of this committee.

#### Storm Water Management

He advised that there will be a ceremony at 9:00 a.m. on Friday in the South Brooksville area dealing with storm water management.

#### Staff Commendation

He commended the City Manager and staff on their efforts.

### **Kevin Hohn, Vice Mayor**

#### Red Light Cameras

Vice Mayor Hohn advised, regarding comments Chief Turner made, to realize that they read it in the newspaper and from time to time they have been known to misquote. He reiterated that the City of Brooksville has nothing to do with the timing of the lights and he would support extension of the yellow lights.

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Regarding the Magistrate, if it is proven that a violation occurred and the offender chooses to fight the ticket and are found guilty, he felt they should have to pay the court fines.

He had also not heard about the dead stop on red. Regarding the white line rules concerning what is and is not a violation, he reminded all that a request had been made of the papers to run a public service announcement and they all declined. He directed all to the City's website, which addresses commonly asked questions.

Vice Mayor Hohn advised he is still in favor of the driving courses for high school kids.

He also advised that the night Council voted on the red light cameras he was almost t-boned. He pointed out that it is not only against the law to run a red light but unsafe and did not agree with the argument that it is a money-grabber. There has been a reduction in accidents and it does provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Brooksville.

### Lara Bradburn, Mayor

#### Red Light Cameras

Mayor Bradburn agreed that it is not a money maker. The State of Florida study has shown a 40% reduction in accidents statewide in jurisdictions with red light cameras. She advised that since day 1, this Council has asked for the maximum yellow light timing and will continue to comply with state mandates, but felt some things are best handled by local jurisdictions.

#### South Brooksville Revitalization

She encouraged all to attend the 9:00 Friday meeting in South Brooksville as well. She thanks Council Member Burnett for all his efforts to bring revitalization to that area.

#### Brooksville Vision Foundation

She reiterated that this foundation is open to both businesses and individuals.

#### Hurricane Season

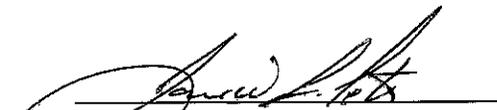
Mayor Bradburn advised that Ms. Patel was not able to be here tonight and will be re-scheduled. Meanwhile, it is hurricane season and encouraged all to create their home kits with enough supplies for 10 days.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk