

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

MINUTES

December 2, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Kevin Hohn, Vice Mayor Frankie Burnett, Council Members Joe Bernardini, Lara Bradburn, and Joseph E. Johnston, III present. Also present were Thomas S. Hogan, Jr. and Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; 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 Bradburn, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selection of Mayor

Nomination: Nomination of Vice Mayor Hohn for Mayor was made by Council Member Burnett.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Burnett for the appointment of Kevin Hohn for Mayor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Bradburn called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Selection of Vice Mayor

Nomination: Nomination of Council Member Burnett for Vice Mayor was made by Mayor Hohn.

Motion:

Motion was made by Mayor Hohn and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the nomination of Council Member Burnett for Vice Mayor. Motion carried 5-0.

The gavel was passed to Mayor Hohn.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac read from Chapter 74 of the City's Code of Ordinance regarding red light cameras.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
ON 7/21/14 INITIALS RP

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Shirley Miketinac indicated that not many citizens know about the city's ordinances regarding red light cameras.

Hamilton Hanson asked if anyone had followed up on the incident involving the Brooksville Police Department he had reviewed at last meeting.

Dan Patrick advised his wife got a red light camera ticket and spoke against the cameras.

Jimmy Ladato felt that businesses are losing money because of the red light cameras.

CONSENT AGENDA

2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Direct (JAG)

Consideration of acceptance of grant in the amount of \$3,184, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Acceptance and related documents.

Motion:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution No. 2013-15 - U.S. & State Highway Designations Through Brooksville (Reversal of One-way Pairs)

Resolution in support of the conceptual plan to establish alternate U.S./State highway traffic routes outside of the City of Brooksville's central business district that would allow for the conversion of the current one-way road network back to a two-way thoroughfare system. The change will safely accommodate and promote a viable, vibrant walkable downtown.

Cliff Manual, President of the Brooksville Vision Foundation reviewed the issue. He explained that the state of Florida's primary goal is to move freight through an area as quickly as possible on its U.S. highways. Two of those highways, U.S. 98 and U.S. 41, come through downtown Brooksville. Businesses have expressed concern about safe street crossings, traffic, and truck noise. The one-way pairs disrupt the environment we are trying to create for a passive recreation environment where you can sit and enjoy yourself without competing with that primary responsibility of moving goods and services through downtown Brooksville.

As they discuss future projections, the State is aware that it will be very costly for these streets to continue to be responsible for that freight traffic. He presented an option for U.S. 98 to come to S.R. 50, which is envisioned to become 6 lanes, with Cobb Road becoming U.S. 98. The truck traffic and people just moving through the area would start at U.S. 98, take the truck route bypass to Cobb Road, and then north back to U.S. 98. If the State invests in infrastructure for U.S. 98, then existing route through town would become a local city or county roadway. The transition would allow for Council to approve street plans, without State approval. U.S. 41 can also use the S.R. 50 bypass to Emerson Road, which would become U.S. 41 in this scenario.

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The alternate routes would require a lot of study and planning by the local community to help the State make a practical decision when looking to create U.S. Highways. The ideas also have to be presented to Hernando County and the local Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Council Member Bernardini confirmed that the City would not have to maintain the portion of U.S. 98 outside of the city.

Council Member Bradburn felt businesses will be strengthened with the reversing of the one way pairs.

Council Member Johnston agreed the proposed alignment for U.S. 98 is best, but pointed out there may be problems with widening it. He stated the proposed plan for U.S. 41 seems to be the most cost effective and congratulated those involved with planning the route. He pointed out that when and if the pairs are reversed, we would have to get rid of the state designation of S.R. 50A which goes through town, and even though repaved, we have to continue to make sure the bridge on U.S. 41 is in good shape.

Mr. Manual felt DOT has an interest in working with the city, but they have made it clear that the local roads involved would come back to the local jurisdiction for maintenance. They discussed the relative ease of resolving the U.S. 98 issue first while the planning of U.S. 41 is considered. At that time it may be appropriate to petition the state to return to the two way pairs. The reason they went to one way pairs is because they had the responsibility for two U.S. highways.

Council Member Bernardini asked if truck traffic will be able to be kept out of the downtown area. Mr. Manual advised it is possible only when the U.S. designation is removed.

Mayor Hohn thanked Mr. Manual and the Vision Foundation for their work.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of Resolution No. 2013-15.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2013-15 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE GRASS-ROOTS EFFORTS OF THE BROOKSVILLE VISION FOUNDATION TO COORDINATE WITH THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE HERNANDO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATE U.S./STATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ROUTES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE'S CENTRAL BUSINESS

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DISTRICT THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CURRENT ONE-WAY ROAD NETWORK BACK TO A TWO-WAY THOROUGHFARE SYSTEM THAT WILL SAFELY ACCOMMODATE AND PROMOTE A VIABLE, VIBRANT WALKABLE DOWNTOWN.

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

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

Gabriel Roeder Smith (GRS) Actuarial Services Agreement & Task Orders

Consideration of agreement and task orders with GRS for Actuarial Service.

Assistant Finance Director Jim Delach reviewed the agreement and task orders.

Council Member Bradburn asked if Council can choose just the Fire Pension review first, then move forward with the Police Pension review if Council so chooses. Mayor Hohn advised yes.

Council Member Bernardini referenced Page 1, Article 3, and asked why it referenced an approval from the Department of Public Works. City Manager Norman-Vacha confirmed it is a typo and it should read City Manager.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Vice Mayor Burnett for approval of the GRS Agreement and Task Order 1, with Task Order 2 only if Council deems appropriate, and correction of the Director of Public Works on page 1 to City Manager. Motion carried 5-0

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) Board

Consideration of Council appointment to the WRPC Board for a term beginning December 13, 2013 through December 11, 2014.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Vice Mayor Burnett for approval of Council Member Johnston to continue on the board. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Bradburn advised she and the City Manager met with the new director of SWFWMD and discussed the city's desire to protect local water sources. She asked that Council Member Johnston keep Council apprised of any discussions on the subject.

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Beautification Board Appointment

Consideration of student representative to fill a 1-year term of office (per Policy 4-2008) through September 17, 2014.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the appointment of Alyson Galoci. Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for public input.

Vi Coogler advised the Kiwanis Invitational Wrestling tournament is being held Friday through Sunday at the High School.

Shirley Miketinac reminded everyone that the Humane Society event is rescheduled for this Saturday and thanked the board for addressing sidewalk repair.

Kojack Burnett congratulated Mayor Hohn and Vice Mayor Burnett.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Sensys

He requested a motion to notify Sensys that the contract will not be extended past the October due date. A discussion of the agreement ensued with direction for legal staff to investigate the specifics of the term.

He reminded everyone that the Beautification Board will be going out on December 10th to judge the Christmas Lights in the City of Brooksville and recycling is on Wednesday.

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

League of Cities

Council Member Bradburn discussed the legislative priorities set by the League of Cities and the Small Business legislation.

She wished everyone a wonderful Christmas season.

She mentioned the workshop on Tuesday, and Cliff Manual advised Coastal Engineering was chosen to design the sidewalk project on Howell Avenue.

Frankie Burnett, Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Burnett congratulated Council Member Bradburn on her service as Mayor.

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He thanked those who participated in Thanksgiving dinner, and noted that 621 people were served. He asked those who can to help during the Christmas season.

He expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff for their work.

Cliff Taylor, City Attorney

Attorney Taylor reported that the Holliday and Sutton case against the City of Brooksville has been dismissed.

City Manager Norman-Vacha

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised that the Rotary Luncheon for elected officials is tomorrow, and Wednesday morning is the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas breakfast. Friday is the first annual City of Brooksville Caroling at the First Baptist Church.

Next Thursday, December 12th, will be the Art Gallery Reception and Christmas on Main Street. The Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 14th.

Kevin Hohn, Mayor

Mayor Hohn advised the City's website is a wealth of information for citizens, including updated event information.

He thanked staff and Council Member Bradburn for doing a great job.

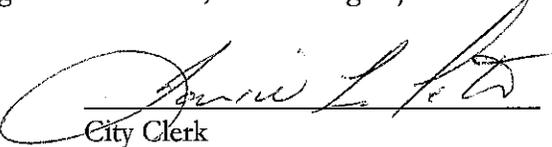
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Attest:



Mayor



City Clerk