

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

**MINUTES**

**November 4, 2013**

**7:00 P.M.**

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor Kevin Hohn, Council Members Joe Bernardini, Frankie Burnett, and Joseph E. Johnston, III present. Also present were Clifton 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.

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**American Indian Heritage Month**

Proclamation in honor of American Indian Heritage Month to be presented to a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Council Member Bernardini read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to the members present; Suzy Machamer, Regent, Judy Walters, Past Regent & Vivian Henegar, Good Citizens Chairman.

Mayor Bradburn, taking a point of personal privilege, recognized Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation Mike Walker, for being inducted into the Hernando High School Hall of Fame, presenting him with a personal proclamation.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Bradburn called for public input.

Pat Miketinac addressed Council in opposition of the red light cameras, mentioning the flashing lights and requesting the public be informed that Council had the option of infrared lights when the contract was signed.

Shirley Miketinac also spoke in opposition of the red light cameras. She contradicted a newspaper article stating she had never met anyone in favor of the red light cameras. She asked Council to consider writing a letter to the county about the length of the yellow lights, to again consider the flashing lights, and also to allow for a higher right turn speed.

Council Member Johnston, referencing the red light camera infractions being dismissed, advised that if an officer sees one commit an infraction the ticket will be much more than the cost of the red light camera fine.

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

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### Surplus Equipment

Consideration to surplus obsolete/inoperable equipment.

### Container Delivery Unit Purchase

Consideration to purchase a 2014 Ford F-550 Container Delivery Unit for the not-to-exceed amount of \$63,207.

### Street Sweeper Purchase

Consideration to purchase a Stewart-Amos model street sweeper for the not-to-exceed amount of \$177,150 and budget amendment.

### Metal Building – Surplus Property

Consideration to surplus previously donated unclaimed metal building.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Vice Mayor Hohn for approval of the Consent Agenda Items 1-3 removing Item 4 until the next agenda.

Council Member Johnston asked about the metal building. City Manager Norman-Vacha explained that the School Board never accepted it and staff is asking Council to allow it to be surplus.

Mayor Bradburn advised that there had been a previous discussion with the museum to use that metal for the roof of the old school house being built. Council agreed to move this item to the next agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Kiwanis Club of Brooksville – Annual Christmas Parade Fee Waiver

Consideration of request to partially waive fees in the amount of \$3,200.80, with a commitment from Kiwanis to pay \$1,000 to offset costs to hold the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

Kiwanis Club President Hitzemann was present to review the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised Council they are short approximately \$715, and asked that if this request is approved, they release that money from reserve for contingencies.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the waiver of fees in the amount of \$2,200.80, with the remainder of the waiver from the contingency fund. Motion carried 5-0.

### Resolution No. 2013-12 to Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT) – Annual Christmas Parade Route

Consideration of approval of resolution supporting annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade route and closing of SR50/Jefferson St. & US41/Broad St., with authorization for Police Chief and Mayor to sign FDOT permit application.

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## Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of Resolution No. 2013-12.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2013-12 by title, as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA  
SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO CLOSE JEFFERSON STREET  
AND BROAD STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND BELL  
AVENUE IN DOWNTOWN BROOKSVILLE ON DECEMBER 14,  
2013; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

## Official Policy 1-2011-A - Tobacco Use

Consideration of policy 1-2011-A updating tobacco use for the City of Brooksville.

City Clerk Peters reviewed the policy.

Council Member Johnston and Vice Mayor Hohn spoke in opposition of the update because they don't produce secondhand smoke and they haven't been regulated or restricted by the government.

Mayor Bradburn read from the e-cigarette fact sheet stating "Opponents of e-cigarettes say people shouldn't be subjected to secondhand vapor until manufacturers have proven it to be safe for everyone, including children, the elderly and people with certain medical conditions." She found it ironic and personally offensive that staff and Council would hold this as the guidepost in this instance but not in instance of Fluoride, which has never been proven safe or effective. She further stated, it has never been regulated by the FDA, by anyone, and yet here we have a staff report that says we should uphold the guidepost on this issue, but not Fluoride. I find it offensive. And it's not that I'm generally opposed to this policy, I'm not, but you can't say that in one instance and not the other.

Council Member Bernardini, having read the material, was not sure the vapor comes back out and becomes a type of secondhand smoke because it still has the nicotine in it.

City Manager Norman-Vacha clarified that this policy pertains to city buildings, premises and vehicles.

Council Member Johnston advised the current policy encourages staff to cut back on smoking if possible and eliminate second-hand smoke. He didn't believe e-cigarettes contributed to the second part but agreed it could be a problem if you look at the "appearance" that someone could be smoking. He found it strange that Mayor Bradburn would be offended by someone that has a different viewpoint than she, and didn't think "offensive" was the right term. Mayor Bradburn clarified that she did indeed find it offensive that we say that we should not be subjected to this, when it's never been proven safe and effective, but we're going to subject every citizen to a toxic

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poison that has never been proven safe and effective. Council Member Johnston felt it may be found to be surprising or unusual but offensive....he advised he took offense to that term.

## **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Mayor Bradburn, who passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Hohn, for approval of Policy 1-2011-A. Motion carried 4-1 with Vice Mayor Hohn voting in opposition.

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Bradburn called for public input.

Kojack Burnett thanks Council for recognizing Mike Walker and thanked the City Manager for her hard work.

Vi Coogler reminded everyone of the Veteran's Parade on Saturday and the Chinsegut Hill gathering the following weekend.

## **ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

### **Joseph E. Johnston, III**

Council Member Johnston mentioned the Goodyear blimp came through the City.

#### Yellow Light Timing

He asked for Council consensus to send a letter to Brian Malmberg at the county, indicating it is the intent of Council to extend the timing of the yellow lights. Mayor Bradburn stated she would be happy to send a letter.

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

#### Red Light Camera Flashing

Council Member Bernardini asked about a report regarding the flashing lights at the red light cameras. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised she is meeting with the law firm.

He indicated he will not be here next meeting and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

#### Noise Ordinance

Council Member Burnett apologized in reference to the noise ordinance, agreeing that 25' is not far enough. He asked that the ordinance be brought back and amended. Council consensus was to bring it back. City Manager Norman-Vacha will research and bring the findings back too Council.

Council Member Burnett thanked the City Manager and staff for their work.

### **City Manager Norman-Vacha**

#### Veteran's Parade

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded everyone again about the Veterans parade on Saturday.

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**Lara Bradburn, Mayor**

MPO Meeting

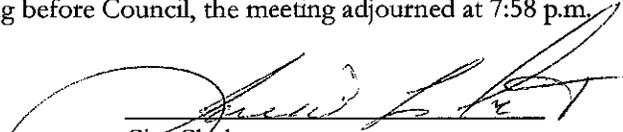
Mayor Bradburn thanked the City Manager for joining her at the MPO meeting last week, and reminded that Wednesday is recycling day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk