

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

MINUTES

April 7, 2014

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 Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; and George Turner, Police Chief. A reporter from the Hernando Times was also present.

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

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – Water Conservation Month

Consideration of proclamation designating April as “Water Conservation Month.”

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Hohn.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input; there was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Surplus Equipment

Consideration to surplus obsolete/inoperable equipment.

Appalachian Material Services, Inc. (AMS) Sludge Hauling Agreement

Consideration of 1-year extension of agreement for pumping, transporting and disposing of treated domestic sewage sludge from the Cobb Road Water Reclamation Facility with an increase of 29%.

Request for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages - Friends of the Children, Inc.

Consideration to sell alcoholic beverages at an Adult CO-ED Charity Softball Tournament to be held on April 26, 2014, at JBCC.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the consent agenda.

Council Member Johnston advised, regarding E-3, Friends of the Children is a 501C(3) with city employees and Council members involved.

Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
ON 11/3/14 INITIALS [Signature]

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REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution No. 2014-05 – Cemetery Rules & Fee Changes

Consideration of Resolution amending Cemetery Rules and Fees.

Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation, reviewed the changes as documented in the resolution. He stated that those currently holding a deed to the Historical section are bound by the family member restriction. City Manager Norman-Vacha clarified that the family definition does not apply to the rest of the cemetery.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of Resolution No. 2014-05.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2014-05 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE IDENTIFYING NEW CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS, REPEALING AND RESTATING SCHEDULE A FOR CEMETERY LOTS AND OTHER COMMODITIES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Blueberry Festival Update

Director Walker gave an update of the Blueberry Festival event. He stated 71 artisans have registered, as well as over 130 exhibitors. He requested extra personnel on Saturday morning to assist the arriving exhibitors. He explained the new street identification system, which will help volunteers get visitors get to their street location. He identified pay gate locations, and areas to purchase blueberry products. He reviewed additional activities and parking information.

Mayor Hohn clarified that there will be no parking in the City Hall parking lot. He asked about the sign on US 41 that advertises the roads closure. He asked that additional information be added or the sign be moved to the appropriate area on US 41 South. Director Walker advised that Broad Street will be closed at Lemon Avenue near the church.

Council Member Bradburn passed on that Michael Heard is expecting this to be the biggest festival yet, and that the vendor and artisan spots were sold out four months ago.

Director Walker added that Loman Law Office is doing the Blueberry Derby and there will be entertainment at Hernando Park on Saturday and Sunday.

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Council Discussion - Christmas Decorations

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the item, advising there were no budget appropriations for decorations. She suggested releasing money from Reserves From Contingencies out of the General Fund if Counsel is interested in purchasing decorations this year.

Mayor Hohn asked plans for the current decorations. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised they were repaired in-house, and the only new purchases have been wreaths that were funded through local community efforts. There are currently around 40 wreaths. Mayor Hohn asked if the 10 new ones proposed would replace older wreaths. City Manager Norman-Vacha stated they would replace the ones that do not coordinate.

Council Member Bradburn reiterated past discussions about the upgrade of decorations and provided cost information for new wreaths and other types of pole decorations.

Council Member Johnston's preference, referencing visibility, is to replace with things similar to what we have.

Council Member Bernardini commented on the placement of the decorations.

Mayor Hohn asked that the Beautification Board be asked to submit a plan. Council Member Johnston also recommended a defined area. Vice-Mayor Burnett wants to include the CRA area and suggested budgeting annually for the expense.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised electrical requirements need to be taken into account.

Mayor Hohn requested adding this funding for discussion during the budget meetings; Council consensus followed.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Kojack Burnett thanked staff and Council for a good job.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member

Pavement Management

Council Member Johnston asked for an update on the project. City Manager Norman-Vacha will send something. Mayor Hohn asked for an ongoing update.

Red Light Cameras

He advised the City of Tampa reinstated their red light cameras.

He thanked staff and the committee for the Blueberry Festival kickoff on Saturday.

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

Council Member Bradburn advised May 1st will be the National Day of Prayer and the downtown pavilion will be dedicated at The Common.

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She reminded everyone that May 3rd is Hogan Law Firm Fishing Tournament benefiting Hospice.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini wished all a Happy Easter.

Blueberry Festival

He asked about the Blueberry Festival tickets being given away. City Manager Norman-Vacha provided an update, noting that they are using the recycling program, utility bills, and customer service as discussed.

Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor

Vice-Mayor Burnett wished all a Happy Easter as well and recognized the City Manager and staff for their work.

He advised Lauren's Kids, for prevention of child abuse, walked through the City of Brooksville last Friday.

Kevin Hohn, Mayor

Mayor Hohn asked that a Pension Workshop be set for April 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer Reception

He advised the Volunteer Appreciation Reception will be held at 6:00 pm before the next meeting on April 21st. Vice-Mayor Burnett shared that once every five years they will hold a formal dinner for the volunteers, with a light reception in between, and they are in the process of planning a dinner for next year.

Mayor Hohn wished all a Happy Easter and thanked staff for their work.

He congratulated Sears on their Grand Opening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: _____

Mayor


City Clerk