

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

MINUTES

July 7, 2014

5:30 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Kevin Hohn, Vice-Mayor Frankie Burnett, Council Members Joe Bernardini and Lara Bradburn. Council Member Joseph E. Johnston, III, was absent. Also present were Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Jennifer J. Battista, Acting Deputy Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Steve Gouldman, City Planner; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief and George Turner, Police Chief.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hohn. Council adjourned and reconvened in Executive Session.

Mayor Hohn announced the end of the Executive Session and the reconvening of the regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., followed by a recital of the first prayer offered at the Continental Congress in 1774 and Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation - Parks & Recreation Month

Presentation and Proclamation recognizing July as Parks & Recreation month.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Hohn and presented to Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation. Council Member Bernardini expressed his opinion on the importance of the Parks Department to the community and its children and hoped that Council will remember this during the upcoming budget process.

Margaret R. Ghiotto Improvement Award - Residential Award

Recognition of improvements to the properties owned by Amanda Penley and Shanta Coleman-Derr, located at 217, 223 and 236 Pryor Street.

The improved property was reviewed by Beautification Board Chair Scott Renz. There was no one present to accept the award. Beautification Board Chairman Renz accepted it on their behalf.

Margaret R. Ghiotto Improvement Award - Commercial Award

Recognition of improvements to the property owned by C.R. & Susan Mills, located at 13 S. Brooksville Avenue; d/b/a Little Lady Café, Chester Burkett Proprietor.

The improved property was reviewed by Beautification Board Chair Scott Renz. A certificate was presented to Mrs. Burkett. She went on to inform Council about their menu and hours and encouraged everyone to stop by and try their restaurant.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

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Pat Miketinac spoke against the red light cameras, and about the recent petition submitted in an effort to place this issue on the ballot in the November election.

Vi Coogler expressed his disappointment that the Golden Corral in Brooksville had closed and wondered if the red light cameras had anything to do with it. He felt that there were many businesses closing in the City and had heard a rumor that Country Kitchen would be closing in December of this year.

George Rubis spoke in opposition to the red light cameras.

Margaret Bloomquist offered her support of the red light cameras.

Hamilton Hanson spoke against red light cameras.

Shirley Miketinac spoke against red light cameras and hoped that the petition they submitted would go forward. She added that she had made a public records request to the City Clerk's office.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

August 27, 2013 Budget Workshop
September 25, 2013 Final Budget Hearing

Fleet Maintenance - Budget Amendment

Consideration of budget amendment for the purchase and replacement of one garage door in the amount of \$2,720.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Entry of Proof of Publication into the Record

Mayor Hohn called for Proof of Publication. Acting Deputy Clerk Battista indicated that the Public Hearing was published on Saturday, June 28, 2014 in the Tampa Bay Times.

Resolution No. 2014-10 - Alcoholic Beverage License

Consideration of Alcoholic Beverage License for property located at 10 South Main Street, d/b/a Rising Sun Café.

City Planner Steve Gouldman reviewed the issue and answered questions by Council Member Bernardini regarding the license category 2-COP as it relates to sale and consumption of alcohol both on and off premises. It was also pointed out that there was a correction to the Resolution, and "OFFICE" should read "OFF".

New owner, Catherine Reeves, came forward to describe the changes she would be making in the restaurant and their operating hours. She stated that the name has been changed to Rising Sun Bistro. They plan to serve and sell locally produced beer and wine. She encouraged everyone to stop by and try it.

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Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini, and seconded Council Member Bradburn, for approval of Resolution No. 2014-10, as amended.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Battista read Resolution No. 2014-10 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR BEER AND WINE FOR SALE AND CONSUMPTION ON AND OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES (2-COP) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Ordinance No. 754-F – Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund Amendments

Consideration of approval of ordinance amending Section 1 of the City of Brooksville Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund.

Fire Chief Mossgrove reviewed the ordinance amending Section 1 of the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund. Referencing the Pension Workshop, Council Member Bradburn expressed concern on whether this ordinance is premature. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised that this ordinance incorporates a change in terminology to reflect state requirements, and it would not tie Council's hands or affect the ability to talk about pension updates with Peter Strong.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett, and seconded by Council Member Bradburn with the understanding that Council will entertain future changes, for approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 754-F.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 754-F by title, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT TRUST FUND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 525-I, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 1, DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Council Member Bradburn	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Aye

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Vice-Mayor Burnett	Aye
Mayor Hohn	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Absent

Second Reading will be held July 21, 2014.

Resolution No. 2014-11 - Election Qualifying Ratification

Consideration of Resolution ratifying the results of the qualifying period.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the issue. She stated that there is a correction to the head note.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett, and seconded by Council Member Bernardini, for approval of Resolution No. 2014-11, as amended. Mayor Hohn clarified amendments as striking the word "PRIMARY" and adding "REGULAR MUNICIPAL" and striking the word "APPOINTMENT" and adding "QUALIFYING".

Acting Deputy City Clerk Battista read Resolution No. 2014-11 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014, REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION; DECLARING QUALIFYING OF CERTAIN CANDIDATES TO FILL THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT NO. 4; DECLARING THAT NO MUNICIPAL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD FOR SEAT NOS. 1 & 5, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

City Attorney Cliff Taylor pointed out that the unopposed individuals, Ms. Kahler and Mr. Battista, come under the government Sunshine Law even though they are not yet sworn in.

Advisory Board Appointments

Consideration of appointment of members to the position vacancies as provided.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the vacancies as follows:

Beautification Board

One (1) full-time position to fill an unexpired 4-year term of office through December 31, 2015, due to a resignation.

Ronald Lawson	Prior Non-appointed Applicant
Roger Sherman	Prior Non-appointed Applicant

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Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn, and seconded by Council Member Bernardini, for appointment of Roger Sherman to the Beautification Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Good Neighbor Trail

One (1) full-time position to fill a vacant non-expiring position.

Ronette Snyder	New Applicant
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Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett, and seconded by Council Member Bradburn, for appointment of Ronette Snyder to the Good Neighbor Trail. Motion carried 4-0.

Great Brooksvillian Screening Committee

Five (5) full-time positions to fill terms of office through December 31, 2014. In December, board members will again be solicited to fill 1-year terms expiring December 31st annually.

Julia Jinkens	New Applicant
Sue Loveday	Prior Member Reapplying
Gail Samples	Prior Member Reapplying
Roger Sherman	New Applicant
Michelle Thompson	Prior Member Reapplying

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett, and seconded by Council Member Bernardini, for appointment of all five applicants to the Great Brooksvillian Screening Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input; there was none.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

Council Member Bradburn congratulated Butch Battista and Natalie Kahler for their upcoming positions on the City Council. She requested that staff provide them with agendas and budget documents for the upcoming budget workshops and hearings. Mayor Hohn stated it's okay as long as they would like to receive them.

She thanked Mayor Hohn for his prayers at each Council meeting.

Hernando and Citrus MPO

She reminded those present of the upcoming meeting on July 15th of the newly combined MPO for Hernando and Citrus Counties.

Fee Waiver Update

She requested feedback on the update of their fee waiver policy. City Manager Norman-Vacha stated that she would bring this item before Council during a Budget Workshop. Council Member Bradburn requested a history of waivers from the past three years to be included.

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Early Street

She requested that staff check into a dirt pile on Early Street from bulldozing, and whether this has covered any bricks.

Police Department Accreditation

She reported on the impressive accreditation ceremony held in Bonita Springs which was very honoring to Chief George Turner and his staff. She offered her opinion that an open house should be organized and held in the next couple of months so that this accomplishment can be recognized publicly.

Cliff Taylor, City Attorney

Red Light Camera Petition

City Attorney Taylor advised that he has heard rumors that the City of Brooksville has hired a private investigator to work on the validity of the petition. He wanted it known that the City has not hired any investigators.

Council Member Bernardini

Council Member Bernardini commended the Mayor for his prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

He congratulated Chief Turner and his staff on the accreditation.

Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor

Vice-Mayor Burnett commended the Fire Chief and Police Chief and their staff for the professional standards achieved by both departments, and advised that it is a great feeling as a Council Member to see this kind of leadership.

He thanked staff for presenting and encouraging staff to attend the City's health fair on June 27th.

He commended the Mayor for his prayer at the beginning of the meeting and encouraged everyone to read it and absorb its meaning.

He expressed his appreciation to the City Manager, staff and Council for the great job they do in working together.

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded Council about the upcoming pension workshop on July 14th, and budget workshop on July 15th.

Kevin Hohn, Mayor

Mayor Hohn congratulated the Police Chief and his staff on the recent accreditation accomplishment.

Mayor Hohn congratulated Mr. Battista and Ms. Kahler on their upcoming position on Council. He wished Vi Coogler, Bill Kemerer and Betty Erhard well on their campaigns for the election to be held in the fall.

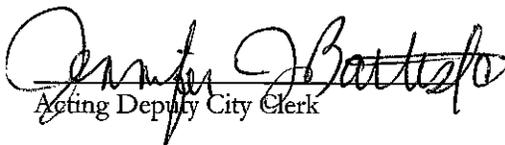
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Council Member Bernardini reiterated that Mr. Battista and Mrs. Kahler need to receive budget packets since it will be their budget and they should help decide what they want to see.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Attest: 
Mayor


Acting Deputy City Clerk