

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

MINUTES

December 1, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor; Council Members Robert Battista, Betty Erhard, Natalie Kahler, and Joseph E. Johnston, III, in attendance. Also present were Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice Peters, City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief and George Turner, Police Chief.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Mayor Burnett followed by an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Swearing in of New Council Members

Seat No. 1 - Robert Battista, for a 4-year term of office through 12/03/18

Seat No. 4 - Betty Erhard, for a 4-year term of office through 12/03/18

Seat No. 5 - Natalie Kahler, for a 4-year term of office through 12/03/18

The Honorable Donald Scaglione, Circuit Judge, Hernando County, performed the swearing in ceremony.

Virginia Singer, Hernando County Public Information Manager, welcomed the new Council members on behalf of Hernando County.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selection of Mayor

Nomination:

Nomination of Vice-Mayor Burnett for Mayor was made by Council Member Johnston, which he accepted.

Mayor Burnett called for nominations for Vice-Mayor.

Selection of Vice-Mayor

Nomination:

Nomination of Council Member Johnston for Vice-Mayor was made by Council Member Battista, which he accepted.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

Resolution No. 2014-21 – Outgoing Council Member Recognition

Presentation of Resolution recognizing 22 years of service of outgoing Council Member Joe Bernardini.

The resolution was read in its entirety by Mayor Burnett and a ceremonial resolution was presented to outgoing Council Member Joe Bernardini.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Battista for approval of Resolution No. 2014-21.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2014-21 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF A TOTAL OF TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE BY JOE BERNARDINI AS CITY COUNCILMAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE.

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

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| Council Member Battista | Aye |
| Council Member Erhard | Aye |
| Council Member Kahler | Aye |
| Vice-Mayor Johnston | Aye |
| Mayor Burnett | Aye |

Mr. Bernardini gave an outgoing speech and commended incoming Council for taking the step to serve the Community.

Resolution No. 2014-22 – Outgoing Council Member Recognition

Presentation of Resolution recognizing 8 years of service of outgoing Council Member Lara Bradburn.

The resolution was read in its entirety by Mayor Burnett and a ceremonial resolution was presented to outgoing Council Member Bradburn.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Kahler for approval of Resolution No. 2014-22.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2014-22 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF A TOTAL OF EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE BY LARA BRADBURN AS CITY COUNCILMAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE.

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

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| Council Member Erhard | Aye |
| Council Member Kahler | Aye |
| Council Member Battista | Aye |
| Vice-Mayor Johnston | Aye |
| Mayor Burnett | Aye |

Ms. Bradburn gave an outgoing speech and congratulated incoming Council.

Resolution No. 2014-23 – Outgoing Council Member Recognition & Mayoral Plaque

Presentation of Resolution recognizing more than 3 years of service of outgoing Council Member Kevin Hohn and Mayoral appreciation plaque.

The resolution was read in it's entirety by Mayor Burnett and a ceremonial resolution was presented to outgoing Mayor Hohn, along with the Mayoral plaque.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Erhard for approval of Resolution No. 2014-23.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2014-23 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 3 YEARS OF SERVICE BY KEVIN HOHN AS CITY COUNCILMAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE.

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

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| Council Member Kahler | Aye |
| Council Member Battista | Aye |
| Council Member Erhard | Aye |
| Vice-Mayor Johnston | Aye |
| Mayor Burnett | Aye |

Mr. Hohn gave an outgoing speech and congratulated incoming Council. He thanked the City Manager and staff for their support and hard work.

Council took a 20-minute recess.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Margaret R. Ghiotto Beautification Award - Commercial Award

Recognition of improvements to the property owned by the First United Methodist Church located on Broad Street at Orange Avenue, known as The Brooksville Common.

Scott Renz, Beautification Board Chair, congratulated the new council members and reviewed the award. The award was presented to Doug Zipperer of the First United Methodist Church. Mr. Zipperer gave a brief history of the property and invited everyone

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to stop by the Brooksville Common. He thanked Council for the award and pointed out that Lara Bradburn is on the board. Ms. Bradburn reviewed the church event called "First Fridays" that is free of charge and invited everyone to attend. She advised all of the events are listed on The Brooksville Common website in the link for First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Renz congratulated the new Council members and expressed his appreciation for outgoing Council.

Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Presentation

Presentation of proposed 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Dennis Dix of the Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization reviewed the draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He advised it is a federal requirement that the plan is updated every 5 years. This plan will be adopted on Tuesday, December 9th.

Mr. Dix pointed out some significant plans in Hernando County which included the widening of County Line Road and relocation and widening of US 41. He stated once this is complete we can look to the reversion of the one-way pairs. He advised the long term plan also includes moving US 98/Cobb Road.

Referring to the City's desire for trails, Mr. Dix advised a study area has been added to the plans for a trail link. The D.O.T. is committing \$180,000 to its analysis and it will have the same ranking with the M.P.O. as the rest of the trail system.

Council Member Kahler confirmed this is in addition to the route on State Road 50. Mr. Dix explained that D.O.T. wanted a trail on State Road 50 in the original plan because of the high speed traffic and trucks. He stated over the last two years the coast to coast trail has created a lot of interest and available funding. The Good Neighbor Trail will be part of that connection. He also pointed out that a wide walk going south from Liberty to the trailhead has been added to the map as a project.

Mr. Dix advised the trail plan will be amended in March due to a failed referendum. He stated that factors will include what projects the County will be able to complete on their road network and how it will impact the City.

Mr. Dix reviewed planned changes to the transit system over the next three years. This includes a new route going through Brooksville to Pasco County. He advised it's the first time they will be connecting to another transit system. There will also be an extra bus added to the purple route increasing it to three buses total. This will improve the bus service time and allow people to travel out of the county if needed.

CITIZENS INPUT

Mayor Burnett called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac expressed his appreciation to the outgoing and incoming Council. He elaborated on the proposed red light cameras referendum and asked that Council vote to not renew the red light cameras contract.

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Shirley Miketinac congratulated incoming Council, encouraging Council to talk to constituents and listen to their concerns.

Barbara Nicholas discussed her red light camera ticket.

Jason Kahler congratulated incoming Council, expressing his admiration for his wife, Council Member Natalie Kahler.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

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| April 29, 2014 | Pension Workshop |
| May 5, 2014 | Regular Meeting |
| August 18, 2014 | Regular Meeting |
| September 15, 2014 | Regular Meeting |
| October 6, 2014 | Regular Meeting |

Dumpster Supply Purchase

Consideration of approval to purchase replacement dumpsters for commercial accounts via piggybacking on the City of Lakeland's bid award with Iron Containers, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed the \$26,433 approved by Council in the FY2015 Budget and to surplus dumpsters being replaced.

Motion:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2015 Annual Holiday and Meeting Schedule

Review and consideration of proposed meeting and holiday schedule for 2015, including tentative budget workshops and public hearing dates, pursuant to City Code and Policy.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Erhard for approval of the 2015 Annual Holiday Meeting Schedule. Motion carried 5-0.

Intergovernmental, Board Assignments and Organizations - City Council

Appointments to various Boards and Committees.

External Boards/Committees

Anti Drug Coalition
Community Alliance
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Take Stock in Children
Tourist Development Council
Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council

Current Council Representative

Frankie Burnett
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Joe Johnston
Robert Battista, Alternate
Frankie Burnett
Betty Erhard
Joe Johnston

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Youth and Family Alternatives

Robert Battista
Frankie Burnett

City Boards/Committees

Beautification Board
Brooksville Cemetery Advisory Board
Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Current Council Representative

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CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Burnett called for citizens input.

Kojack Burnett congratulated incoming Council.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Robert Battista, Council Member

Mr. Battista stated that he looks forward to working with the other Council members. He reminded everyone that Wednesday is recycling.

Betty Erhard, Council Member

Council Member Erhard stated that she looks forward to working with everyone and it is going to be a great year.

Natalie Kahler, Council Member

BROOKSVILLE FACT

Council Member Kahler advised Hernando High School started in 1889 and is one of the oldest operating schools in the country.

She stated she is honored and excited to be serving as a Council Member.

Joseph E. Johnston, III, Vice-Mayor

Vice-Mayor Johnston welcomed new Council members.

INTERSECTION 41/50

He advised there is a right turn on red light. He confirmed with Chief Turner that it is legal to turn without stopping when the green arrow is on and people are not being ticketed.

Frankie Burnett, Mayor

Mayor Burnett welcomed new Council members and asked that Council coordinate with the City Manager when visiting staff. He added that items can be added to an agenda by contacting the City Manager or during meeting discussions.

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THANKSGIVING BASKETS

He thanked everyone who participated in giving away Thanksgiving dinners. He advised they served approximately 20 dinners to people living in the wooded area of the Housing Authority property and expressed sadness over seeing homeless living outside the vacant buildings.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

He advised he will soon be trying to collect gifts for those who can't afford it. He advised they do not service people who receive government assistance. He stated that any help in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. He asked for Council to approve a box to be placed in the reception area to collect non-perishable can items. He also stated that Walmart on 41 will be matching any gift certificates purchased with 30% to help.

He expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff.

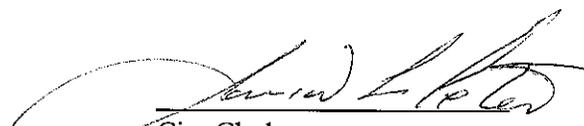
Vice-Mayor Johnston asked for details about the Walmart gift certificate. Vice-Mayor advised gift certificates should be given to him and he will receive the 30% during redemption.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:


Mayor


City Clerk