

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

MINUTES

November 3, 2014

7:00 P.M.

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

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill Presentation

Check presentation to the First Tee of Brooksville from the golf tournament held at Silverthorn Country Club.

Bill Koenig from the Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill presented the First Tee of Brooksville a check in the amount of \$2,000. Mayor Hohn thanked them for their participation.

American Indian Heritage Month

Proclamation in honor of American Indian Heritage Month to be presented to the Winding Waters Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mayor Hohn read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to the members present; Suzy Machamer, Regent, Donna and Mark Idle, and Cindy Suter of the Muskogee Creek Tribe.

Hernando High School Lady Leopards Golf Team

Proclamation in honor of the Hernando High School Lady Leopards District Title.

Mayor Hohn read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to the coaches and team members of the Hernando High School Lady Leopards Golf team which were present.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Vi Coogler commented on upcoming sporting events for Hernando High School.

Pat Miketinac spoke about the case regarding the red light cameras.

Shirley Miketinac commented on their vacation and the current vision for the city, as well as the red light cameras court case. She congratulated Attorney Cliff Taylor on his partnership.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting
March 17, 2014 Regular Meeting
April 17, 2014 Regular Meeting
April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting

Public Sanitary Nuisance Abatement - Special Assessment Liens

Consideration to place Special Assessment Liens for Public Sanitary Nuisance Abatement on properties in violation of Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-92(a) of the City Code of Ordinances.

Vice-Mayor Burnett, referencing attachment 2, pointed out the mathematical error related to Site Inspections on the Final Certification of Expenses. He also stated that he will get with staff to explain the Nuisance Administrative Surcharge and Site Inspection fee.

Council Member Johnston asked who pays to record the release of lien since it not included in the expenses. City Clerk Peters advised the person is notified at the time payment is made and it is collected along with everything else. City Manager Norman-Vacha asked for Council's approval to include the \$10.00 in the expenses for the release of lien.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of Item E-2 of the Consent Agenda, with a correction to attachment 2, and the addition of the \$10.00 Release of Lien fee to each. Motion carried 5-0.

Brooksville Housing Authority Board Appointment

Mayoral appointment to fill an expired full-time position through June 30, 2018.

Vice-Mayor Burnett, referencing the open alternative position, stated since there were only two applicants they could have made one of them the alternate.

City Manager Norman-Vacha explained that the alternate member applied for the full-time position and her position would not be available until her official appointment to the full-time position.

Mayor Hohn advised that they can't go move forward with filling the alternative position until it is announced.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of items E-1 and E-3 of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution 2014-18 Coast to Coast Trail Alternative Route

Discussion of the Coast to Coast connection from the Suncoast Trail to the Good Neighbor Trail and consideration of resolution.

Cliff Manuel of the Brooksville Vision Foundation reviewed the item. He advised the local M.P.O. passed an alignment that has the Coast to Coast Trail coming into Brooksville on State Road 50 and it takes the truck bypass around Brooksville to Emerson Road and back into the Good Neighbor Trail. He believes it's a problem that it bypasses the City of Brooksville. The alternative route brings

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the Good Neighbor Trail onto Darby through Tom Varn Park by McKethan Park and back to Daniel Avenue connecting to the head of the trail. He thinks the City of Brooksville should be a destination for those traveling the trail.

Council Member Johnston advised his concern was with the way it is drawn and the wording of the Resolution making it sound like it starts at Darby. He thinks we should be specific and include something that shows it does exist down to Darby.

Mr. Manuel indicated they could add Darby to the map but thought the resolution reads well. He pointed out the gaps are between the intersection of State Road 50, State Road 50A, and Cobb Road, and Darby to State Road 50A. He will add that to the map.

Vice-Mayor Burnett expressed appreciation of the alternate route.

Council Member Bernardini questioned why they would eliminate the trail already built east of the Trailhead and put it into heavily traveled areas crossing Jefferson Street, going down State Road 50 and crossing Broad Street. He would not want to ride in traffic as a bicyclist. He felt this to be the cost effective and common sense approach. He totally supports the resolution.

Mayor Hohn agrees with Council Member Bernardini and expressed frustration during the M.P.O. vote when the D.O.T. representative mentioned a possibility of the funding going away if the vote was not taken at that time.

Council Member Johnston advised that when the Suncoast Parkway was being constructed D.O.T. discussed building a trail. They were also speaking about tying into the Good Neighbor Trail with the original vision to come off the parkway from State Road 50 into Downtown Brooksville to the trailhead. He advised State Road 50 was not on the bypass so they were talking about coming into Downtown Brooksville. This alternative plan takes the original vision and enhances it to meet more of their criteria.

Council Member Bradburn clarified that she and Dennis Dix had mapped out the Wiscon route 20 years ago and it has been promoted to Tallahassee since that time. Council Member Johnston did not remember Wiscon being talked about during his M.P.O. meetings.

Mayor Hohn asked the current members of the M.P.O. Board present to comment if they wished.

Vince Morris advised he is a member of the Good Neighbor Trail Committee and pointed out that once people enter the Witchlacochee State Forest there will 20 to 30 miles of travel without food or water. Also, people traveling from the opposite direction will arrive thirsty and hungry and it would be nice to provide for them. He pointed out this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and he is in favor of the resolution. He hopes the next M.P.O. representative is strong and can convince the necessary people to support our resolution.

Ronette Snyder advised she is a bicyclist and commented on the many trails around the State that she has traveled. She discussed the importance of facilities for travelers and the entrepreneur opportunities that will be available in Brooksville.

Dennis Heniz, member of the Hernando/Citrus Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Brooksville resident, spoke in favor of the resolution. He thanked Council Member Bradburn for her service.

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Council Member Bradburn discussed the diverse members of the Good Neighbor Trail Committee who come together for a common goal. She pointed out that they have donated close to half of a million dollars worth of professional expertise for doing plant species reports, engineering, and all of the things required by the National Parks Service and State of Florida for grants that have been received. She thanked them for their service.

Mayor Hohn read a statement from Jan Knowles regarding this issue (Attachment A).

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Resolution No. 2014-18.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2014-18 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S (M.P.O.) AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS TO INCLUDE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR CONNECTING THE SUNCOAST TRAIL TO THE GOOD NEIGHBOR TRAIL (GNT) TRAILHEAD AS PART OF COAST-TO-COAST TRAIL INITIATIVE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Council Member Bernardini urged all concerned about this issue to contact their state representatives.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Shirley Miketinac expressed appreciation for approval of the resolution and the work that was done.

Kojack Burnett thanked Council for their votes and the City Manager and staff for the hay bale competition.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member

Election

Council Member Johnston urged everyone to get out and vote.

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Good Neighbor Trail

Referencing the passionate responses to the resolution, he thought it may be a good time for people to prepare a petition showing that the residents of the City of Brooksville support the alternate route.

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

Trail Resolution

She thanked Council for their support.

Majestic Tree in Southern Hills

She advised Greenpoint opted not to sell a lot with a majestic tree on it.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini reminded all of recycling day on Wednesday.

Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor

Appreciation

Vice-Mayor Burnett thanked the Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill for their support of The First Tee. He also expressed appreciation to Council for recognizing American Indian Heritage Month and urged residents to participate in any activities being held. He congratulated the Hernando High School Lady Leopards Golf Team. He recognized the President of the Brooksville Vision Foundation, Cliff Manual, for his insight and participation in the City's future and thanked all members for their efforts. He also thanked the City Manager and all City staff for their work.

Kevin Hohn, Mayor

Mayor Hohn thanked Cliff Manuel for his years of service to the City of Brooksville.

Majestic Tree in Southern Hills

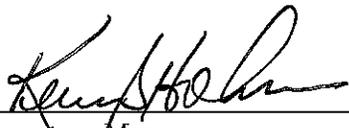
He invited people to attend the reception and dedication of the Majestic Oak tree in Southern Hills on Friday from 4:00-6:00pm.

He thanked the Kiwanis Club for their donation to the First Tee and congratulated the Lady Leopards.

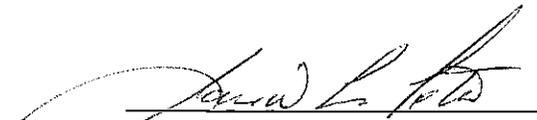
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:



Mayor



City Clerk