

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

MINUTES

November 17, 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; Ryan Timothy, Deputy 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.

PRESENTATION & REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS

2015 Children's Week Celebration Fee Waiver Request

Consideration of request for fee waivers in the amount of \$375 for use of the Jerome Brown Community Center.

Michelle Labrie with the Children's Advocacy Center discussed the event and activities provided for the kids by different community organizations and schools. She stated it is part of Child Abuse Prevention Month and 250 kids participated last year.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the waiver of fees in the amount of \$187.50. Motion carried 4-0.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Resolution No. 2014-19 – Mary Cason Retirement

Consideration of resolution honoring Mary Cason who will retire from the Finance Department on November 18th after more than 31 years of service.

Deputy Clerk Timothy read the resolution in its entirety. Mrs. Cason was present to accept and spoke of her tenure with the City. The Council Members thanked Mrs. Cason for her service.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of Resolution No. 2014-19.

Deputy Clerk Timothy read Resolution No. 2014-19 by title, as follows:

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A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED TO THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE AND ITS CITIZENS BY MARY CASON.

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

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

Council Member Bradburn arrived and took her seat at 7:08 p.m.

Fire Department Inspections

Fire Chief Tim Mossgrove expressed appreciation to Mary Cason and provided past examples of projects in which she has provided great assistance.

Chief Mossgrove gave a brief presentation and discussed prioritization and the different types of inspections that are conducted. He provided additional detail about inspections conducted on businesses dealing in hazardous waste. He pointed out that the certain businesses have to be inspected by state regulatory agencies and reviewed several advances in technology that allow for fewer inspections.

Council Member Bradburn commented on inspection practices of other jurisdictions and believes there is a lot more to the issue. She appreciates the advancement that has been made by the City and would like to see it go further for community safety.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac apologized for not e-mailing all of Council and spoke about the red light camera charter amendment.

Shirley Miketinac spoke about the emotional and monetary burden of red light camera tickets.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

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| July 7, 2014 | Regular Meeting |
| July 14, 2014 | Pension Workshop |
| July 15, 2014 | Budget Workshop |
| July 21, 2014 | Regular Meeting |
| August 4, 2014 | Regular Meeting |
| August 12, 2014 | Budget Workshop |
| September 8, 2014 | First Budget Hearing |
| September 9, 2014 | Workshop |
| September 17, 2014 | Final Budget Hearing |

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Moonlight Lane Storm Water Pipe Replacement Bid No. SD2014-07 Award

Consideration of award for the Moonlight Lane Storm Water Pipe Replacement to Ernest Dewitt Gay, Inc. for the not-to-exceed annual amount of \$21,339.

Final Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Amendments

Consideration of final budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

Council Member Bradburn asked about the length of Moonlight Lane project. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised that work will begin immediately. Director Radacky advised the contractor put in their bid that work would be complete in 30 days.

Council Member Bradburn, referencing the Brownfields Assessment Grant budget amendment, asked about the increase in revenues and additional cost and expenses not previously budgeted. City Manager Norman-Vacha explained the budget is only an estimate and as the project moves forward the cost were higher than the amount budgeted. The City was able to file for reimbursement through the grant for the pricing that went over, which took care of the additional expenditures.

Motion:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution No. 2014-20 - Certification of Canvassing Board Results

Consideration of resolution officially declaring the results of the November 4, 2014, Municipal Election of Betty Erhard as the Seat No. 4 City Council Member for a 4-year term of office beginning December 1, 2014, continuing until December 2018.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the resolution.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Vice-Mayor Burnett for approval of Resolution No. 2014-20.

Deputy Clerk Timothy read Resolution No. 2014-20 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
DECLARING OFFICIAL RESULTS OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

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2014 Great Brooksvillian Selection

Review of Screening Committee recommendations and selection of the 2014 Great Brooksvillian recipient.

Michelle Thompson, Screening Committee Chair, briefly reviewed the nominees and the committee's recommendation of Jan Knowles. She introduced the committee members that were present.

Council Member Bradburn compared some accomplishments of the nominees and stated that her recommendation would be Lee Gordon.

Council Member Johnston discussed the nominees accomplishments and recommended Ernie Weaver with Lee Gordon being his second choice.

Vice-Mayor Burnett and Council Member Bernardini did not think we should keep the committee if we do not recognize their recommendation. Council Member Johnston pointed that the committee did their job by providing a narrowed list for Council to consider.

Mayor Hohn felt it is still important that they have the committee to make those recommendations. He suggested that Council rank the nominees.

Deputy Clerk Timothy distributed voting forms to Council.

Council Member Bernardini suggested having future committees provide the top three nominees without rank so it will be Council's choice.

Deputy Clerk Timothy tallied the votes with a tie resulting between Jan Knowles and Ernie Weaver.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Vice-Mayor Burnett for selection of Jan Knowles as the 2014 Great Brooksvillian. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee member Roger Sherman advised the \$300 budget item would be covered by a national organization that honors volunteers and will be paid for by the Tomanian Society.

Foreclosure of Liens

Consideration to proceed with foreclosure of liens for unpaid property maintenance costs.

City Attorney Cliff Taylor reviewed the history of the liens. Council voted in 2010 not to foreclose on the liens and requested they be brought back after a period of time. He advised one lien has been satisfied recently and the other is unpaid. He reminded Council that a recorded judgment is good for twenty years.

Council Member Johnston asked if a title search has been run to identify any additional liens. Attorney Taylor advised no.

Mayor Hohn and Vice-Mayor Burnett believed the property was purchased recently. City Manager Norman-Vacha confirmed it was purchased through the tax deed process. Mayor

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Hohn advised the property that was satisfied had been recently sold as well and that is why the City was able to recover funds. He commented that the future sale of the second home may allow them to do the same.

Council Member Bradburn supported foreclosures but wanted to add a caveat that the new owner is contacted and offered to settle the lien. She believed three months would be appropriate.

Council Member Johnston stated for the amount of the lien and the property value, initiating foreclosure proceedings at this time seemed excessive.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini to proceed with the foreclosure of property listed in Item 3 with the caveat that the new owner is contacted and offered to settle the lien. Motion failed 1-4.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bernardini to send a letter to the current homeowner from Counsel that he/she has 90 days to satisfy the current liens, with it being brought back for Council review. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Bradburn pointed out the property has recently changed hands and questioned if the owners would have already been advised about the liens. She pointed out the owner lives in Spring Hill and there has been no expressed interest to develop the lot. She believed notice had already been served.

Vice-Mayor Burnett advised the owner of the lot had the intention of cleaning it but he understood they needed to cross other lots to get there and were denied access.

Council Member Bradburn confirmed with Director Geiger that it is along a public right-of-way. Director Geiger advised they should have legal access to the lot.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input; there was none.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Cliff Taylor, City Attorney

Sunshine Law Presentation

Attorney Taylor advised the State of Florida has asked him to present a Sunshine Law and Open Government presentation to the police and fire pension board trustees in Orlando on Wednesday. He agreed to do that for them.

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded Council about the Pavement Management Workshop tomorrow evening.

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Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member

Speed Limit

Council Member Johnston commented on the 45 mph speed limit coming into town. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised they have reported it but it has not been corrected yet.

He thanked outgoing Council Members for their service.

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

League of Cities Legislative Conference

Council Member Bradburn advised the bill to help prevent the sunset of the enterprise zone is progressing. She stated they will be receiving several resolutions to add to the lot that will be presented to delegations.

She expressed appreciation for being able to serve with this Council and reviewed some of the accomplishments.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini reminded everyone that Wednesday is recycle day and commented about his time as a Council Member. He expressed appreciation for all of the City staff.

Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor

Vice-Mayor Burnett agreed with Council Member Johnson's comments and stated it's been an outstanding Council.

Veteran's Parade

He stated he had a wonderful time at the Veteran's Parade and he always participates because the Veterans mean so much to him.

Pavement Management Workshop

He wanted to make sure that all of the newly elected Council Members were contacted so they can be present at the meeting.

Thanksgiving

He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said that he and his family will be giving out Thanksgiving baskets and dinners on the day of Thanksgiving. He invited anyone to help if they are interested.

He thanked the City Manager and City staff for their hard work. He reminded incoming Council members about the people who elected them.

Kevin Hohn, Mayor

Mayor Hohn thanked Council for serving with him. He challenged the new Council members to go with what they think is best and what the people they represent would want them to do. He expressed appreciation to the City Manager for all of her assistance. He

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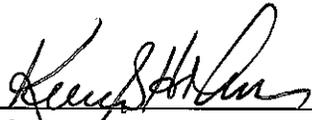
thanked all of the City employees for their good spirit and wanting to do what is best for the City.

He asked the new Council members to remember that you can't run a government without revenue and you can't get your revenue from just one source. He wished everyone the best of luck.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Attest:



Mayor



Deputy Clerk