

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

**AGENDA**

**May 4, 2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burnett. He then called for adjournment of the regular meeting to the Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO F. S. CHAPTER 286.011(8)**

City Clerk Peters advised the persons attending the meeting would be Frankie Burnett, Mayor, Joseph E. Johnston, III, Vice-Mayor, Council Members Robert Battista, Betty Erhard, and Natalie Kahler; Attorney's for the City of Brooksville, Clifford A. Taylor and George Angeliadis; City Manager, T. Jennene Norman-Vacha; and Court Reporter Holly Kirchman of Carolyn F. Engle & Associates. The meeting is expected to last approximately sixty minutes.

Following the executive session the regular meeting of City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. followed by an Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation - World Lupus Day**

Presentation of proclamation declaring May 10, 2015, World Lupus Day.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Council Member Erhard and presented to Kate Redman of the Lupus Foundation of Florida.

**Proclamation - National Small Business Week**

Presentation of proclamation declaring May 4 - 8, 2015 as National Small Business Week.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Council Member Kahler and the 14 new businesses in the city within the previous 12 months were mentioned.

**Proclamation - Mother's Day**

Proclamation in honor of Mother's Day on May 10, 2015.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Vice Mayor Johnston.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL

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## **Proclamation – Richard Howard Retirement**

Presentation of proclamation recognizing Richard Howard, who retired from the Parks & Recreation Department, Cemetery Division, on April 30, 2015, after more than 12 years of service.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Council Member Battista and presented to Richard Howard, along with a commemorative plaque for his service to the City of Brooksville.

## **Margaret R. Ghiotto Improvement Award - Commercial Award**

Recognition of improvements to the property owned by Gerald Marcum, located at 937 E. Jefferson Street d/b/a Town & Country, David Hawthorn, Proprietors.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

## **Homeless and At-Risk Veterans**

Presentation of information regarding homeless and at-risk veterans in Brooksville and Hernando County and discussion of coalition and support.

Mr. Albert Tamburrino, Director of the Veterans' Empowerment, Inc. asked that Council enter into a proposed coalition with Veterans Empowerment, Inc., Brooksville Housing Authority, and Brooksville Marine Corps League Detachment #455 in a fight to end homelessness amongst the United States Veterans in our city as well as in Hernando County.

He reviewed statistics of Veterans' homelessness, as well as their proposal to enter into an agreement with HUD and the Brooksville Housing Authority to provide housing for homelessness Veterans.

Mayor Burnett reiterated that the Veteran's are interested in reviving the Brooksville Housing Authority and urged other Council Members to support the project. Council concurred for further discussion.

## **State Legislative Update**

Update on City projects and request for State funding; discussion of the 2015 Florida Legislative Session.

The City's Lobbyist, Shawn Foster, of Sunrise Consulting Group, updated Council regarding the 2015 Legislative Session and projects submitted for pool funding, including Liberty Street \$150,000 and the Horse Lake Project for \$500,000.

## **Eastside Water & Sewer Expansion Project Report**

Update on completion of the Eastside Water & Sewer Expansion Project.

Jon Dowler, Public Works Project Manager, reviewed the completed project.

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Burnett called for Citizen Input. There was none.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### **Minutes**

April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting

### **Motion:**

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **Audited Financial Statements**

Review and acceptance of Annual Audit for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2014.

Mike Carter and Sonya Elliott of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP, reviewed the Audit. Mr. Carter advised there were no disagreements with Management and no difficulties encountered in performing the audit and no significant findings.

### **Motion:**

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

Mayor Burnett asked that Council direct any questions regarding the Audit to the City Manager.

### **Bid Award - Liberty Street/Saxon Brook Reclamation**

Consideration of award of Bid No. SD2015-02 to Goodwin Brothers Construction, Inc., for the not-to-exceed amount of \$60,523.35.

Director Radacky reviewed the project, advising funds are available within the Multi-purpose Construction Account.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Erhard and seconded by Vice Mayor Johnston for approval of award to Goodwin Brothers Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$60,523.35. Motion carried 5-0.

## CITIZENS INPUT

Mayor Burnett called for citizens input.

Pat Miketinac asked for confirmation that Sensys had been served. City Attorney Taylor advised Sensys has not been served, although a subpoena has been issued by the court.

Kojack Burnett and David Pugh, Sr. congratulated staff on their work on the audit.

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## ITEMS BY COUNCIL

All of Council wished all a Happy Mother's Day.

### Betty Erhard, Council Member

Council Member Erhard thanked all for attending.

### Natalie Kahler, Council Member

Council Member Kahler, regarding Brooksville's history, spoke of The First National Bank, now Browning Insurance, and Banker Raymond Robbins.

### Robert Battista, Council Member

Council Member Battista reminded all of recycling on Wednesday.

### Frankie Burnett, Mayor

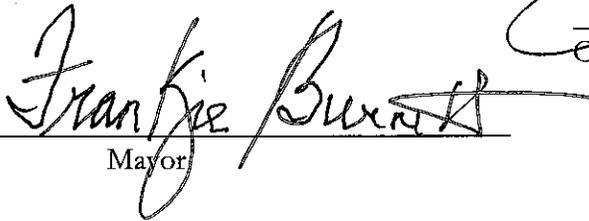
Mayor Burnett expressed kudos to the son of Debbie Hogan and the city's H.R. Coordinator, Telina Dowdell for receiving degrees of higher education and thanked all who participated in Earth Day at The Quarry, as well as the Volunteer Appreciation Reception.

He expressed appreciation for the Hogan Law Firm, City Manager and staff.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk