

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

December 7, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Joe Bernardini, Vice Mayor Lara Bradburn and Council Members Joseph E. Johnston, III, Richard E. Lewis and David Pugh present. Also present were Jennifer C. Rey, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Steve Baumgartner, Finance Director; Mike Walker, Parks and Recreation Director; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Interim Director of Public Works; Rick Hankins, Police Department and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. A member of Hernando Today was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernardini, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Walk with the Mayor Certificates

Mayor Bernardini presented Certificates of Appreciation to the members who served on the committee. They included Karen Gidden, Hernando County Health Department, Jean Harberts, American Cancer Society, Jeanne Griffin Moore, City of Brooksville City Manager's Office, Tina Nichols, City of Brooksville Parks & Recreation Department, Courtney Pearson, Hernando County Technology Services, Hillary Sanford, City of Brooksville Fire Department and Robin Schneider Brooksville Regional Hospital.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selection of Mayor

Nomination:

Nomination was made by Council Member Pugh and seconded by Council Member Johnston for Vice Mayor Bradburn as Mayor. Nomination carried 5-0.

Selection of Vice Mayor

Nomination:

Nomination was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for Council Member Lewis as Vice Mayor. Nomination carried 5-0.

REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS

Week of the Young Child

Consideration of waiving fees in the amount of \$480 for the Week of the Young Child event at JBCC on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation noted the correction to the sponsor being Devereux Kids of Florida.

Penny Oliver, Hernando County Recreation Department, serves on the Committee for the Week of the Young Child and reviewed the annual event as outlined in her handout.

Motion:

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

Kids Central, Inc. - JBCC Fee Waiver

Consideration of fee waiver in the amount of \$110.00 for rental of JBCC for a youth resource fair on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation reviewed the event and indicated they meet all the requirements.

Motion:

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

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CCA Hernando County Jail Check Presentation

Check Presentation for The Friends of the Children, Inc. from CCA Hernando County Jail in the amount of \$735.77.

Warden Russell Washburn indicated they have donated over \$14,000 back into the community and briefly highlighted the program.

Friends of the Children Check Presentation

Check Presentation for The Friends of the Children, Inc. from the Leadership Hernando Class of 2009 and the Community Foundation of Hernando County in the amount of \$2,500.

Anesta Boice of the Leadership Hernando Class of 2009 and Sean Hengesbach of the Community Foundation of Hernando County presented the check. Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation reviewed the use of the funds.

Downtown Brooksville Metro Bay Judicial Center Overview

Presentation of the proposed Judicial Center by Metro Bay.

Bill Rain, Metro Bay Development, LLC addressed Council with an update on The Oaks project as well as plans for the Judicial Center.

Mayor Bradburn commented The Grande is a phenomenal asset to the City. Regarding the Judicial Center, she explained it is vital to keep both judicial and administration of the courthouse downtown at the county seat.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Paul Douglas elaborated on the plan for the Judicial Center as well.

Tom Hudson indicated gunshots were fired in back of the Warehouse Bar on Broad Street and expressed concern for the noise. Mayor Bradburn asked that he speak with Lieutenant Hankins, who was present. This issue was briefly discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

November 2, 2009 Regular Meeting

Annual Holiday and Meeting Schedule

Review and consideration of proposed meeting and holiday schedule for 2010, including tentative budget workshops and public hearing dates, pursuant to City Code & Policy.

City of Brooksville's objection to the Skyland Utilities request to Public Service Commission

Consideration to object to the Skyland Utilities petition and to approve the objection as already filed with the Public Service Commission.

City Hall Air Conditioning Unit

Consideration to approve for City Manager to authorize Energy Systems Group to prepare a preliminary analysis for determining the viability of the use of a "potential guaranteed energy savings performance contract".

Motion:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Entry of Proof of Publication into the Record

Ordinance No. 735-B - Villa Rosa (Underwood Property)

Consideration of extension of petition for a master plan revision as referenced in Ordinance 735-A to extend time frame stipulation to allow for a two-year extension pursuant to SB 360.

[Continued from November 16, 2009 meeting.]

Mayor Bradburn indicated Item H-1 was removed from the agenda upon the request of the petitioner.

REGULAR AGENDA

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) Board

Consideration of Council appointment to the WRPC Board for a term beginning December 10, 2009 through December 8, 2010.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Pugh for nomination of Council Member Johnston to continue on the board. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Pugh questioned whether it was in the City's best interest that Council Member Johnston is also the representative of Weeki Wachee. Council Member Johnston explained no one came forward from Weeki Wachee to represent the municipality. Mayor Bradburn updated Council that the Legislative Delegation has a motion through the legislature to disband the City of Weeki Wachee on request of the State.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Joe Johnston, Council Member

Downtown Streetlight

Council Member Johnston asked the status of the street light downtown taken out by the speeder. Director Walker indicated the wrong light pole was delivered and is being corrected.

Liquor Sales Downtown

Council Member Johnston would like Council to consider change of the City ordinance to sell liquor on Sunday mornings in conformance with County ordinance.

Red Light Program

Council Member Johnston asked that the issue be scheduled on the next agenda for discussion of degrees of violations. Council Member Bernardini indicated it will be coming back to Council for discussion in February if he could wait. Council Member Johnston agreed. Mayor Bradburn

reported there was discussion of this issue at the Delegation meeting. She indicated the statistics show 23,000 violations but through the purging process less than 5,000 violations have been cited. This shows the City does not violate needlessly but is open to proposals that would enhance the program. She looks forward to discussion on the matter in February. Council Member Johnston pointed out the public should be aware that there is also a video of the violation that can be watched and not just a picture.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini thanked Council for their support of him as mayor through the last year.

Walk with the Mayor

He reviewed the event and recognized the supporters of the event.

Christmas Parade

He indicated he may not be able to attend the Christmas Parade or the next meeting.

Richard E. Lewis, Vice Mayor

Sunday Sales of Liquor within the City

Vice Mayor Lewis agreed with Council Member Johnston.

Warehouse Bar

He also requested staff look into the noise ordinance as it pertains to this business.

Red Light Cameras

Vice Mayor Lewis indicated he has received about 70 complaints as well. He asked staff to review whether the agreement with ATS could be renegotiated.

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

Energy Systems Group

City Manager Norman-Vacha gave Council an update on the preliminary survey of the City Hall air conditioning unit for energy and water savings as well as other of the city's buildings.

FDOT Funds

She announced that the Florida Department of Transportation will be funding the resurfacing project for Tom Varn Park trail.

Impact Fees

She indicated City and legal staff will be coming back at the next City Council meeting with some additional questions and discussion for Council to move forward.

Lara Bradburn, Mayor

Mayor Bradburn commended outgoing Mayor Bernardini for his work as mayor during the last year.

She also commended Dennis Wilfong, Ambassador of Commerce and Michael Heard for their efforts to reinvent Rogers Christmas House by soliciting investors to create new jobs and help cultural endeavors. She invited anyone interested in joining their effort to contact either one of them.

CITIZEN INPUT

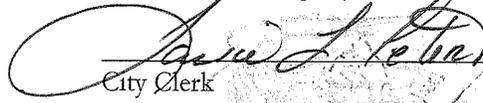
Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

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Pierre Desjardins thanked Council Member Bernardini for his work as mayor during the last year and congratulated Mayor Bradburn and Vice Mayor Lewis on their appointments, as did Paul Douglas.

ADJOURNMENT

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


City Clerk

Attest: 
Mayor



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