

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

MINUTES

September 20, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Lara Bradburn, Council Members Joseph E. Johnston, III, Joe Bernardini and Frankie Burnett present. Also present were Jennifer 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; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Members of the Hernando Today and Hernando Times were also present.

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

**PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR WAIVERS**

**Veterans Appreciation Parade November 13, 2010**

Consideration of request to waive fees for the street closures and traffic control cost of \$711.33.

Anna Liisa Covell asked for a waiver of fees, indicating the Insurance Certificate is forthcoming in mid-October and reviewed the parade line-up of participants. She stated it will take place on November 13, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. She indicated this is a community event and the cost for insurance has been out-of-pocket by the parade coordinators.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Johnston pointed out that if all three (3) waivers are approved tonight there will only be \$2,500 left in the current budget for waivers. Council Member Bernardini suggested eliminating Request for Waivers from the budget for savings. Council Member Burnett agreed but stated it is Council's responsibility to partner with community activities due to the current state of the economy.

Mayor Bradburn indicated she analyzes each Request for Waiver presented as to whether or not it would provide economic benefit.

**Hernando High School – Waivers for Annual Homecoming Events**

Consideration of request to waive certain fees for the annual Homecoming activities on October 8, 2010, in the amount of \$1,051.30.

SGA Sponsor at Hernando High School Amanda Rodriguez reviewed the activities of the upcoming Annual Homecoming Events. Mayor Bradburn confirmed with Ms. Rodriguez that she is coordinating the fireworks and the bonfire with the Brooksville Fire Department.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval.

Council Member Johnston stated he would support waiving fees in the total amount of \$500.

Motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Johnston voting in opposition.

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City Clerk Peters indicated the Certificate of Insurance for the event has been received.

### Brooksville Cycling Classic

Presentation and review of the event, which will be held on October 16 and 17, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and request for waivers.

Laura Dewitt and Karen Greenway owners of Brooksville Natural Foods reviewed the events which will be held in conjunction with the Art & Market Walk and Brooksville Nights. She stated this event supports three (3) local charities; Arc Shelter for Disabled People and Enrichment Center, YMCA Open Doors Scholarship Program and the Local Chapter of Partners in Health. She reviewed the demographics of a cyclist including higher education and annual income. It is her hope that Brooksville will be easily recognized for this event as the Good Neighbor Trail is already a haven for cyclists. She commended City staff for their help in organizing this community charity event and welcomed everyone to participate in the day's events.

City Manager Norman-Vacha stated in order to minimize cost there are volunteers helping with safety in residential areas. She indicated this event brings an economic impact to the community and urged Council to support the event as it is intended to be held annually.

Mayor Bradburn stated that when the Good Neighbor Trail is completed, Brooksville will be the epicenter of the statewide trail network with future potential in a multi-trillion dollar industry. She commended the coordinators for putting together an event that will be successful for many years to come.

Mayor Bradburn confirmed with Ms. DeWitt that she will provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval of waivers in the amount of \$2,622.77. Motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Johnston voting in opposition. Council Member Johnston indicated he would support a total waiver of \$1,000. He stated both events will be good for the City and he wished both a continued success.

## CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Eagle Scout Shawn Heiney Proclamation

Proclamation in honor of Shawn Heiney achieving the Eagle Scout designation from the Boy Scouts of America.

Parks Director Mike Walker indicated Mr. Heiney approached him at the Parks office to help with achieving his Eagle Scout designation. He volunteered to do landscaping improvements around the walking trail and placing benches in the park.

Mayor Bradburn stated the Eagle Scout designation builds character and leadership skills in young people and many United States Presidents share this achievement. She read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to Shawn Heiney who then reviewed the Eagle Scout designation.

## CITIZENS INPUT

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Attorney Bill Eppley stated he resigned as City Magistrate during an incident involving the Boom box Ordinance violation hearings and he also spoke on behalf of the American Legion Post #99 revocation of alcoholic beverage license agenda item.

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Shannon Waller agreed with Attorney Eppley's views and reminded Council that the American Legion Post gives back to the community for the veterans and during Operation Backpack.

Richard Howell asked for a copy of Exhibit A of the Good Neighbor Trail amendment. He commented about the American Legion issue and the validity of the Police Department's ability to deal with the issue. Next he asked for review of a sewer manhole at 603 and 605 Harar Avenue.

Dan Patrick requested that no one nominate him for the designation of the Great Brooksvillian. He then reviewed the history of his family and expressed his displeasure for the Police Department.

Barbara Cherry spoke on behalf of the veterans and the American Legion Post issue. She then spoke against the Boom box Ordinance.

Deanna Yardas, concerning issues with the community, feels the City of Brooksville Police Department has failed the youth of this community and that not enough has been done to cleanup the drug problem in the City.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Minutes

June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting  
June 15, 2010 Workshop  
June 21, 2010 Regular Meeting

#### Code Enforcement Hearing Officer/Special Master Agreement Extension

Consideration of Addendum for 1-year extension of agreement with Kenneth Warnstadt as conditioned by all terms and provisions contained in the original agreement.

#### Fire Department Rural Fire Assistance Grant Acceptance

Consideration of grant acceptance in the amount of \$18,622 and 10% matching budget allocation in the amount of \$1,862.20 from the Fire Department Budget for a total grant allocation of \$20,484.20.

#### Oliver & Joseph, P.A. Auditing Contract Extension

Consideration of Addendum for a 2-year extension of the original agreement with Oliver & Joseph, P.A. as conditioned by all terms and provisions, scope of services and fees as outlined in the original agreement.

#### Year-end Budget Amendments for the FY2009/10

Consideration of approval of FY2009/10 budget amendments.

#### Employee Group Insurance Coverage Renewal

Consideration for renewal of employee benefit insurance coverages for FY2010/11.

#### Budget Amendment for Fire Station Paging System

Consideration of purchase of Paging System upgrade to include equipment and installation for the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,997.50 using Impact Fee monies.

Council Member Johnston asked when the last time Oliver & Joseph, P.A. Auditing Contract went out for Request for Qualifications. City Manager Norman-Vacha replied it went out three (3) years ago and was awarded by City Council.

Council Member Bernardini asked for Item 4 to be removed for discussion.

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### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the remaining Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

### HYL Agreement Terms

Consideration of reaffirming Council approval of the HYL Agreement terms.

Council Member Bernardini referred to the back of the first page of the contract and asked about the increase in charges. City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated the charges have been negotiated at Council's pleasure. City Attorney Rey indicated the \$17.50 would apply for the term of the agreement as that term is defined under Section I - Term. She stated there is no specific provision for renegotiating during the particular term of the contract and the termination provision is a 30-day notice by either party. City Manager Norman-Vacha pointed out the contract expires in 2013 and could come back to Council for annual renewals at that time.

Council Member Johnston referred to Section III - Item A - User Fee and stated this would address Council Member Bernardini's concern.

Council Member Bernardini confirmed with City Manager Norman-Vacha that the school system gives \$20,000 a year to use the stadium. He asked if the school system financially supported the building of the stadium. Parks Director Walker stated he believes there was work done with both agencies. He stated the school agreement was negotiated about two (2) years ago and there was discussion about increasing the fees. He then briefed Council on the County user fees implemented; \$10 per hour field usage without lights and \$15 per hour field usage with lights.

City Attorney Rey stated this agreement was on Consent Agenda for Council to clarify the terms of the agreement, which were different than what was represented in the memorandum. She indicated this agreement has already been executed by the parties so action taken tonight would require modifications to the terms.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston for approval. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval to renegotiate the user fees at the year of 2013. Motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Johnston voting in opposition.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Entry of Proof of Publication into the Record

Mayor Bradburn called for proof of publication. City Clerk Peters indicated Item G1 was published on Friday, September 10, 2010 and Friday, September 17, 2010, in the Hernando Today legal section of the Tampa Tribune and there is a copy of the affidavits for the record.

### Ordinance No. 813 – Brooksville Cemetery Annexation

Consideration of voluntary annexation of 7.04 acres ±, located north of Olmes Road and east of Champion Drive.

**[First Reading 08/16/10]**

Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, indicated this to be the second and final reading of the ordinance to annex a portion of the Brooksville Cemetery. He briefly reviewed the petition.

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Council Member Bernardini indicated he believes this creates an enclave but it still should be annexed into the City for enforcement purposes.

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input; there was none.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 813 by title, as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTY, PARCEL ID NOS. R26 122 19 0140 0010 0080; R26 122 19 0140 0030 0010; and R26 122 19 0140 0020 0010, A PORTION OF THE BROOKSVILLE CEMETERY, INTO THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR FILINGS WITH THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Vice Mayor Lewis	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **Resolution No. 2010-16 - Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan**

Presentation of FEMA approved LMS Plan and approval of Resolution accepting the Plan.

Director of Hernando County Emergency Management, Cecilia Patella, briefed Council on the LMS Plan as approved by FEMA and indicated Hernando County and Weeki Wachee have already adopted the plan.

Council Member Burnett asked that she meet with him to explain how it is determined for selection of organizations and citizens to be a part of this plan. Ms. Patella said she will provide additional information to him and indicated this is strictly voluntary, they turn no organization away from participation in giving all ideas for mitigation in Hernando County and within City limits.

Mayor Bradburn asked if there is a plan in place to secure funding to purchase repetitive loss properties or disaster impact prevention. Director Patella indicated there are 136 (none are in the City of Brooksville) repetitive loss properties in Hernando County and owners of those properties are encouraged to apply for mitigation funds. She stressed that repetitive claim for flooding must be made to ensure qualification for grant funds.

Mayor Bradburn indicated the concern is for the future identified borders of the City of Brooksville that may be flood-prone. She referenced Griffin Prairie, which could be purchased for drainage purposes, as well as properties with delinquent taxes.

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Director Patella advised the community rating system has improved from a seven rating to a six rating due to flood mitigation efforts in Hernando County resulting in flood insurance premiums at about a 20% reduction. She stated City properties are not rated the same as County properties in terms of the community rating system under the National Flood Insurance Program, adding that the City could bring their rating down by mitigation documentation. Mayor Bradburn asked Ms. Patella to provide a checklist to City staff in the next week to improve the rating.

Council Member Bernardini asked how the Executive Committee members of the LMS Plan are selected. Director Patella indicated it is made up of volunteers who consistently attend the meetings.

### CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Richard Howell has noticed that a shelter for hurricanes is not designated in South Brooksville in the event of a hurricane. He also asked to be provided the information Ms. Patella has on selection of the LMS Committee members.

Director Patella indicated there are two (2) hurricane shelters in the City of Brooksville at Hernando High School and Parrott Middle School, as well as a pet shelter. She announced that the LMS Committee meetings are publicly noticed in the newspaper and through the Hernando County Community Relations Department.

Council Member Burnett asked that the designated shelters be listed on the City water bill. City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated that would be included in the next available billing cycle.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2010-16 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE BROOKSVILLE LOCAL  
MITIGATION PLAN/STRATEGY 2010 AS DEVELOPED BY THE  
HERNANDO COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WORKGROUP;  
AUTHORIZING HERNANDO COUNTY STAFF TO TRANSMIT SAID PLAN  
TO THE APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Vice Mayor Lewis	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

### **Resolution No. 2010-17 – Results of Primary Election Referendum**

Ratification of results from the Primary Election referendum question regarding tax exemptions for economic development.

City Clerk Peters reviewed the resolution.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval of Resolution No. 2010-17.

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City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2010-17 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OFFICIALLY DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE REFERENDUM QUESTION ON THE AUGUST 24, 2010, PRIMARY BALLOT AUTHORIZING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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

Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Burnett	Aye
Vice Mayor Lewis	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

### **Resolution No. 2010-18 – Utility Rates**

Consideration of resolution modifying water and sewer service charges and rates.

Director of Finance Steve Baumgartner reviewed the resolution. He indicated it has been three (3) years since a water and sewer rate increase and gave an overview for the increase as follows: the debt service on a new loan at \$67,000 per year will be challenging to meet with an August net income at \$50,000. Staff recommended using the Florida Public Service Commission Consumer Price Index (CPI), which fairly regulates water and utilities effective in October 2011. He indicated a minimum water and sewer bill will increase about \$2 per month.

City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated the City matched federal grant funds with a million dollar loan for lining the sewer lines and manhole covers for the Sewer Rehabilitation Program.

Mayor Bradburn pointed out there will also be permitting required in the next eighteen (18) months by executive environmental agencies at a great expense.

Council Member Bernardini does not support using the Florida Public Service Commission CPI, and has voted against it, but is in favor of a 5% increase.

Council Member Johnston referred to Section II, Item B, Sewer Usage; a minimum charge of 0 to 3,000 gallons and a charge of 1,000 gallons over 30,000 needs to be corrected to 3,000 gallons.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of Resolution No. 2010-18 with the correction.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2010-18 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, SETTING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES WITH PROVISIONS FOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS; REPEALING AND ADOPTING DEPOSITS; PROVIDING INCLUSION OF ALL WATER & SEWER CUSTOMERS IN ANY RATE INCREASES; PROVIDING FOR AN INITIAL FIVE PERCENT (5%) RATE INCREASE AND SUBSEQUENT RATE INCREASES UTILIZING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL INDEX FOR WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Vice Mayor Lewis	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

### **Good Neighbor Trail Right-of-Way**

Request for council to accept a corrective deed for the Good Neighbor Trail right-of-way incorporating boundary changes.

City Attorney Jennifer Rey indicated a site plan has been completed and a permit exemption was received, which requires an adjustment to the boundaries of the deeded area. She stated the legal description has been corrected according to the final site plan.

Director Geiger indicated the reason for the revised site plan goes to the old railroad bed. He stated that in order to get the exemption permit from Southwest Florida Water Management District it needed to follow that compacted surface. The initial plan would have required additional water structures to address quantity and quality issues with the design of the project. He advised that the property owners did not express any issues with the proposal.

Mayor Bradburn confirmed with City Attorney Rey that the legal description is correct.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval. Motion carried 4-0.

### **American Legion Post #99 – Revocation of Alcoholic Beverage License**

Consideration of revocation of city-issued Alcoholic Beverage License due to violations of Florida Statutes and City Ordinances.

Police Chief George Turner reviewed the issues and steps taken to remedy the problems. He indicated this is a three-part violation for consideration; serving alcoholic beverages to the public without proper State licensing, serving to underage patrons and Public Nuisance. He referred to Page 3 of his packet and noted that on August 27<sup>th</sup> the American Legion Post was served with a 30-day notice that this issue would be brought to City Council for consideration. The City Code violations 6-45.3 reiterate State Law and 6-45.7 address Public Nuisance. He next referred to Page 4 for proof of advertisement by the American Legion Post that they are open to the public including signs on the premises which they are not licensed for. He stated there have been two (2) years of complaints on the record. These include illegal activity during rental of the hall, to which the Police Department advised hiring security during the event. This was never arranged so the problem continued and increased. He confirmed that an undercover police officer went to the establishment on August 18<sup>th</sup> and purchased an alcoholic beverage, which is in violation of the State Law and then next an underage patron went in and was also served an alcoholic beverage and resulted in the arrest of the bartender with charges pending in court as outlined in report 2010-003177, included in the packet.

Chief Turner advised that as a result of a failed attempt to reach the Commander, the Finance Director of the American Legion Post was advised at that time that their license does not allow them to serve to the public and the issue would be brought to City Council for review. He stated the Florida and National American Legion was contacted for assistance in putting an end to rental of the hall to large groups and violating the law in that manner. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, the American Legion Department of Florida sent Commander Washington a probation letter. On Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, that group will meet to determine the future of the local American Legion Post. Additionally, the State of Florida Department of Business

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and Professional Standards issued an official notice on August 27<sup>th</sup> advising and warning the American Legion Post of non-compliance with State Laws and intent to file notice and show cause for violating State Laws. This action will not result in revocation of their license but they will be on probation with a fine as a first offense.

Chief Turner advised that should they decide to run the establishment like a bar then they will have to apply for that type of license instead of the current status as a members' only club.

He next addressed the Public Nuisance violation, stating that on September 4, 2010, there was an "End Summer Bash" flyer posted in town announcing the event at the American Legion Post. Brooksville Police Officers responded to the American Legion on that day and found a large crowd in the parking lot with several illegal activities taking place. His concern is that there is not sufficient law enforcement in the middle of the night to handle a crowd of this size should a riot occur. He informed that complaints have been from residents in the area who thought nothing was being done. On September 7<sup>th</sup> a Public Nuisance violation is issued by the Brooksville Police Department to the American Legion Post.

He went on to explain that another flyer was delivered to the Police Department announcing an event on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Hill American Legion Post but was actually taking place at the Fort Dade Avenue location. The Brooksville Police Department again visited the American Legion Post warning of a violation against City Policy and State Law and the Commander and Vice Commander indicated they were not aware of these activities. He indicated it is not his intention to close down a community organization such as this but this negative activity is affecting the quality of life for residents and a safety issue for law enforcement.

Chief Turner indicated that the commanders are working with the City and he is not asking for suspension of the permit but a letter of notification of violation at this time to change the course of conduct that has been going on for the past couple of years.

American Legion Post Finance Officer Isaac Bailey Jr. insisted the allegations are incorrect and no complaints have been made to them personally.

Commander Harold Washington advised he did not know what was going on and stated the Police Chief could have come to them in the beginning and told them they had a problem. He assured Council these activities will not happen again.

Mayor Bradburn indicated many complaints have been made and she has witnessed the events herself. She stated this is not about the veterans but it is about unresolved issues due to promises that were never kept.

Richard Howell referenced issues of perceived racial discrimination by the Police Department.

Pierre Desjardins indicated he is saddened that the American Legion is involved in this and hopes this is a wake-up call for them but he is encouraged that Chief Turner indicated there is progress being made.

American Legion Officer Ed Baker hopes they get another chance to ratify the situation.

Barbara Cherry felt they deserve another chance. She indicated that the Police Chief needs to have a better plan to handle large groups who could get out of control.

American Legion Head of Security Robert Wood indicated these illegal activities have not happened during his shift.

Kojack Burnett was in favor of giving the American Legion Post another chance.

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Council felt a dialogue has been established between the American Legion Post and the Chief of Police and was in favor of giving them another chance, but did feel the situation could have been handled better by the American Legion.

Chief Turner reiterated that he is confident the situation will be rectified.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Burnett to take no action on staff recommendation.

Mayor Bradburn stated Council is satisfied with the outcome of this situation and she sees a prosperous future with this organization.

Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Burnett wanted it noted that the Chief of Police had handled the situation.

### **US98/Quarry Preserve Impact**

Update/discussion of recent Board of County Commissioners' approval of Quarry Preserve development and transportation impacts for the City of Brooksville.

Mayor Bradburn asked Director Geiger to review the transportation update.

Director Geiger indicated the DRA application process for the Quarry Preserve was initiated for public agency review approximately three (3) years ago. There have been meetings with County staff and representatives of the developer discussing details of their application, in particular an adverse impact on city infrastructure from traffic of this proposed development. A sustainable community is being proposed with 2,200 residential units, which include 5,800 dwelling units, 400 lodging units and 850,000 square feet of office and industrial units; 545,000 square feet dedicated to retail uses, 325,000 square feet allocated to highway oriented retail development, two (2) golf courses, a school, a park, institutional service, cultural and social facilities. The proportionate fair share proposed by the developer is over 60 million dollars of transportation improvements, which is mostly allocated to US98 between Cobb Road and the Suncoast Parkway, but does not address the additional impact it will have on the City of Brooksville.

Mayor Bradburn pointed out there is no money to address the compounded transportation issues that would be created with this community and that the Board of County Commissioners recently acknowledged it is the County's responsibility to improve these roads.

A video was played of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners' discussion regarding this issue, with County staff warning Commissioners of a possible moratorium on US 98 within the City limits because there will be no money to improve US 98 or Cobb Road.

Mayor Bradburn indicated County Planner Ron Pianta and Dennis Dix agree that if improvements are not made to Cobb Road or US 98 there will be a moratorium into and through the City of Brooksville as a direct impact of this development, as developers have not yet addressed this issue. With Council direction she stated she will voice at an upcoming Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting that a potential moratorium is not welcomed in the City of Brooksville and the long range transportation plan needs to be reprioritized to direct those improvements. She feels this also needs to be communicated to the Florida Department of Transportation and Department of Community Affairs. She pointed out that as a result of the County's resources being funneled to SR 50 and County Line Road there are no funds for improvements to Cobb Road or US 98. She stated the most congested intersection in the County is at US 98 and Jefferson Street and it will take millions of dollars to improve it.

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Director Geiger pointed out that the developer did commit to annual monitoring of the situation, along with a study of the intersection at Ponce De Leon Boulevard and Jefferson Street, and may be required to address transportation improvements at a later date. He indicated that in his opinion it is more difficult to address later rather than up front.

Council Member Johnston advised he supports letting the Metropolitan Planning Organization know of Council concerns since he is aware that Ponce De Leon Boulevard and Cobb Road have been taken off the long range plan as there has to be a plan in place to address transportation impact when development begins.

Council Member Bernardini agrees that all three (3) agencies need to be notified and priorities need to be shifted to that area of concern. It is his opinion that development does not pay for itself.

Council Member Burnett agreed with Mayor Bradburn and encouraged her to represent Council on this particular situation as the Metropolitan Planning Organization has shifted its priorities over the years.

Mayor Bradburn notated that Commissioner Russell voted against this development as he is aware that it does not meet concurrency on this transportation issue.

### CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Kojack Burnett praised Mayor Bradburn on the outcome of American Legion Post #99 issue. He congratulated Parks Director Walker for pursuing golf in the elementary schools.

### ITEMS BY COUNCIL

#### Frankie Burnett, Council Member

##### Fee Waivers

Council Member Burnett acknowledged Council Member Johnston's request to share in the cost of the waivers but feels Council gives back by supporting the community's annual activities. He commended Mayor Bradburn for keeping the meeting in order tonight.

#### Joe Johnston, Council Member

##### Fee Waivers

Council Member Johnston explained his reasoning behind his vote on the fee waivers; the Veterans' Day Parade sponsoring organization has limited funds but Hernando High School and Brooksville Cycling Classic has a widespread sponsorship and the waivers could be reduced.

##### Old Landfill behind Cloverleaf

He asked if the weeds issue has been addressed.

City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated it has been mowed in the right-of-way areas and entry to the property but is not typically mowed on a regular basis.

##### Market on Main Street Detour Signs

He indicated the business signs on Orange Avenue have been moved to the east side of the road and blocks a driver's vision coming over the hill. He suggested moving them to the other side or further up the road.

City Manager Norman-Vacha stated the signs were not used this week because they are being revised and are looking for a better solution in helping to find the businesses.

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### Joe Bernardini, Council Member

#### Fee Waivers

Council Member Bernardini recommended sending letters to Hernando High School and the organizers of the Veteran's Parade notifying them that in the future Council may not be able to waive fees for these events and encourage them to find other ways to fund their events throughout the year.

#### Police Officer I, II & III Designations

He stated that the Police Chief gave him the educational requirements and there is nothing extraordinary mandated as it is standard training for a Police Officer.

#### Brooksville Nights Event

Council Member Bernardini noticed there was good attendance at the event on Saturday.

#### Budget Hearing

He suggested other options for tough decisions that need to be made during the upcoming budget hearings, including elimination of the Police and Fire Departments and have the County handle law enforcement and fire protection within the City. He also suggested elimination of the some positions that are not needed in his opinion either in this budget or next year.

### T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

#### Budget Hearing

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded Council of the Final Public Budget Hearing Wednesday night and asked that Council send their requests to staff ahead of time for budget adjustments in order for staff to be prepared for the hearing. She has asked Department Directors provide information from their budgets for additional reductions.

### Frankie Burnett, Council Member

#### Police & Fire Departments

Council Member Burnett agreed with Council Member Bernardini and pointed out that next year is going to be tighter so reductions this year would help alleviate that but disagreed with eliminating the Police and Fire Departments. He suggested consideration of reduction in staff in those departments as an alternative. His research showed a recession lasts eighteen (18) months, indicating this is not over yet.

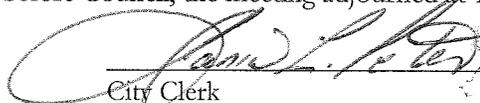
### Lara Bradburn, Mayor

#### Budget Hearing

Mayor Bradburn stated the City offers services such as Police, Fire and Recreation that can be eliminated but these services are what make the City of Brooksville a community. She encouraged Council Members have their suggestions to the City Manager by noon tomorrow.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

  
City Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor

