

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

December 19, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Joseph E. Johnston, III, Vice Mayor Lara Bradburn, Council Members Joe Bernardini, Frankie Burnett and Kevin Hohn present. Also present were Thomas S. Hogan, Jr., 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, 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 Johnston, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION**

**Mayoral Plaque to Frankie Burnett for 2011.**

City Council presented Frankie Burnett with a Mayoral Plaque in recognition of his service for 2011.

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Beautification Board**

**Holiday Lights Decoration Contest**

Recognition of annual decoration contest winners for the best City of Brooksville Residential and Commercial Displays for the 2011 Holiday Season. [Note: Winners to be announced at meeting.]

Board Chair Scott Renz reviewed the awards and presented to those who were present and will deliver the awards to those who could not be here.

Honorary Residential	William and Sara Cotes, of 543 Southern Pine Loop
Honorary Commercial	Brooksville Health Care Center on Chatman Street
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Commercial	Rising Sun Café on Main Street
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Residential	Robert & Sherri Pruitt, of 471 Howell Avenue

**Certificate of Appreciation for Lou Kavouras**

Certification of Appreciation for over 7 years of volunteer work for the Beautification Board.

Chairman Renz spoke of her dedication to the board, read the certificate and will deliver to Ms. Kavouras, who was not present.

**Drawing for Holiday Wreath**

Drawing from all tickets purchased in support of adding new street decorations for the City.

Chairman Renz reviewed the contest and announced that through Walmart a TV was donated to the top seller. The Pitt's Lounge was the winner of the television and David Dolman. The amount raised for decorations was \$295.

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CITY COUNCIL

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## **Resolution 2011-15 – Vincent Manfredi Retirement**

Consideration of Resolution honoring Vincent Manfredi, who will retire from the Streets Division of the Department of Public Works after more than 12 years of service.

Mayor Johnston read the resolution in its entirety, which was presented to Mr. Manfredi.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Resolution No. 2011-15.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2011-15 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION TO VINCENT MANFREDI, ON THE  
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND IN GRATEFUL  
APPRECIATION OF HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE  
CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA.**

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

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

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Johnston asked for public input.

Pierre Desjardins spoke in opposition of reinstatement of the red light cameras. He reviewed his history of statistics he provided Council and vowed to fight the reinstatement.

Ernest and Josephine Roberts, who live at 602 Harar, reviewed an incident of the City's water backing up the line and doing damage to his house. He advised the City's insurance company declined the claim. City Manager Norman-Vacha will meet with the Roberts and Director Radacky on the issue.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **FDEP State Revolving Fund Loan Agreements WW270200 & WW270201**

Consideration of Amendment 1 to the Agreements adjusting the project costs and reducing the semi-annual loan payments for the Brooksville Major Sewer Rehabilitation/Replacement Phase III project.

### **Purchase of Recycle Truck**

Consideration of purchase of recycle truck via a piggyback on the City of Tallahassee for the not-to-exceed amount of \$157,497.

### **Amendment to CEA Professional Services Agreement**

Consideration to formalize release of Engineer of Record (CEA) from Southern Hills – Phase 2 Agreement provisions.

### **Children's Home Society (CHS) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Rental Waiver**

Consideration to waive and suspend the Guaranteed Minimum Rent for the CHS on a pro-rata basis

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for the actual time they are displaced/dislocated from the third floor to the first floor.

Council Member Bernardini advised he thought ESG agreed to cover any loss, and felt the lost revenue should be made up in ESG's cost estimate, which was discussed. City Manager Norman-Vacha felt it can be added to the cost of the total project and be determined how low it will take to recoup. She also reviewed a brief timeline for completion of the total project.

The item was moved to the regular agenda for further discussion.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Consent Agenda Items 1-3. Motion carried 5-0.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### **Ordinance No. 770-B – Police Officer's Retirement Trust Fund Amendments**

Consideration of approval of ordinance amending City of Brooksville Police Officer's Retirement Trust Fund. **[First Reading 12/5/11]**

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 770-B by title, as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT TRUST FUND ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 770, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED; AMENDING ARTICLE 2.23, SALARY/COMPENSATION; ADOPTING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN DOCUMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Johnston asked for public input; there was none.

### **Motion:**

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

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

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **Children's Home Society (CHS) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Rental Waiver**

Consideration to waive and suspend the Guaranteed Minimum Rent for the CHS on a pro-rata basis for the actual time they are displaced/dislocated from the third floor to the first floor.

Mayor Johnston briefly reviewed options. Council Member Hohn advised he thought ESG agreed to cover any loss. The issue was further discussed, after which Council Member Burnett felt \$15,000 to be a fair amount to credit them.

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City Manager Norman-Vacha advised CHS would still be paying their electric bill. She advised they currently have around 60 employees. They will be relocated to the Council Chambers and some will be working from home or relocated to other sites. The contractor will be paying for the moving of their furniture but they will pay for relocation of their own data and computers.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval. Motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Bernardini voting in opposition.

### **Resolution No. 2011-14 to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Florida Blueberry Festival**

Consideration of approval of a resolution supporting the Florida Blueberry Festival and closing of SR50/Jefferson Street and US41/Broad Street, with authorization for Police Chief and Mayor to sign FDOT permit application.

City Clerk Peters reviewed corrections to the routing.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2011-14 by title, as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA  
SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO CLOSE JEFFERSON STREET AND  
BROAD STREET BETWEEN LEMON STREET AND BELL AVENUE  
IN DOWNTOWN BROOKSVILLE ON FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012 FROM 6:15  
UNTIL 8:00 PM THEN 12:00 AM ON SATURDAY MAY 5, 2012  
THROUGH 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012; PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Resolution No. 2011-14.

Mayor Johnston asked for public input; there was none.

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

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

### **Resolution No. 2011-16 Flavored Tobacco Products**

Consideration of approval of a resolution urging retailers who sell tobacco products to cease the sale and marketing of all flavored tobacco products.

City Clerk Peters reviewed the item. Representatives from the Hernando County Health Department and Tobacco Free Hernando reviewed the item and their efforts. The issue was discussed relating to retailers who offer the products and where they are normally placed.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2011-16 by title, as follows:

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, URGING TOBACCO RETAILERS TO STOP THE SALE AND MARKETING OF FLAVORED TOBACCO IN THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of Resolution No. 2011-16.

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

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

### Florida League of Cities Action Committees

Update on procedures for the committees regarding alternate members.

City Clerk Peters reviewed staff findings. Staff will bring the item for appointment to Council in June or July, when applications are received.

### Advisory Board Appointments

Appointment of advisory board members whose terms expire December 31, 2011.

### Beautification Board

Two (2) full-time positions to fill expiring 4-year terms of office and one (1) vacant full time position through December 31, 2015.

James O. Batten	New Applicant
Tracy Frazier	Reapplying (Expiring Term)

### Motion:

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

### Cemetery Advisory Committee

One (1) full-time position to fill an expiring 4-year term of office through December 31, 2015. Applicants must be a City resident or have a documented tie to the Brooksville Cemetery.

Kathleen Hudak	Reapplying (Expiring Term)
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### Motion:

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

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

One (1) Alternate position to fill an expiring 4-year term of office through December 31, 2015.

Kelly Lee Lagedrost	New Applicant
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## **Motion:**

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

## **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Three (3) full-time positions and one (1) alternate position to fill expiring 4-year terms of office through December 31, 2015. One (1) vacant alternate position to fill an unexpired 4-year term of office through December 31, 2013. Applicants must be a City resident.

Vice Mayor Bradburn suggested amending the system to stagger the terms, which was discussed. Reappointments thereafter would be for 4 year terms.

Elmer Korbus	Reapplying (Expiring Term)	Appointed to a 4-year term.
Ronald Lawson (Alternate)	Reapplying (Expiring Term)	Appointed to a 2-year term.
Louise Taylor	Reapplying (Expiring Term)	Appointed to a 1-year term as Alternate.
John Wanat	Reapplying (Expiring Term)	Appointed to a 3-year term.

## **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval of staggered terms as indicated with the 4-year terms resuming at the ends of these terms. Motion carried 5-0.

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Johnston asked for public input.

Kojack Burnett thanked all the organizations who have donated to the community for Christmas. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## **ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

### **Joe Bernardini, Council Member**

#### CHS Waiver

Council Member Bernardini did not agree with the waiver in light that Council did not support the waivers of fees for activities in the community.

#### Smoking Area

He asked if an area for smoking had been designated. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised it had not but it will be moved to the picnic tables after construction is complete.

He wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Frankie Burnett, Council Member**

He wished all a Merry Christmas and urged all to remember the reason for the season. He further thanked staff for all they do.

He advised the Frederick Kelly Elks Lodge is trying to help those families not on government assistance that do need help.

### **Kevin Hohn, Council Member**

Council Member Hohn wished all a safe Merry Christmas.

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## Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Bradburn gave kudos to Council Member Burnett and Kojack Burnett for their efforts every year in helping the less fortunate at this time of year.

### Sewer Rehab Project

She recognized Director Radacky and staff for continued efforts to bring projects in on time and under budget. It will have a long-term impact to make things more efficient and save millions of taxpayer dollars.

### Brooksville Country Club

She appreciated the event hosted by the Brooksville Vision Committee and the Blueberry Festival folks, as well as Coastal Engineering for their efforts to get both merchants and property owners involved.

## T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the next Council meeting will be on January 23, 2012 in the John Law Ayers Room at the Court House.

## Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini reviewed other properties in the City that had been nicely decorated.

## Joe Johnston, Mayor

### Southern Hills Reboot Groundbreaking

Mayor Johnston was glad to see things getting underway.

He advised the left turn light in front of Winn Dixie is out of sync.

### Children's Christmas Tree

He asked if the tree had been vandalized. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the wind had blown it over.

### Candlelight Townhouse Incidents

Mayor Johnston advised citizens had complained that people were driving over easements in the townhouse area. Staff will look into it.

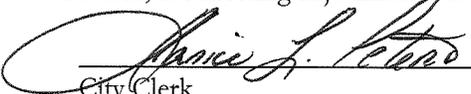
He wished all a Merry Christmas.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor

  
City Clerk