

CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HERNANDO COUNTY MINING ASSOCIATION
ENRICHMENT CENTER
800 JOHN GARY GRUBBS BOULEVARD
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601
MINUTES

March 19, 2012

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, 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.

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

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

New Tom Varn Park ADA Playground Presentation

Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation Mike Walker gave a presentation highlighting the new ADA Playground. He thanked City Council for their allocation of \$25,000 and the Junior Service League for their donation of \$10,000. He also recognized the Hernando County Builders Association for their contribution, as well as all who contributed to the project.

Angie Woodruff of the Junior Service League indicated they were proud to have been a part of the project. Council thanked all involved.

Presentation and update by the Hernando Vision Foundation on use of Hernando Park during the Florida Blueberry Festival

Sonny Vergara of the Brooksville Vision Foundation updated Council on issues surrounding usage of Hernando Park during the festival.

Vice Mayor Bradburn supported an arborist examining tree removal inside the park.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Johnston asked for public input.

Margaret Bloomquist of Southern Hills Plantation Homeowners Association thanked Council for the improvements in the works for the community. She asked for an advance of \$78,930.80 to begin repairs of the Phase 2 roadway project.

Donna Becker was concerned about cutting down the one diseased tree in Hernando Park. She asked the Vision Foundation if the foundation had enough money for repairs should the tennis courts be damaged. Cliff Manual, President of Coastal Engineering advised this expense is in the budget to restore the courts should they be damaged. He advised the tree has hollow rot, which means it is dying from inside. The arborist he met with explained that pruning would not save the tree. Donna Becker asked how the tree is a safety hazard. Sonny Vergara also commented on the

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condition of the tree and asked that Ms. Becker include herself in the process of deciding the fate of the tree.

Mayor Johnston advised the City does not have any jurisdiction of what happens within the park. This is just an update of the happenings of the Blueberry Festival.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

January 3, 2011 Regular Meeting
March 21, 2011 Regular Meeting
March 29, 2011 Fire Assessment Workshop

Flagstone Pavers, Inc., Ad Valorem Tax Abatement

Consideration to continue tax abatement incentive.

Jet I.C.U. Application for Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (COPCN)

Consideration for Council to recommend that Hernando County Board of County Commissioners grant application of COPCN for Jet I.C.U. to provide ground transportation services to and from their jet.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Hohn for approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

CDBG Waterline/Fire Hydrant Replacement Bid UD2012-02 Award

Consideration of bid award to BRW Contracting, Inc., for the not-to-exceed amount of \$581,433.

Director of Community Development Bill Geiger reviewed the project and the bid process and recommended that Council approve the award of the bid to BRW Contracting, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$581,433. He added that the Department of Economic Opportunity will need to review the bid award as well because it is grant funded.

Mayor Johnston clarified that the amount is \$581,433. Vice Mayor Bradburn expressed concern of the figure differences and asked that the winning bidder be advised of the brick removal and replacement. She asked how much the fireflow would be increased. Cliff Manual advised the fireflow would be increased and will benefit domestic fireflow.

A brief discussion of BRW's past and present work ensued. Vice Mayor Bradburn pointed out the grant administrator has a problematic past working on city projects. She would like conditions for the proper vetting approved by Mr. Manual and brought to the City Manager before final sign off.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Hohn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval with vetting process completed by Coastal and turned in to the City Manager. Motion carried 4-0.

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Donation of Lot

Consideration of donation of City of Brooksville lot to Hernando County for construction of a stormwater detention facility.

Director of Public Works Richard Radacky reviewed the donation of the lot for the Dawson Stormwater Detention Facility to be funded by Hernando County.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Hohn for approval. Motion carried 4-0.

Southern Hills Plantation Phase 3A-1, Phase 3 Final Asphalt Lift, & Southern Hills Blvd. Mill And Resurface Bid No.: PW2012-03

Consideration of bid award.

Director of Public Works Richard Radacky reviewed the project and costs. He advised the plans are drawn and the distance is scaled out, indicating quantity takeoff could vary depending on conditions. The final cost is determined by measuring the pipes, counting the joints and determining the square yards of the base and asphalt. Change orders, if needed, would be issued for the differences.

Cliff Manual advised the whips for the low pressure system he felt should be included in the bid so the contingency is there just in case it is needed.

Vice Mayor Bradburn asked about the requested cost for the Phase 2 road repairs. Cliff Manual advised Goodwin was also the low bidder for the Phase 2 repairs, which Coastal is handling. This is the money requested by the HOA for the critical emergency repair.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Hohn and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of award to Goodwin Brothers for the not-to-exceed amount of \$882,703.35 with \$10,000 GeoTechnical Costs allocations, Engineering in the amount of \$64,750, Tortoise Removal of \$15,500 and an additional \$10,000 staff contingency for a grand total of \$972,953.35.

Motion carried 4-0.

Special Counsel for Fire Protection Assessments

Consideration of Professional Services Agreement to establish a relationship between Bryant Miller and Olive and the City.

Fire Chief Tim Mossgrove reviewed the agreement and tasks presented by Bryant Miller and Olive for Fire Protection Assessments. He advised they are willing to provide services for the amount of \$25,000 which he reviewed, as well as other entities BMO will be working with to accomplish this. Council Member Hohn reviewed how the assessment would work for the benefit of the Southern Hills residents who were present. It was noted that the assessments are funded outside the general fund and requires all to pay for fire services, which is not currently the case.

Mayor Johnston advised they are only agreeing to hear the methodology again at this meeting.

Council Member Bernardini advised that the ad valorem may or may not be reduced by the total amount of the assessment.

City Attorney Battista added that the agreement is a mirror image of the agreement presented previously. General Paragraph A on page 3 is now more extensive and paragraph D was also modified with the addition of the last sentence.

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Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Hohn and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of the task order and agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Department Generator Equipment Bid Award

Consideration of bid award to Genex Generators, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$30,259.

Fire Chief Tim Mossgrove reviewed the bid award and, per policy and procedure, recommended the award be made to Genex Generators.

Attorney Battista advised that current policy dictates the lowest and best bidder receives the bid award.

Council asked that the process be reviewed.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Hohn for approval. Motion carried 4-0.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Johnston asked for public input.

Margaret Bloomquist of Southern Hills Plantation advised she will be sending a letter of request to the City Manager for the requested funding for the roads.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Kevin Hohn, Council Member

Reuse Water

Council Member Hohn thanked Director Radacky for educating him on the subject of reuse, detention, etc.

Ladies Golf Tournament

He thanked Michael Heard for the basket for the Ladies Golf Tournament from the Blueberry Festival

Southern Hills Plantation

Council Member Hohn expressed the urgency of addressing the request for funds from the Southern Hills Plantation Homeowners Association for roadway repairs. He requested putting the item on the next agenda.

Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor

Boom Truck

Vice Mayor Bradburn asked if there is something wrong with the truck that picks up the debris. Director Radacky advised the boom truck has lost all its power and a new one has been approved for purchase. Once received the backlog will be caught up.

Brooksville Housing Authority Update

She asked that the City Manager extend an invitation to the Brooksville Housing Authority for an update on their plans.

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Acquiring Foreclosed Properties

She stated there has been vacant property on Fort Dade and Zoller foreclosed on, she wondered if the city should acquire for drainage. She asked that staff look into the issue, possibly for a donation.

Calendar of events for Council

She asked that staff provide Council with a calendar of events for planning purposes.

Telephone for Council Use

She asked if a phone could be put in the conference room for Council to use. City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated there is no phone jack available at this time.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Recycle Truck

Council Member Bernardini asked what the status of the new recycle truck is. Director Radacky indicated it is scheduled for delivery in May.

Robert “Butch” Battista, City Attorney

Westchester Matter

Attorney Battista indicated an adverse ruling had been received concerning the Westchester matter and requested an Executive Session before the April 2nd meeting at 6:00 p.m. Council concurred.

Joe Johnston, Mayor

Traffic Light

Mayor Johnston stated the traffic light issue at Winn-Dixie Plaza and Dunkin’ Donuts has been forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Red Light Cameras

He indicated that since the State is involved in the red light cameras, local jurisdictions’ control of yellow lights has been restricted.

Candlelight Boulevard Right-of-Way

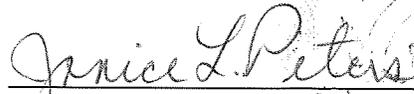
Director Radacky advised he met with the City Attorney, Police and Community Development and they are recommending plantings along that easement to beautify and deter parking. There is no ordinance in place for parking on an easement but that does not give someone the right to destroy property. City Attorney Battista advised there are numerous right-of-ways in which parents park to pick up and drop off their children at bus stops and he recommended adding shrubbery to preclude parking there.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest: _____

Mayor



City Clerk