

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

MINUTES

December 16, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Kevin Hohn, Vice Mayor Frankie Burnett, Council Members Joe Bernardini, Lara Bradburn and Joseph E. Johnston, III present. Also present were Thomas S. Hogan, Jr. and Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; 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 Vice Mayor Burnett, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION

City Council presented Council Member Bradburn with a Mayoral plaque for her service as Mayor for 2013.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Fire Department Meritorious Service Awards

Fire Chief Mossgrove presented David Freda, Joseph Keefer and John Quisenberry with the Meritorious Service Ribbon for acts of outstanding personal bravery performed in the rescue of multiple persons trapped in their cars, which had become submerged during a flash flood on the evening of Thursday, August 22, 2013.

Margaret R. Ghiotto Improvement Award - Commercial Award

Recognition of improvements to the property owned by Linda Claflin located at 305 E. Liberty Street.

Beautification Board Chairman Scott Renz reviewed the award, which will be delivered to Ms. Claflin, who was not present.

Beautification Board - Holiday Lights Decoration Contest

Recognition of annual decoration contest winners for the best City of Brooksville Residential and Commercial Displays for the 2013 Holiday Season.

Beautification Board Chair Scott Renz reviewed the awards and will present the 2013 Residential Honorable Mention to Deeann Madden of 913 Candlebrook Lane, who was not present. Residential First Place was presented to Betty Erhard of 707 Howell Avenue.

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Two 1st Place Commercial awards were to Robert Meadows of Bobby Meadows Printing at 100 S. Main Street and to Patricia Bechtelheimer of Westover's Flowers and Gifts at 510 E. Liberty Street. Chairman Renz will deliver the awards.

This year a special award was given, the Christmas Spirit Award, presented to Clover Leaf Farms for their collective efforts of Christmas spirit decorating.

Council Member Bernardini, Beautification Board member, reviewed the other addresses considered.

Vice Mayor Burnett turned the meeting over to Mayor Hohn who arrived to the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Pat and Shirley Miketinac each spoke against the red light cameras.

Joan Randall told a personal story relating to the red light cameras.

Hamilton Hansen from Weeki Wachee spoke about what he deems to be a “bullying” incident with the Police Department and asked that someone contact him.

Jimmy Lodato complimented Council on their professionalism, and wished all good health, happiness and love.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- a. February 1, 2010 Executive Session
- b. November 1, 2010 Executive Session
- c. December 6, 2010 Executive Session
- d. April 2, 2012 Executive Session
- e. May 20, 2013 Regular Meeting
- f. June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

Surplus Equipment

Consideration to surplus obsolete/inoperable equipment.

Mass Transit Shelter Agreement

Consideration of agreement between Hernando County and the City of Brooksville establishing operational and maintenance responsibilities for the transit shelter located in the City Hall parking lot.

Council Member Bradburn commented on the Mass Transit Shelter Agreement relaying that Hernando County intends to offer advertising to the Bus program to offset costs. She asked if some language could be added allowing the City to approve advertisements on the City Hall shelter.

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Mayor Hohn advised there probably should be verbiage allowing the City to review changes.

Director Geiger advised the Board of County Commissioners staff had discussed that any changes would have to be approved by City Council as well.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bernardini to pull Item F-3 for staff to discuss the potential revisions with the County for inclusion of matters related to advertising. Motion carried 5-0

Council Member Bernardini didn't agree with selling advertising to private entities on public property.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the Consent Agenda Items F 1 & 2. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Noise Ordinance No. 730-B

Consideration of proposed ordinance amending Chapter 82 of the Code relating to Traffic and Vehicles, Article III, Noise from Vehicles.

Police Chief Turner reviewed the revision to the Ordinance which increases the distance from 25 – 60 feet and excludes permitted events. The subject of plainly audible at 60 feet was discussed.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 730-B by title, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 82, "NOISE FROM VEHICLES", SECTION 82-52 PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of Ordinance No. 730-B.

Council Member Johnston asked about the amount of tickets that have been given in a one month period. Police Chief Turner advised it has been fewer than ten, not to include warnings that have been given.

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

Council Member Bernardini Aye
Council Member Johnston Aye

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Council Member Bradburn	Aye
Vice Mayor Burnett	Aye
Mayor Hohn	Aye

Advisory Board Appointments

Appointment of advisory board members replacing those whose terms expire December 31, 2013.

Beautification Board

One (1) full-time position to fill the remainder of an unexpired 4-year term of office through December 31, 2015. Members are not required to be City residents.

Ronald Lawson	New Applicant
Ronette Snyder	New Applicant

Council Member Bernardini recommended the appointment of Ronette Snyder, considering that Ronald Lawson asked to be placed back in the position with the Planning and Zoning Board, as well as be considered for others.

Council Member Bradburn referred to the need for more decorations during the Christmas season, and felt that Ronald Lawson, through his position with Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperation, may serve us well in that endeavor.

Council Member Johnston agreed with Council Member Bernardini that one person should not be appointed to two boards in order to keep diversity.

Council Member Burnett stated that people have shared with him that they do not apply to a board because the Council just keeps allowing the same people to be appointed. He cautioned about appointing the same people in areas that have new applicants. He wants everyone to have an opportunity to serve.

Mayor Hohn read the board preference rankings on Mr. Lawson's application.

Council Member Bradburn stated that she has no problem with people serving on multiple boards if they can serve to the fullest extent.

Council voted via ballot with the tally ending in the appointment of Ronette Snyder to the Beautification Board.

Cemetery Advisory Board

Three (3) full-time positions to fill expiring 4-year terms of office through December 31, 2017. Board members must be City residents or have a documented tie to the cemetery.

Charles "Pat" Brewer	Reapplying (Expiring Term)
James Brooks	New Applicant
Doug Davis	Reapplying (Expiring Term)
Linda Hancharyk	New Applicant
Ronald H. Lawson	New Applicant
Jamielove Miller	Reapplying (Expiring Term)

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Ronette Snyder
Wayne Vutech

New Applicant
New Applicant

Vice Mayor Burnett believes a funeral director should serve on this board because most of the complaints that come from the cemetery are from funeral directors putting on services.

Council Member Bradburn thinks it's important that families with loved ones buried there be considered for the board.

Jamielove Miller advised she volunteers for the Cemetery and owns lots there.

Council voted via ballot with the tally ending in the reappointment of Charles Brewer and Jamielove Miller and the appointment of Wayne Vutech to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Two (2) full-time positions to fill expiring 4-year terms of office through December 31, 2017. Applicants must be a City resident.

Margaret Bloomquist
Regina Martin

New Applicant
Reapplying (Expiring Term)

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bernardini to accept the two applicants for the two positions. Motion carried 5-0.

Margaret Bloomquist commented on her appointment, thanking Council for the opportunity.

Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Board

Consideration to replace the current Hernando Historical Museum representative. Members are not required to be City residents.

Ronald Daniel

New Applicant

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Burnett to accept the applicant for the one position. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Daniel was present and thanked Council for his appointment. Council Member Bradburn expounded on Mr. Daniels accomplishments and dedication to preservation and sustainability.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Two (2) full-time positions to fill expiring 4-year terms of office through December 31, 2017. Members are not required to be City residents.

William "Ernie" Chatman
Ronald H. Lawson
Toni Maletta

Reapplying (Expiring Term)
New Applicant
Reapplying (Expiring Term)

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Council Member Bernardini commented on the applicants and recommends appointing Ernie Chatman and Ms. Maletta again. Vice Mayor Burnett reiterated his belief that new members should be appointed when available, otherwise citizens will stop applying. Council Member Bradburn and Council Member Johnston felt experience to be important in serving on the boards, and Council Member Johnston suggested that attendance records of those members reapplying are provided in the future to help determine their interest.

Council voted via ballot with the tally ending in the reappointment of Ernie Chatman and Toni Maletta to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Two (2) full-time and One (1) alternate position to fill an expiring 4-year terms of office through December 31, 2017. Applicants must be a City resident.

Ronald H. Lawson	Reapplying (Expiring Term)
Anthony D. Pedonesi	Reapplying (Expiring Term)
Louise Taylor	Reapplying (Expiring Term) Alternate

Council voted via ballot with the tally ending in the appointment of the three reapplying members to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Police Officers' Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees

One (1) full-time position to fill an expiring 4-year term of office through December 31, 2017. Applicants must be a City resident.

Margaret Bloomquist	New Applicant
Joseph Quinn	Reapplying (Expiring Term)

Council Member Bradburn asked Ms. Bloomquist about her position at Emory. Ms. Bloomquist stated she was the Human Resource Administrator for approximately 10,000 employees, and has worked in healthcare for an extended period of time. She has also worked with actuaries.

Mayor Hohn commented on the trying times related to pensions and how boards need as much experience as possible, stating that the experience of Ms. Bloomquist outweighs the fact that she's on another board.

Vice Mayor Burnett thinks that some of the boards under the City need a better written description, because it requires certain knowledge to be on the board, and the people should meet certain criteria to be eligible.

Council voted via ballot with the tally ending in the appointment of Margaret Bloomquist to the Police Officers' Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Intergovernmental, Board Assignments and Organizations - City Council

Appointments to various Boards and Committees.

External Boards/Committees

Anti Drug Coalition

Current Council Representative

Frankie Burnett

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Community Alliance	Kevin Hohn
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Lara Bradburn
Take Stock in Children	Joe Johnston, Alternate
Tourist Development Council	Frankie Burnett
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority	Joe Johnston
Youth and Family Alternatives	Frankie Burnett

City Boards/Committees

Beautification Board
Brooksville Cemetery Advisory Board
Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Current Council Representative

Joe Bernardini
Frankie Burnett
Lara Bradburn
Joe Bernardini

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for all to continue on each respective board as currently appointed. Motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Peters reviewed the ballot votes as referenced above for the individual boards.

CITIZEN INPUT

Pat Miketinac inquired as to why Council wouldn't just adopt the noise ordinance that is already in the state statute.

Shirley Miketinac discussed sidewalk repair and park bench advertisements by community organizations.

Paul Douglas thanked the City, County, Sheriff's Department and Walmart for support of the Martin Luther King Parade. He advised it will be a big parade and they are working with the Kiwanis to coordinate. The NAACP is sponsoring a church service on the Sunday before the parade.

Council Member Bradburn thanked Billy Healis for his involvement in this event.

Hamilton Hanson, regarding the voluntary boards, discussed the possibility of a list showing applicant experience and term limits for members. He questioned the City's policy on volunteers that step out of line.

Jamielove Miller thanked Council for their reappointment.

Kojack Burnett wished happy holidays and thanked City Manager Norman-Vacha and staff for their efforts.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini wished Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

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Joe Johnston, Council Member

Sidewalk Project

Council Member Johnston had a couple people provide positive comments and thinks it's something people are looking forward to.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy and safe holiday season.

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

Council Member Bradburn discussed the Christmas Parade and reviewed the City's upcoming events.

Frankie Burnett, Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Burnett reminded everyone about the fundraising he coordinates with his brother on behalf of his deceased mother, and he appreciates any monetary donations or unwrapped toys donated for the unfortunate at Christmas.

Kevin Hohn, Mayor

Mayor Hohn wished all a Merry Christmas

Sidewalk Project

Mayor Hohn discussed the money set aside for street and sidewalk repair and asked when they will get started on that. City Manager Norman-Vacha stated Mr. Radacky is to come back during the first meeting in February with the plan. This particular project is being funded by DOT, as opposed to city dollars, and a copy of the plan is available in her office.

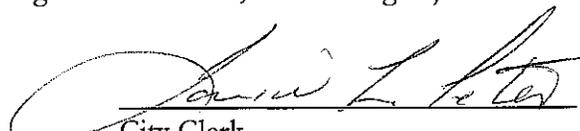
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Attest:



Mayor



City Clerk