

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

**MINUTES**

**July 21, 2014**

**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 in attendance. Also present were Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Jim Delach, Assistant Finance Director, Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works, Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation, Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief and George Turner, Police Chief.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hohn followed by an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION & REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVERS**

**Wal-Mart Distribution Center - Fee Waiver Request**

Consideration of request for fee waiver in the amount of \$350 for the Miracle Network Kickball Tournament at Tom Varn Park on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Kimberly Worgoskie of Wal-Mart Distribution was in attendance and reviewed the event.

Vice-Mayor Burnett pointed out that Wal-Mart has been a great giver to the community through the years and was in favor of the waiver.

Council Member Bernardini inquired if these waivers come from reserves for contingencies and if the department is actually losing any money. City Manager Norman-Vacha explained that the current fee structure would require the waiver be offset by reserves, which was discussed.

Council Member Bradburn commented that Council will be reviewing the fee waiver policy to address revenue neutral issues such as this.

Council Member Johnston advised since Council is currently over budget in fee waivers he will be voting against.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of the waiver of fees in the amount of \$350. Motion carried 4-1, with Council Member Johnston voting in opposition.

**Frederick Kelly's Elk Lodge #1270 - Fee Waiver Request**

Consideration of request for fee waiver in the amount of \$390 for the annual meeting of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World on Friday, September 26, 2014, at JBCC.

Joseph Maner of the Florida State Association of I.B.P.O.E.W. was in attendance and reviewed the event. Vice-Mayor Burnett also reviewed some of the Elks' various charitable donations. Mr. Maner confirmed they will have workers to set-up, tear-down and cleanup the facilities, and there will be approximately 150 people in attendance.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE

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Council Member Johnston again stated he felt it to be a great organization but because of over budgeted fee waivers he will be voting against.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of the waiver of fees in the amount of \$390. Motion carried 4-1, with Council Member Johnston voting in opposition.

## **CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Police Department Accreditation Recognition**

Police Chief George Turner reviewed the Police Department's Reaccreditation. City Council, City Manager Norman-Vacha, and Phil Kicklighter and Steve Porter from the Hernando County Sheriff's Department, were presented with plaques in appreciation of their support.

City Council expressed appreciation for the Police Department, as well as the Hernando County Sheriff's Office for their support.

### **Florida Blueberry Festival Update**

Update on the 2014 Florida Blueberry Festival.

Michael Heard, Chair the Florida Blueberry Festival Committee, advised approximately 47,000 people came to the festival. She reviewed financial data of the 2014 festival, advising the net proceeds were over \$75,000 and non-profit charitable obligations totaled \$37,570. She indicated that in both 2013 and 2014 there was significant growth in sales and sales tax revenue which can be directly attributed to the Festival.

She advised that over \$21,000 was spent promoting Hernando County and the City of Brooksville. Placement of media was billboards, radio, social media and the website. Friendly Kia spent \$100,000 in marketing because they were giving away a car plus a \$1,000 gas card. Ticket sales totaled around \$900,000.

She requested that City Council again support the Florida Blueberry Festival Committee for 2015 with a marketing and media contribution of \$20,000 and their in-kind support.

Vice-Mayor Burnett expressed appreciation for her dedication and hard work. She advised the committee has agreed to pay her a salary this year since she no longer lives in the county.

Mayor Hohn advised the monies requested would be addressed during budget discussions.

Mrs. Heard thanked all of Council and staff for their help.

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac commented on the proposed referendum regarding the red light cameras.

Shirley Miketinac commented on the passing of Virginia Jackson and the contrariety of opinions people have in general as spoken by John Locke.

Vi Coogler commented on the Blueberry Festival.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### Minutes

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| a) August 13, 2013   | Budget Workshop |
| b) October 7, 2013   | Regular Meeting |
| c) October 21, 2013  | Regular Meeting |
| d) November 4, 2013  | Regular Meeting |
| e) November 18, 2013 | Regular Meeting |
| f) December 2, 2013  | Regular Meeting |
| g) December 16, 2013 | Regular Meeting |
| h) June 16, 2014     | Regular Meeting |

### Park Fee Increases

Consideration to approve increases in parks fees for pavilion rentals and the memorial tree program.

### Cemetery Budget Amendment

Consideration of budget amendment to increase the Cemetery Lot Sale Revenues by \$55,263 and the Cemetery Lot Buy Back Expense by \$3,900.

### Building Division Budget Amendment

Consideration of budget amendment to increase permit fee revenues and Other Contractual Services in the amount of \$45,000.

### Public Risk Management Renewal for 2014-15

Consideration to accept preliminary renewal premiums for property, liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage and decision of not exercising Notice of Intent to Withdraw from participation in the PRM Pool effective October 1, 2014.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Vice-Mayor Burnett for approval of the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Bernardini asked if the Park Fee Increases had been discussed at a Parks & Recreation Board meeting. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the fees are administrative in nature and do not require it.

Regarding the Building Division budget, Council Member Bernardini asked about the amendment. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised this is due to an increase in permitting.

Regarding the Park Fee Increases, Council Member Bradburn agreed respective boards should review these issues.

Motion carried 4-1, with Council Member Bernardini voting in opposition.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- Entry of Proof of Publication into the Record

### Ordinance No. 754-F – Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund Amendments

Consideration of approval of ordinance amending Section 1 of the City of Brooksville Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund.

Mayor Hohn called for proof of publication. City Clerk Peters indicated Item G1 was published on Friday, June 11, 2014, in the Hernando Times legal section of the St. Pete Times and there is a copy of the affidavit for the record.

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Fire Chief Mossgrove reviewed the ordinance amending Section 1 of the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund.

Council Member Bradburn asked the City Manager and City Attorney to review any impact this would have on the ability to make changes with pension reform. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the law requires the change. City Attorney Taylor advised it does not hinder changes to other areas.

Mayor Hohn asked for public input; there was none.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett, and seconded by Council Member Bradburn, for approval of Second Reading of Ordinance No. 754-F.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 754-F by title, as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT TRUST FUND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 525-I, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 1, DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **Adoption of Current Year Proposed Millage rate for FY2015 Budget**

Announcement of rolled-back rate and establish the budget hearings for September 8 and 17, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Delach, Assistant Finance Director, reviewed the request, advising the prior year operating millage rate is 6.7317, the current year taxable value for operating purposes is \$381,361,875 and the prior year final gross taxable value is \$372,710,401. The current year rollback is 6.6963 and the prior year rollback is 6.7317. He reminded Council that once the tentative millage is set it can be lowered but not raised.

He also requested the establishment of the budget hearings for September 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Council discussed the language of the TRIM notice, which the state mandates.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn, and seconded by Council Member Johnston, for adoption of a tentative millage rate of 7.5 mils, and for adoption of the hearing dates of September 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Council discussed insurance rates and city repairs in relation to the millage.

Motion failed 2-3 with Council Member Bernardini, Vice-Mayor Burnett and Mayor Hohn voting in opposition. Council Member Bernardini asked that the millage and dates of hearings be voted on separately. He was ok with the hearing dates but preferred a higher tentative rate with the option of lowering it at the hearings.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn for adoption of a tentative millage rate of 7.5 mils. Motion died for lack of a second.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Burnett, for adoption of a tentative millage rate of 8 mils. Motion passed 3-2, with Council Member Bradburn and Mayor Hohn voting in opposition.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn, and seconded by Council Member Johnston, for adoption of the hearing dates of September 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of Proposed Fire Assessment rate for FY2015 Budget**

Announcement of Fire Assessment rate and establish the hearing for September 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. for adoption of the appropriate resolution.

Fire Chief Mossgrove reviewed the request advising this is the third year of assessments utilizing the readiness to serve methodology.

In response to Council Member Bradburn's question, City Attorney Taylor indicated the request follows the same rules as for millage in that Council will not be able to go above what is tentatively set tonight.

Council Member Johnston asked if the staff recommendation should include churches and non-profits. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised this will come to Council in the resolution to adopt the assessment.

The proposed rates were discussed.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett for adoption of the staff recommended Fire Assessment of .78 per \$1,000 of relative improved value and \$83 per tax parcel. Motion died for lack of a second.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston, and seconded by Council Member Bradburn, for adoption of the Fire Assessment of .80 per \$1,000 of relative improved value and \$80 per tax parcel, to be approved at the budget hearing on September 8, 2014. Motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Bernardini voting in opposition.

**Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate**

Consideration of designating one official to be the voting delegate of the Florida League of Cities 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

After discussion, it was the consensus that Council Member Bradburn serve as the voting delegate for the City of Brooksville.

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## **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Burnett, for Council Member Bradburn to serve at the voting delegate. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Committees**

Consideration of appointment of Council Members to the Florida League of Cities' Action Committees for September 2014 through August 2015.

	<u>Current Council</u>
Finance, Taxation & Personnel	Frankie Burnett
Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations	Joe Johnston
Energy & Environmental Quality	Kevin Hohn
Growth Management & Economic Development	Lara Bradburn
Urban Administration	Joe Bernardini

## **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett, and seconded by Council Member Johnston, to keep the board appointments as they are currently. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Bradburn recommended that the City Manager attend the workshops related to government technology. Council consensus was to allow the City Manager to attend if her schedule allows.

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Kojack Burnett thanked Council for their awards and appreciated the debate.

Bill Kemerer commented on the tentative millage.

## **ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

### **Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member**

#### Street Issues

Council Member Johnston pointed out that the new striping on Jefferson Street is short for the left turn lane. He asked for staff to discuss with FDOT. Referencing the same road, he stated that the speed limit is 50 going out of town, but 35 when driving into the same area. City Manager Norman-Vacha will look into the issue.

#### Tentative Millage

He clarified that he would not vote for a permanent 8.0 millage.

### **Lara Bradburn, Council Member**

#### Tentative Millage

Council Member Bernardini agreed with Council Member Johnston.

### **Council Member Bernardini**

#### Mosquito Control

Council Member Bernardini asked for an update on mosquito control. City Manager Norman-Vacha discussed. He recommended paying the County until the agreement issue is resolved. He is also concerned about treating the water at the pond.

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### Tentative Millage

He noted that reducing impact fees did not help bring development and did not think the TRIM notice would be an issue.

### **Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor**

#### Minutes

Vice-Mayor Burnett and City Manager Norman-Vacha discussed the varying dates of approved minutes.

He gave kudos to the Police Chief for his presentation and thanked staff for their efforts.

### **Kevin Hohn, Mayor**

Mayor Hohn reminded all that sales taxes continue to rise and businesses continue to open in town. He stated that Golden Corral did not leave the City of Brooksville because of the red light cameras; it was closed for health reasons.

#### Trim Notice

He felt the 8.0 sends the wrong message.

#### Mosquito Control

He advised the City Manager has been working diligently on the issue and felt the City should not be paying the County.

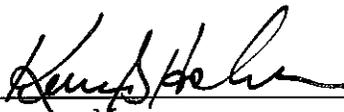
#### Foreign Exchange Student

He will be hosting a foreign exchange student from Copenhagen, Denmark for one year. She will be attending Hernando High as a junior. He spoke of the benefits of hosting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk