

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

August 4, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Kevin Hohn, 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; and George Turner, Police Chief. Vice-Mayor Frankie Burnett was absent.

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

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Florida Water Professionals Month Proclamation

Consideration of a Proclamation proclaiming August 2014 as Florida Water Professionals Month.

The proclamation was read in entirety by Mayor Hohn and presented to Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac spoke regarding the red-light camera hearings and the City's ordinance.

Shirley Miketinac expressed sympathies to the Burnett family. She asked for better disclosure on the ordinance regarding the right turn at the red-light camera intersections.

Bill Kemerer spoke regarding the red-light camera hearings and the 5 mph right on red as well.

Mayor Hohn expressed sympathy to Kojack Burnett on the passing of his father.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- a. January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting
- b. February 3, 2014 Regular Meeting
- c. February 25, 2014 Financial Workshop

Department of Corrections - Work Crew Contract #WS870

Consideration of Inmate Work Squad Contract #WS870 for an amount not-to-exceed \$57,497.

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Professional Services - Hearing Officer/Special Master Contract

Consideration of automatic renewal of the contract with Attorney Kenneth L. Warnstadt for Professional Services.

Bid Award - PR2014-03 Tom Varn Park Pavilion Construction

Consideration of bid award to SVIII General Contractors, Inc., for the not-to-exceed amount of \$31,312.

Referencing the Department of Corrections contract, Council Member Bradburn asked that staff look into a part-time person to assist with mowing. City Manager Norman-Vacha will put together information.

Council Member Johnston asked where the Tom Varn Park pavilion will be located. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised it will be across from the volley ball court.

Motion:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2014 Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Consideration of allocation of local Federal Edward Byrne Memorial JAG funding as approved by the Hernando County Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board, and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letters for submittal to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Chief Turner reviewed the allocation of funds.

Council Member Bradburn questioned Chief Turner's decision to not use this allotment towards a technology upgrade instead of a vehicle. Chief Turner advised there is no money in the vehicle replacement fund and the allocation for a vehicle has already been approved by FDLE. Radio upgrades have been budgeted going forward.

Motion:

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

Interlocal Agreement - Infrastructure Surtax Proceeds

Consideration of Interlocal Agreement among Hernando County, City of Brooksville, and District School Board, for distribution of proceeds from the Infrastructure Surtax Proceeds.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the tri-party agreement which relates to the proposed infrastructure surtax on the November ballot with 50% to the School Board and 50% to the County/City. The agreement has been approved by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners and the School Board.

Council Member Bradburn, in regard to sections 5 and 6, asked if a resolution always requires a public hearing. City Attorney Taylor advised in emergency situations there are exceptions. City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated Council would be adopting a resolution later on to outline projects. Council Member Bradburn, referencing accountability and transparency, emphasized that any future changes can only occur after public input and public hearings.

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Referencing the use of proceeds, Council Member Bernardini advised the list needs to be confirmed. Mayor Hohn recommended the list be included in the resolution.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of the Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Hohn congratulated the City Manager on her negotiations of the distribution of proceeds.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Bill Kemerer further shared his comments on the red light camera technology. He referenced one incident involving an 88,000 lb rock truck go through a red light 2.6 seconds after the light turned red at 54 mph in a 45 mph zone. The technology works and opposes having a police officer man the intersections full-time. He encouraged Council to reconsider adjusting the speed for right turns.

Kojack Burnett thanked Council for their condolences.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded everyone that the next Budget Workshop is on August 12th at 6:30pm.

Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member

Red light cameras

Council Member Johnston advised he does not like that the legislature inserted themselves into the mix regarding careful and prudent right turns on red. He is in favor of placing a sign at each stating right turn on red light only after full stop – strictly enforced by camera.

Vehicle Replacement Fund

He asked if there will be a recommendation for use of those funds. City Manager Norman-Vacha suggested it be discussed at the August 26th workshop along with reserves.

He expressed condolences to the Burnett family.

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

Vehicle Replacement Fund & Reserves

Council Member Bradburn reminded all that when these funds are used they are gone, and we should be careful about using them for recurring expenses as opposed to one-time expenses.

Pavement Management

Council Member Bradburn asked if Council will be updated on this at the budget workshop. City Manager Norman-Vacha will make it part of the packet.

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Howell Avenue Sidewalk Project

She asked when this project will be getting underway. Director Geiger estimated it could begin as soon as November. Council Member Bradburn referenced future parades and warned against hazardous construction.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Red Light Cameras

Council Member Bernardini agreed with Council Member Johnston regarding signs advising no right on red without stopping. Referencing the speed detection device, he asked who calibrates it to make sure it is accurate. He disagrees with that part of it.

Yellow Light Timing

He is concerned about the fluctuation of timing.

Operation Backpack

He advised that backpacks will be given away on Saturday for grades K-8 at 10:00 a.m. at JBCC.

Movie in the Park

Council Member Bernardini advised that the Lego Movie will play on Friday, August 15th at 8:00 p.m. at Tom Varn Park.

Recycle Day

Council Member Bernardini reminded all that recycle day is this Wednesday.

He expressed his condolences to the Burnett family.

Kevin Hohn, Mayor

Mosquito Control

He again congratulated the City Manager on her negotiations with the County regarding this issue.

Red Light Camera Right on Red

He is in favor of bringing this back to Council for discussion of requiring a full stop before turning.

City Attorney Taylor advised staff has been reviewing. He agreed that careful and prudent is not defined and needs to be based on factual information. They are attempting to line up some experts for a discussion.

Council Member Johnston advised that having no right turn without a stop eliminates concern for calibration of the cameras. He thinks the term careful and prudent does not require a complete stop.

Council Member Bradburn expressed concern for sign pollution.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised that staff is working with legal and will bring something back. Council Member Johnston recommended a workshop. Council agreed. He encouraged new Council and candidates to be in attendance.

Fire Department Scheduling

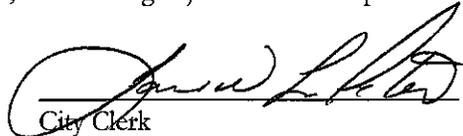
Mayor Hohn, referencing budgetary concerns and expenses, asked why the Fire Department runs 24-hour shifts. He recommended having one 12 hour shift from 7 am – 7 pm with the County

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covering the 7 pm to 7 am shift since they are in the same building. He felt this will eliminate the need to raise taxes. He asked that the City Manager go to discussions with the County to get a cost. Council concurred with looking at the numbers. Council Member Bradburn also recommended looking at call records for average times. Council Member Johnston didn't know if there would be enough savings to justify the change but agreed with looking into it. He advised most calls are EMS related. Council Member Bernardini was concerned with retention of firefighters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



City Clerk

Attest: 

Mayor