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

MINUTES

May 5, 2014

Small Business Appreciation Reception

6:30 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Vice-Mayor Frankie Burnett, Council Members Joe Bernardini, Lara Bradburn and Joseph E. Johnston, III present. Also present were Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief and George Turner, Police Chief. A reporter from the Hernando Times was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice-Mayor Burnett followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation - National Small Business Week

Presentation of proclamation declaring May 12 - 14, 2014, as National Small Business Week and honoring new business in the City of Brooksville for 2013-2014.

The proclamation was read by Council Member Bradburn in its entirety and presented to Dawn Badami of the Hernando County Chamber of Commerce and Jerry Karp, Small Business Development Center at USF.

Certificates honoring new business were presented to those present by Council and Dr. Dennis Wilfong, Ambassador of Commerce and Employment for the City of Brooksville.

PRESENTATION & REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVERS

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando - Fee Waiver Request

Consideration of request for fee waiver in the amount of \$212.50 for their Preschool Palooza Back to School Event at JBCC planned for August 2, 2014.

Bev Doucet of the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando reviewed the event and the Coalition's purpose. The event, as well as fee waivers, was discussed by Council.

Vice-Mayor Burnett asked what happens to the funds that are raised. Ms. Doucet stated that all money goes directly back into the community for parents needing child care assistance, as well as children's events and free scholastic books provided during the events

Council Member Bradburn briefly discussed the lack of funds in the budget, as well as the other facilities that can be selected for these types of events. She pointed out that there are only so many events that the City can financially support. Ms. Doucet stated that she had the event in a different facility last year, but they really wanted to bring this event to the Brooksville area.

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Council Member Bernardini did not understand why this money, if approved, would have to be taken from reserves since there is no money changing hands. The Jerome Brown Center is not losing money by granting the request. He stated that the center was built for the community and the kids and this is a perfect example of its intended use.

Vice-Mayor Burnett was in favor of the waiver since it is about education and children in the community.

Council Member Johnston requested the Mayor put on an agenda for review in June the actual Ordinance that institutes the fees and what is charged, along with a list of events/organizations like this who request to use JBCC and what they pay. He agreed with Council Member Bernardini, but added that it has to be documented that way for the books. He felt the Ordinance should be reviewed and maybe not charge for use of JBCC for community events. Except in certain instances, the organizations would not have to come before Council for a waiver. The insurance would still be required. He wanted this review before the budget process begins. It was the general consensus of Council that events benefiting the community should not pay a fee.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of the waiver of fees in the amount of \$212.50. Motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Johnston voting in opposition, only because Council had exceeded the budget for waivers.

Dawn Center Fee Waiver Request

Consideration of request for fee waiver in the amount of \$275 for a 5K Run/Walk at Tom Varn Park planned for September 13, 2014.

Shannon Sokolowski and Dr. Amy Capoccia of the Dawn Center reviewed the event.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the waiver of fees in the amount of \$275, in addition to budget amendments for this and the prior fee waiver request.

Council Member Johnston advised this would be another event that would be included on the requested list of events.

Motion carried 3-1, with Council Member Johnston voting in opposition.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Civility Month Proclamation

A proclamation declaring the month of May “Civility Month”, urging all citizens to exercise civility toward one another.

The proclamation was read by Council Member Johnston in its entirety, a copy of which will be forwarded to The Florida Bar.

Insurance Service Organization (ISO) Fire Rescue Public Protection Classification Update

Update on the Fire Department’s recent survey conducted by the ISO.

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Fire Chief Mossgrove reviewed the ISO designation, giving kudos to members of the Hernando County Fire Rescue and Department of Public Works, as well as the Fire Department staff. He advised the Brooksville Fire Rescue public protection classification (PPC) is scored on a scale of 1-10, with a Class 1 representing an exemplary fire suppression program. The Brooksville Fire Rescue PPC has gone from a PPC seven (7) in 1987 to three (3), joining the ranks of the top 7.7% of fire departments in the nation who have a PPC of three (3).

Council thanked Chief Mossgrove, staff and the other organizations involved for their work in acquiring this honor.

CITIZEN INPUT

Vice-Mayor Burnett called for public input.

Dennis Wilfong advised the ISO designation affects the insurance rate paid by all citizens in the City of Brooksville.

Vi Coogler pointed out that Chief Mossgrove also spends a lot of time working with the Hernando High School band.

Shirley Miketinac thanked the City Clerk for her help in providing information regarding the red light camera petition, as well as other recognized duties. She advised anyone can contact the Supervisor of Elections for information on the petition and to check their voting status. She visited the veterans at Cloverleaf and some reported that the cameras are still flashing.

Pat Miketinac remarked on the red light camera hearings and the City's ordinance.

REGULAR AGENDA

Early Street Pavement Improvements

Discussion of Early Street Pavement Improvements.

Director of Public Works, Richard Radacky, advised he has received accolades after replacing waterlines in south Brooksville last year. He wanted to point out that Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, also had a lot to do with that project.

Director Radacky reviewed the pavement improvement issues, which included the following:

- West Early Street brick street repair and replacement

Director Radacky advised the initial assumption of 4,000 bricks on this street will probably be closer to 10,000 because they are about 3-4 inches below the road as well. He again reviewed the oak tree in the street and the condition of the street. He gave a breakdown of the costs of repair to the front part of the street totaling \$22,940.

He advised that staff recommends staying with their plan, and putting 57 rock west of the tree, with depression and upheaval repair to the bricks on the east end. He also reviewed the letter from Justin Draft, Senior Forester, which talked about the oak tree roots.

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Council Member Johnston advised it was not his intent to put asphalt on the street. He recommended an alternate paver. Council Member Bradburn indicated the alternate pavers would run between \$2-3,000 per 1000 sq. ft.

Kathy Mercagliano of Great Stuff, representing the neighborhood on Early Street, advised they would prefer if no bricks were removed. She asked that Council reconsider taking the entire amount of brick, and elaborated on the idea to use sod in areas.

Discussion of options by Council continued.

Vice-Mayor Burnett asked Council to provide direction to staff. Council Member Johnston stated that he would like to see a conceptualized drawing of the street, showing the tree, beginning and end of the street of the right-of-way, showing the areas of brick removal, along with the options and cost.

Council Member Bernardini agreed with Vice-Mayor Burnett, but for safety reasons, the imperfections should be repaired. He questioned some price quotes. Director Radacky clarified some numbers and reviewed costs for the hollow-cell pavers, which the Perrys do not want. Discussion continued.

Council Member Johnston would like to see where existing bricks end and 57 rocks begin.

Council Member Bradburn would like options to do turf pavers with installation. Another option is a hydro brick paver in the same color of the bricks or sod replacement. She discussed staff time for gazebo restoration, and a trail using the 57 gravel which was an idea suggested by adjacent property owners. She stated the curb on the left side would need to be incorporated into the estimate which goes along with the drainage issue.

City Manager Norman-Vacha clarified staff's report in response to Council's request, advising staff can bring back additional costs if Council would like. She indicated a gazebo would be nice but will be an ongoing

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Bradburn spoke in opposition of the motion because resident's concerns are not being met and staff has not provided the information requested. She also expressed concern about protecting the tree.

Motion carried 3-1, with Council Member Bradburn voting in opposition.

Council Member Bernardini felt staff knows the importance of preserving the tree. Vice-Mayor Burnett requested Director Radacky call him to be on site when the project begins.

- Possible widening of South Brooksville Avenue and/or a sidewalk addition

Director Radacky reviewed what can be done with this project, which will be presented to Council with cost at a later date.

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- Core borings on Lemon Street, Orange Street, and Bailey Avenue

Director Radacky advised core borings produced no evidence of brick below the asphalt. He believes it's an apron which stops where the asphalt begins to cover.

- Cost for overlay on Lemon Street, Orange Street, and Bailey Avenue from Broad Street to Fort Dade Avenue

The cost of overlays was provided in the staff agenda. Council Member Bradburn, referencing past utility work in this area that removed patches of brick, requested staff be present for the milling to assure there are no brick underneath.

- Removal of asphalt from the bricks on Bell Avenue (Olive to Cherry) to be a top priority in the Pavement Management Plan Fiscal Year 2015

Director Radacky stated that it remains a top priority and he will be coming back to Council with cost.

CITIZEN INPUT

Vice-Mayor Burnett called for public input.

Alan Garman reviewed the APAC event coming up on May 17th.

Kojack Burnett thanked Council and staff.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

Mosquito Control Ordinance

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised that the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners made a decision to continue with their MSTU for mosquito control funding, and their staff has indicated that they will need and be asking for more than one-tenth of a mill, which will require the County to update their ordinance.

She stated that she will bring an ordinance to Council on May 19th allowing them to join the MSTU, if that is the desire of Council. She does not know the exact millage at this time, but the discussion did include keeping it constant for a five-year period. Mayor Hohn has been asked to attend the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 13th.

Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member

Council Member Johnston advised that he will not be at next meeting.

Lara Bradburn, Council Member

Brownfields Program

Council Member Bradburn asked for an update. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised that

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the provided correspondence indicates they want us to spend the grant money. Director Geiger has encouraged Council to move forward with the project.

Pension Workshop

She expressed regret for missing the Pension Workshop. She has reviewed the tape and reports and has compiled some comments and questions that will be passed on to the City Manager.

One Room Schoolhouse

She reminded everyone that there is an open house May 17th.

National Day of Prayer

Council Member Bradburn thanked everyone who participated in the National Day of Prayer and dedication of The Common.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Hogan Fishing Tournament

Council Member Bernardini advised that he participated in the fishing tournament on Saturday and he had a good time.

Flashing Lights & shortened green light at Hilltop

He stated that he relays flashing light problems to staff and wants to make sure the City Manager is receiving the information.

Hilltop Traffic Light

He mentioned a previous complaint about the timing of the Hilltop traffic light and confirmed it is very short.

Council Member Bernardini reminded everyone that recycling is Wednesday.

Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor

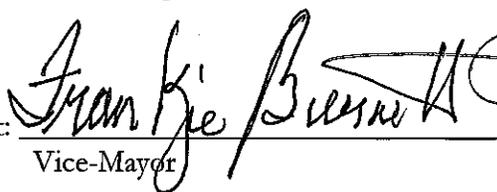
Vice-Mayor Burnett reminded everyone that Sunday is Mother's day, and wished a special Happy Mother's Day to Mother Jenkins.

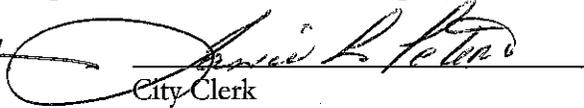
He thanked the City Manager and staff, with special thanks to the Chief of Police and Fire Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:


Vice-Mayor


City Clerk