

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

MINUTES

May 18, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Frankie Burnett, Mayor, Joseph E. Johnston, III, Vice-Mayor and Council Members Robert Battista, Betty Erhard, and Natalie Kahler in attendance. Also present were Clifford A. Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice Peters, City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation; and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burnett, followed by an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Margaret R. Ghiotto Improvement Award - Commercial Award

Recognition of improvements to the property owned by Gerald Marcum, located at 937 E. Jefferson Street d/b/a Town & Country, David Hawthorn, Proprietors.

Scott Renz, Beautification Board Chair, reviewed improvements to the property and will deliver the award to Mr. Hawthorn, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Mosquito Control*

Update on mosquito season.

Sandra Fisher, Mosquito Control Director gave an update on the upcoming season and their mission of Integrated Pest Management, which includes surveillance, control, education/outreach and source reduction.

Good Neighbor Trail (GNT) Alignment Update*

Presentation and update on the GNT alignment and survey for extending the trail from the existing trailhead at Main Street, heading west to U.S. Hwy. 41 continuing through McKethan and Tom Varn Parks to W. Jefferson Street.

Cliff Manuel, of Coastal Engineering gave an update on the GNT alignment, including the donation of a right-of-way along Veterans Avenue to the City by Joe Mason for the trail.

Council Member Battista advised he will be attending the MPO meeting tomorrow and one of the items is the Brooksville Trail Policy Review. The staff recommendation is for the MPO Board provide the FDOT District policy direction on the alignments and relative priorities of the GNT extension and of the proposed 50 bypass trail. Mr. Manuel advised he expects the MPO Board to take staff recommendation and prioritize the GNT as the alternative of preference. He will be prepared to show his presentation to the MPO Board with the change of the future trailhead facility reference to future trail facility.

Mayor Burnett asked for public input on the issue.

APPROVED BY **BROOKSVILLE**
CITY COUNCIL

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Attorney Joe Mason advised he will work with the City to donate a corner of his lot on Veterans for the GNT alignment. Mr. Mason also indicated he would also work with the City if they are interested in acquiring the lot the City currently uses as well as all the lots he owns between the park and Veterans.

Dawn Fish, GNT Advisory Board member and cyclist, commented in favor of the GNT Alignment flowing through Brooksville and provided a petition of 213 signatures in support of the GNT connector coming through Historic Brooksville. Cliff Manual asked that the signatures be entered into the record as part of his presentation*.

Lara Bradburn encouraged Council to send a strong and clear statement to the MPO asking that the GNT Alignment flow through Historic Brooksville as well.

Council Member Kahler recommended a letter of support be sent with Council Member Battista to the MPO meeting.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Erhard and seconded by Council Member Kahler accepting the plans as presented and for Council Member Battista to attend the MPO Board Meeting with a letter of recommendation from the Mayor in support of the GNT coming through Historic Brooksville, not the 50 bypass. Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Burnett called for citizen input; there was none.

Joe Mason advised the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) is meeting tomorrow regarding moving the District Office to the City of Tampa. He reviewed the specifics and suggested Council convey their stance on the issue. Council consensus was to add the item to the agenda under the regular agenda.

Lara Bradburn thanked Council for their support of the GNT.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

May 4, 2015 Regular Meeting

Brooksville Housing Authority Advisory Board Appointment

Mayoral appointment of board members with Council Consensus.

Revised FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement

Consideration of agreement effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Parks & Recreation Mower Purchase

Consideration to purchase one 2015 Gravely Pro Turn 272 Commercial Mower for the not-to-exceed amount of \$8,625 from Fund 503 Equipment Replacement and approval of Budget Amendment.

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Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Kahler and seconded by Council Member Battista for approval of Consent Agenda Items 1-4. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Battista for approval of moving Consent Agenda Item 5 to the Regular Agenda Item #3. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Purchasing Card Policy and Procedures - Policy 3-1999

Consideration of changes to the Purchasing Card Policy.

Jim Delach, Assistant Finance Director reviewed the Policy change.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Battista for approval. Motion carried 5-0.

Southwest Florida Water Management District Issue

Cliff Manuel, President of Coastal Engineering reviewed the issue of SWFWMD moving their district office to Tampa and gave a history of the Brooksville office which 53 years ago was the beginning of SWFWMD in Hernando County, spearheaded by Alfred McKethan.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Battista for staff to construct a letter to be presented at SWFWMD's next board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Wayfinding Signage RFP No. CD2015-01 Award

Consideration of award of RFP to Creative Sign Designs in the not-to-exceed amount of \$142,245.

Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, reviewed the project. Discussion followed of recommended changes to the signage, as well as cost and maintenance of the banners.

Mayor Burnett advised the bid process has been processed and in order to make changes at this point the project would have to be rebid. Vice Mayor Johnston recommended proceeding as presented.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Erhard for staff recommendation of award to Creative Sign Designs. Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Burnett called for citizen input.

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Joe Mason advised he has been informed that Hernando County is attending the SWFWMD meeting and encouraged Council to attend.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Clifford Taylor, City Attorney

City Attorney Taylor updated Council on the Citizens Awareness Public Records lawsuit vs the City of Brooksville, which is being dismissed and advised Sensys has been served with notice.

Robert Battista, Council Member

Council Member Battista asked if the City Manager has spoken with the consultant regarding the Police Pension. She advised she has called them and is awaiting a reply.

Council Member Battista reminded all of recycling on Wednesday and commented on available properties eligible for annexation as well as services to properties outside the city limits. Council consensus was to have staff review these items.

Betty Erhard, Council Member

Council Member Erhard asked for an explanation of what is next in the Sensys filing. City Attorney Taylor will keep Council updated.

Natalie Kahler, Council Member

Council Member Kahler, regarding Brooksville's history, spoke of the Brooksville Army Airfield, which opened in 1942.

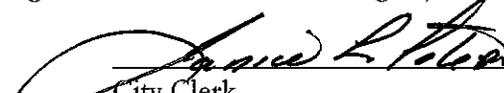
Frankie Burnett, Mayor

Mayor Burnett thanked Sandra Fisher for the update on Mosquito control and everyone who presented tonight. He encouraged all to empty their containers of standing water.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Attest:  _____
Mayor

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City Clerk

*Materials reviewed are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.