

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

**MINUTES**

**June 15, 2015**

**6:30 P.M.**

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Frankie Burnett, Mayor, Joseph E. Johnston, III, Vice-Mayor and Council Members Robert Battista 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.

City Clerk Peters read the Executive Session notice into the record.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO F. S. CHAPTER 286.011(8)**

City Clerk Peters advised the persons attending the meeting will be Frankie Burnett, Mayor, Joseph E. Johnston, III, Vice-Mayor, Council Members Robert Battista, and Natalie Kahler; Attorney's for the City of Brooksville, Clifford A. Taylor; City Manager, T. Jennene Norman-Vacha; and Court Reporter Holly Kirchman of Carolyn F. Engle & Associates. The meeting is expected to last approximately thirty minutes.

Mayor Burnett called for adjournment of the regular meeting to the Executive Session.

Following the executive session the regular meeting of City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. followed by an Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation - Brooksville Healthcare**

Presentation of a proclamation of recognition for receiving the Governor's Gold Shield Award.

Vice Mayor Johnston read the proclamation in its entirety, which will be presented to the facility at a future date. Mayor Burnett elaborated on the excellence of their facility.

**Margaret R. Ghiotto Improvement Award - Commercial Award**

Recognition of improvements to the property owned by Vineyard Christian Church, located at 375 S. Broad Street, Hal Hester, Pastor.

Mayor Burnett reviewed the award, which was presented to Pastor & Mrs. Hal Hester.

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## 4th of July Celebration - Hernando County Fairgrounds

Presentation of proposed 4th of July Celebration to be held at the Hernando County Fairgrounds.

Richard Clements, of the Hernando County Fair Association reviewed the events scheduled for the holiday. He asked for the support of Council.

Vice-Mayor Johnston advised that under such short notice Council would not be able to follow policy.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised this is not a fee waiver situation. She asked Fire Chief Mossgrove if he knew how much the Fire Department will be charging. Fire Chief Mossgrove advised off-duty personnel will be working the event but it averages around \$500.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed costs of \$1,000, which includes Fire and removal of trash. She advised the fee-waiver balance is \$2,933.22.

Mr. Clements advised they need \$5,000 to complete costs for fireworks and the City's logo will go on the flyer if funding is granted.

Mayor Burnett commented on policy and Robert's Rules of Order. He advised Council could waive the \$1,000 for Fire Department staff and trash removal or any combination thereof.

## Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Kahler and Council Member Battista to move the item to the end of the regular agenda. Motion carried 4-0

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Burnett called for citizen input; there was none.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Minutes

June 1, 2015 Regular Meeting

### Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate

Confirmation of designation of Council Member Erhard to be the voting delegate at the Florida League of Cities 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

### Bid Award SD2015-03 Veterans Avenue Paving Project

Consideration of award of Bid No. SD2015-03 to Goodwin Brothers Construction, Inc., for the not-to-exceed amount of \$394,426.87.

### Innocent Victim Petroleum Restoration Program

Consideration of Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection to perform a low score assessment on a location at 800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd.

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## Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Kahler for approval of Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **\* Ordinance No. 844 – Liberty Street Rezoning**

Consideration to rezone approximately 7.7 acres located at the south side of E. Liberty Street approximately 265' east of its intersection with S. Saxon Avenue from the current zoning of R-3 (High Density Residential) to a zoning designation of C-4 (Neighborhood Commercial).

Mayor Burnett called for proof of publication. City Clerk Peters advised Item G-1 was advertised in the Friday, June 5th edition of the Tampa Bay Times and there is a copy on file in the Office of the City Clerk for the record.

Mayor Burnett polled Council Members for Ex-Parte communications; there was none. City Clerk Peters administered the oath to those intending to speak as an expert witness. Those sworn were City Planner Steve Gouldman and Director of Community Development Bill Geiger, whose credentials are on file with the City.

The entire agenda packet was entered into the record (Attachment 1). Steve Gouldman, City Planner, reviewed the proposed rezoning application.

Mayor Burnett called for public input; there was none.

## Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Johnston and seconded by Council Member Kahler approval of Ordinance No. 844.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 844 by title as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-4 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 4-0 upon roll-call vote as follows:

Council Member Battista	Aye
Council Member Erhard	Absent
Council Member Kahler	Aye
Vice-Mayor Johnston	Aye
Mayor Burnett	Aye

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## Resolution No. 2015-06 - Alcoholic Beverage License

Consideration of Alcoholic Beverage License for property located at 103 & 200 South Saxon Avenue.

Mayor Burnett called for proof of publication. City Clerk Peters advised Item G-2 was advertised in the Friday, June 5th edition of the Tampa Bay Times for the properties located at 103 and 200 South Saxon Avenue and there is a copy on file in the Office of the City Clerk for the record.

Steve Gouldman, City Planner, reviewed the resolution, which allows for the sale and consumption onsite for beer, wine and liquor by state licensed caterers, not the property owners.

Mayor Burnett asked for public input; there was none.

## Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Battista and seconded by Vice-Mayor Johnston for approval of Resolution No. 2015-06.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2015-06 by title as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR FOR SALE AND CONSUMPTION ON THE LICENSED PREMISES (11-C) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 103 AND 200 SOUTH SAXON AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 4-0 upon roll-call vote as follows:

Council Member Erhard	Absent
Council Member Kahler	Aye
Council Member Battista	Aye
Vice-Mayor Johnston	Aye
Mayor Burnett	Aye

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Resolution No. 2015-08 - Application for Main Street Program

Resolution in supporting the application of the Brooksville Vision Foundation, Inc. for a Main Street Program designation in the City of Brooksville.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the resolution. She advised the deadline to apply is July 6, 2015.

Council Member Battista asked if any monies are given by the state. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the 1<sup>st</sup> year application garners a \$10,000 grant.

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## Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Kahler and seconded by Vice Mayor Johnston for approval of Resolution No. 2015-08.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2015-08 by title as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA MAIN STREET PROGRAM, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 4-0 upon roll-call vote as follows:

Council Member Kahler	Aye
Council Member Battista	Aye
Council Member Erhard	Absent
Vice-Mayor Johnston	Aye
Mayor Burnett	Aye

## Gabriel Roeder Smith (GRS) Actuarial Services Agreement Amendment & Task Order #2

Consideration of amended agreement and Task Order #2 for the Police Pension.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the amended Agreement and Task Order #2. GRS will honor the original fees. She advised Mr. Pete Strong of GRS expects this to be a much simpler process and should cost less than the analysis of the Fire Department's pension. Council Member Kahler was not in favor of spending the money on the agreement since the Police Department's pension is fully funded and there was no immediate need for a review.

## Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Battista for approval. Motion died for lack of a second.

## 4th of July Celebration - Hernando County Fairgrounds

Presentation of proposed 4th of July Celebration to be held at the Hernando County Fairgrounds.

Discussion of the item continued from the earlier presentation.

Mr. Cements advised Hernando County opted not to fund the fireworks but the community has come forward to help. He will again approach them for assistance in other areas of the event. He reviewed Florida Statute 16, which is designed for fairs and allows County Commissions and City Councils to support county fairs. His goal is to the County and City working with the fair to promote family events at the fairgrounds.

Vice Mayor Johnston advised the policy for waivers calls for the waiver of 50% of the requested funds.

Council Member Battista didn't feel this request falls under the fee waiver policy.

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### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Kahler provide a City sponsorship of \$1,000 worth of services. Motion was withdrawn by Council Member Kahler.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Kahler and seconded by Council Member Battista for discussion to waive fees in the amount of \$500 for Fire Department staff from contingencies and \$500 from fee waivers. Motion failed 2-2 with Council Member Battista and Vice-Mayor Johnston voting in opposition.

Vice-Mayor Johnston advised he isn't against funding but advised it is short notice and recommended the request be submitted to Council earlier next year and in the proper venue.

Mayor Burnett asked if it is possible to get a motion for \$250 - \$500 of support for this year's event.

City Manager Norman-Vacha further reviewed the Fee Waiver Policy and didn't feel this falls under that policy, but added that support could come from special events.

### **Motion:**

Council Member Battista and seconded by Council Member Kahler to waive up to \$500 for trash removal fees upon submission of proper paperwork. Motion carried 4-0.

In further discussion of the Fee Waiver Policy, City Manager Norman-Vacha advised staff can bring the policy back to Council for further review and direction during budget discussions.

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Burnett called for citizen input.

Shirley Miketinac commented on the Hernando County Fair Association.

Greg Stephens offered \$250 to the Hernando County Fair Association.

Kojack Burnett wished all fathers Happy Father's Day.

## **ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

### **Natalie Kahler, Council Member**

She wished all Fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Council Member Kahler advised she attended the Florida League of Cities' training for new Council Members and thanked staff for all they do.

Regarding history, she spoke of the 238<sup>th</sup> Flag Day and Father's Day.

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**Robert Battista, Council Member**

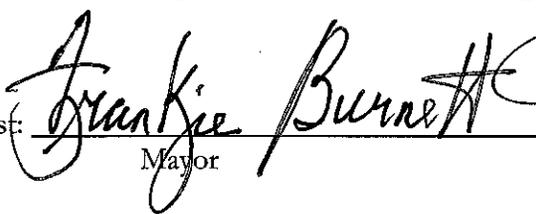
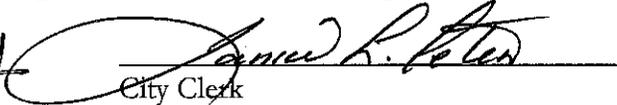
Council Member Battista reminded all of recycling on Wednesday.

**Frankie Burnett, Mayor**

Mayor Burnett reminded Council of the Father's Day event on Friday, at 2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Attest:  Mayor  
 City Clerk