

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

MINUTES

December 21, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Natalie Kahler, Mayor, Robert Battista, Vice Mayor, and Council Members Frankie Burnett, and Betty Erhard. Council Member William Kemerer was absent. Also present were Clifford A. Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Virginia Wright, City Clerk; Jennifer Battista; Acting Deputy Clerk; Mike Walker, Parks, Facilities & Recreation Director; Tannette Gayle, Director of Finance; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Steve Gouldman, City Planner; Richard Radacky, Public Works Director; George Turner, Police Chief, and David Freda, Interim Fire Chief.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kahler at 7:04 p.m., followed by an Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITION:

A Mayoral plaque was presented to Council Member Burnett for his tenure serving for the year 2015 as City Mayor. The City Council and City Manager expressed their deep appreciation for Council Member Burnett's dedicated service to the City and community.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A Proclamation for National Mentoring Month – Big Brothers and Big Sisters was read in its entirety by Council Member Erhard and presented to Sheri Chancey and Darlene Carlson on behalf of Big Brother and Big Sisters.

PRESENTATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVERS:

Hernando County Fine Arts Council Fee Waiver Request:

Mr. Paul Shaskan, Chairman of the Hernando County Fine Arts Council presented detailed information regarding the Art in the Park Event that will take place at Tom Varn Park March 12 – March 13, 2016. This is the Art Council's major fund raising event. The event will have over 100 artists and craftsmen exhibitors, and a student show featuring over 300 works of art from Hernando County Schools (elementary through college). Live entertainment will be provided, and a food court will be available. Admission is free/donations are accepted. This is an annual event that is expected to attract over 5,000 visitors. Mr. Shaskan indicated last year's total expenditures was \$18,000 and he would appreciate any amount of a fee waiver.

Council Member Burnett asked if the City was listed on the advertisement materials. Mr. Shaskan reported the City is recognized in the event program.

Motion:

Motion by Vice Mayor Battista, seconded by Council Member Burnett to grant a fee waiver to The Hernando County Fine Arts Council for the “Art in the Park” event in the amount of \$300. Motion carried 4-0

Grace World Outreach Church Fee Waiver Request:

Pastor Joshua Brunette of Grace World Outreach Church request a fee waiver for the 3rd Annual “No More Taken 5K Run” scheduled for February 20, 2016. This fundraiser is to benefit local ministries that are working to rescue victims of human trafficking. All of the funds raised through entry fees and from local businesses will go directly to support victims of human trafficking. The event will be used to bring awareness to human trafficking and for the local area ministries. T-shirts will be provided to the participants. Council Member Erhard commended the Church for raising awareness of human trafficking.

Council Member Battista asked how many participants are expected. Pastor Brunette said last year 130 runners participated and he does expect more participants this year. Event fliers have been distributed, as well as announcements/advertisements on social media. Possibly 300-500 will participate. Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Last year approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 was raised and donated to ministries for this cause.

Council Member Burnett stated this is an outstanding event with great leadership from Pastor Garcia and his staff. He noted human trafficking is prevalent in the U.S.

Council Member Erhard asked if the City waived the entire fees in last two years. Council Member Burnett reported last year Council approved 50% fee waiver. Council Member Battista asked if Jefferson and Broad Streets would be closed. City Manager Norman-Vacha responded these streets would remain open with police officers in place to assist with crossing of the streets and traffic. Council Member Battista noted he would like the Certificate of Insurance to list the City of Brooksville as an additional insured for the event.

Motion:

Motion by Council Member Burnett, seconded by Mayor Kahler after passing the gavel to the Vice Mayor Battista, to grant a fee waiver with the stipulation a certificate of insurance must be provided prior to the event, listing the City of Brooksville as additional insured, for the “Grace World Outreach Church 5K Run” in the full amount of \$1626.76. Motion carried 4-0.

Hernando County Public Library Fee Waiver Request:

Adam Brooks with the Hernando County Library requested a fee waiver for the 2nd Annual Brooksville Library 5K Run: February 27, 2016. A brief video was presented of last year’s 5K Run. There were 287 registered runners; of that number, 250 participants ran in the event with over 100 kids participating in the “Kids Fun Run.” There was 600 plus spectators. Awards were provided after the run. A marketing opportunity for the City was offered with the approval of the fee waiver request. The City would be promoted via twitter and FaceBook accounts that are blasted at least three (3) times per day, listing sponsors and links to the sponsor’s organization/website; Florida Race Place magazine that is distributed to over 23,000 racers throughout the State of

Florida that has a list of all of the community partners as well as sponsors. Fliers have been distributed throughout nine (9) communities, along with save the date cards and bookmarks. A total 25,000 pieces of marketing materials are distributed.

Motion:

Motion by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Vice Mayor Battista to grant a fee waiver in the amount of \$1538.15, with the stipulation a certificate of insurance must be provided prior to the event, listing the City of Brooksville as additional insured, for the “Hernando County Public Library 2nd Annual 5K Run.” Motion carried 4-0.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Mayor Kahler asked at his time for citizen input, stressing there is a 3-minute time limit for each individual to speak so it is fair for everyone.

Pastor David Garcia stated Grace World Outreach Church provides many types of services throughout the community such as providing classes English as a second language for the past 26 years; GED assistance where Hernando Literacy Program meets at the church; Joseph House that provides meals to the needy every Friday and, providing food to 10 different mobile home parks. Pastor Garcia asked if Council would be willing to donate or sell any of the proposed surplus items, listed on the Consent Agenda, item 2 and item 5 and/or any property the City is not using that may be donated to Grace World Church. He noted the church will put any of these items to good use.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes

- August 10, 2015 Budget Workshop
- October 5, 2015 City Council Regular Session
- October 19, 2015 City Council Regular Session,
- November 2, 2015 City Council Regular Session.

Surplus of Maintenance Vehicles and Equipment

FY 2016 FDOT Landscape Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement

Addition to Master Lease, Patrol Car Lease

Replacement of detective Car and Emergency Equipment

Motion:

Mayor Kahler requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Motion by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Vice Mayor Battista to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

*Entry of Proof of Publication into the Record

Proof of Publication into the Record read by City Clerk Wright; Ordinance No. 862 was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times December 11, and December 18, 2015.

Steve Gouldman, City Planner presented the second reading of Ordinance No. 862 City initiated annexation located at 6197 Broad Street. Mr. Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has a Utility Service Agreement that makes the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential with a Hernando County zoning designation of AG (Agricultural), with a PSF (Public Service Facility) Overlay and a Special Exception Use for a Public Assembly Use. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval of Second Reading.

City Clerk Wright read Ordinance No. 862-AX2015-14 head note as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 862
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR FILINGS WITH THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Approval of Ordinance No. 862-AX2015-14; City Initiated Annexation upon Roll-call vote.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

City Manager Norman-Vacha announced it was time for the annual appointments for Council Members' representation to serve on various City boards, intergovernmental agencies, and outside organizations.

The Council discussed among themselves boards/organizations that would like to serve on as follows:

Vice Mayor Battista will serve on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee.

Council Member Burnett will serve on the Community Alliance; Brooksville Cemetery Advisory Board; alternate for the MPO.

Council Erhard will serve on the Beautification Board; Take Stock in Children; Tourist Development.

Council Member Kemerer was suggested by the Council) to serve on Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority; Richard Radacky, Public Works Director will serve as an alternate

Mayor Kahler will serve on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Council further decided to wait until the next Council Meeting when Council Member Kemerer is present to discuss and fill the seats available on the other remaining boards. It was decided that the Hernando County anti-Drug Coalition, Youth and Family Alternatives and confirmation of Council Member Kemerer serving on the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be placed on the January 4, 2016 Meeting Agenda.

CITIZENS INPUT

Pastor Garcia asked if citizens are permitted to sever on the aforementioned committees. Mayor Kahler stated that you can participate if you live in the City. City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated that the particular boards being discussed are for Council liaison positions. However, some of the advisory boards that do have citizens to serve, as well as those individuals who may not live in the City. Each board outlines those particulars. City Manager Norman-Vacha encouraged participation of the community. The City will be happy to provide information to those interested in serving on a board.

Kojack Burnett congratulated the Mayor Kahler on her newly appointed seat as mayor. Thanked the city Manager and her staff for a job well done as well as Chief Turner. Mr. Burnett wished everyone happy holidays.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

City Attorney Cliff Taylor

The City Attorney reported as a follow up to Vice Mayor's Battista's inquiry at the last Council Meeting, as to whether or not there are any restrictions on the Quarry property. Researching as far back as to 1980 there is no deed or restrictions. If any restrictions do exist it would have been prior to the golf course being constructed, and the City taking over the Quarry property. The City Attorney will conduct further research prior to 1980 for this item.

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

The City Manager wished everyone a great Christmas and is looking forward to working together with Council in the 2016 New Year.

Betty Erhard, Council Member

Council Member Erhard commended Grace World Outreach Church for the services and outreach efforts they do throughout the community.

Council Member Erhard thanked everyone who attended the Council Meeting.

Council Member Erhard reminded everyone of the holiday lights/decorations contest sponsored by the Beautification Board. She provided residential addresses and businesses of those who participated in the contest for anyone interested in seeing the holiday decorations. Winners will be announced at the January 4, 2016 Council Meeting.

Council Member Erhard stated she appreciated the Parks and Recreation Department's excellent job creating the Christmas Parade Float.

Frankie Burnett, Council Member

Council Member Burnett wished all a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Burnett was proud to report that local Nature Coast High School football player; DeShawn Smith has broken County and State records and is rated as third as the best a running back in the United States. Smith lives in the City of Brooksville. Council Member Burnett stated perhaps the City could honor Smith in some way in the near future based on Mr. Smith's accomplishments.

Council Member Burnett was very happy to report Delores Parrott Middle School football team is undefeated this year.

Council Member Burnett thanked Council for the majority vote for the fee waiver for Grace World Outreach Church.

Council Member Burnett thanked the Council and the City Manager for their ongoing commitment to work together. He also thanked the City Manager and staff for their hard work.

Council Member Burnett thanked Jennifer Battista for the great job she has done filling in as acting Deputy Clerk.

Robert Battista, Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Battista wished all a Merry Christmas.

Vice Mayor Battista stated how pleased he was with the great job City Attorney Cliff Taylor has done on annexations. He also thanked the Community Development for all of their hard work.

Mayor Kahler

Mayor Kahler thanked 2014 Great Brooksvillian Jan Knowles who was in attendance for the Council Meeting. She acknowledged Ms. Knowles for her community support and efforts.

Mayor Kahler would like to acknowledge the local area Mighty Mites football team at a future Council Meeting. The children of the team are ages 7 – 9 years old; and they are the regional champs. A billboard is located on Highway 50 near the Suncoast Parkway acknowledging the team as regional champs.

Mayor Kahler provided the following history fact: Margaret D. Robbins started the first library for Brooksville as a traveling library. Ms. Robbins also paid for a year to have the very first nurse in Brooksville. She also established the Brooksville Women's Club and the YWCA. Ms. Robbins was against child labor abuses and her husband assisted in enacting a law of protection for children.

Mayor Kahler wished all a Merry Christmas.

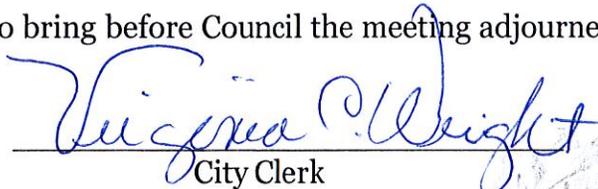
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Attest:

Mayor


City Clerk



CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

There was none.