

CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 HOWELL AVENUE

MINUTES

March 2, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Joe Bernardini, Vice Mayor Lara Bradburn and Council Members Joseph E. Johnston, III, Richard E. Lewis and David Pugh present. Also present were Thomas S. Hogan, Jr., City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Steve Baumgartner, Finance Director; Mike Walker, Parks and Recreation Director; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Emory Pierce, Director of Public Works; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. A member of the St. Pete Times was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernardini, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 for the annual Brooksville Fire District Meeting and reconvened at 7:08.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Award to the 2008 Co-Ed Winter League Tournament Champions

Recognition of the Coney Island Drive-In 2008 Co-Ed Winter League softball team and presentation of the 1st Place Trophy for the winter league.

Blair Hensley thanked Council, Mike Walker and all the sponsors for their support.

The team coach, Veronica Vasquez, thanked Council for their continued support. She would like see a concession stand at the park to keep warm on cold nights.

Resolution No. 2009-04 Recognition of Black History Month

A proclamation recognizing Moody Timmons for his contributions to our community in honor of Black History Month.

Mayor Bernardini read Resolution No. 2009-04 in its entirety.

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MOODY TIMMONS TO THE HERNANDO COUNTY COMMUNITY AS FEBRUARY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of Resolution No. 2009-04.

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote as follows:

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
ON 5/18/09 INITIALS JP

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Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Pugh	Aye
Council Member Lewis	Aye
Vice Mayor Bradburn	Aye
Mayor Bernardini	Aye

The resolution was presented to the Timmons family descendents by Mayor Bernardini.

Vice Mayor Bradburn is inspired by the tradition of the Annual Timmons Family Reunion.

American People Against Cop Killers (A.P.A.C.K.), Inc. 2nd Annual Hernando County Bike Fest ~ Co-sponsored by the City of Brooksville Fine Arts Council

Update on the 2nd Annual Hernando County Bike Fest in conjunction with the Fine Arts Council and in honor of slain Pasco County Deputy, Captain Bo Harrison.

Darryl Garman, President of A.P.A.C.K. reviewed the Event and the fund, stating the event will be April 11th starting in Dade City and ending in Brooksville. He thanked the Fine Arts Council for working with them on the event. Mayor Bernardini thanked them for choosing the City for the event.

A two (2) minute break was taken.

Stimulus Projects Update

Input and direction from Council as it relates to items on the City's Federal Economic Stimulus Funding Project List.

Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, reviewed the stimulus package. He indicated a lot of coordination had been going on with Hernando County, especially concerning transportation as well as projects related to utilities and other infrastructure. He asked for feedback from Council.

Council Member Johnston, concerning the street paving list, asked if the one and a half inch overlay is a standard paving amount. Director Pierce replied it is usually one inch and this will give a margin. He recommended using funds to restore bricks instead of paving over them.

Vice Mayor Bradburn stated that within this stimulus package she would like to see the reuse program and Governor's Boulevard projects completed which will better the community for decades to come.

Director Geiger advised most projects are shovel-ready or close to it. Vice Mayor Bradburn noted that we are way ahead of the game having so many projects that are ready to go and indicated the County Commission could not be more supportive. She thanked staff that has worked so diligently in getting these projects ready to go.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Input and direction from the City Council as it relates to possibly updating or modifying "Policy Constrained Facilities" and "Areas of Concern" within the transportation network that impacts the City (all in conjunction with the 2035 LRTP Update).

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Paul Douglas requested the City consider putting \$100 million on the stimulus list for funding of the infrastructure revitalization of South Brooksville. He indicated they are working with Coastal Engineering for mapping and the UF to develop an urban plan. The community has taken charge of the project and they are moving forward to find funding. He further reviewed their plans and indicated requests for funding will be made of Washington.

Vice Mayor Bradburn advised that staff is involved in the project, which is slow-going. Last week the Hernando County BOCC raised their request from \$2 million to \$5 million for South Brooksville. She indicated the City is supporting the South Brooksville revitalization plan and that many of the projects submitted includes South Brooksville.

Director Geiger stated that Hernando County submits a transportation plan update every five (5) years.

Dennis Dix, the Hernando County MPO Coordinator, reviewed Hernando County's 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. He indicated this to be the time for the City to present their ideas for the plan. The reversing of the one-way pairs was discussed along with the widening of 41 and the problem of semi-truck traffic through downtown if the one-way pairs were reversed. Council Member Lewis advised an ideal solution would be a northeast truck bypass from SR 50.

Mr. Dix will look into the bridge issue for a possible weight limit and traffic counters that could measure the weight of a vehicle to determine amount of trucks going through downtown.

Because of cost, the 2035 plan will probably be 35% fewer projects than the current plan and indicated a rail connection will be coming according to TBARTA's 2035 vision.

CITIZEN INPUT

Viennese Black

She asked Council to consider how these plans will impact property on Wiscon Road which is now designated a flood zone.

Director Geiger advised that for development in that area, by state law under SWFWMD permitting, run-off cannot exceed pre-development. The property has always been in a floodplain but has not been designated as such before the flood maps from 1986 were updated. He will look into whether Ms. Black's property is located within the City and direct her to contact the flood mitigation program.

Motion:

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

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bernardini asked for public input.

Dennis Wilfong

He indicated a lot is going on and everyone is excited about going forward. He reviewed a list of businesses and stated he is working on a list of vacant businesses as well as a list of

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businesses Brooksville needs and can support; he is currently working on three (3) and very close to closing one. Methods of getting more activities downtown are being reviewed also.

Cliff Barnes

He proposed a community farm and requested land to be used for such a project. Vice Mayor Bradburn advised him that there is a community farm underway via the Love Your Neighbor coalition and recommended he speak with John & Lisa Callea at the Rising Sun Café. Council Member Pugh knows of some private land for possibly such an effort.

Margaret Lagone

She asked if there is any update to the petition she submitted at last meeting concerning the reopening of Main Street on Saturdays. City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated she and Mr. Wilfong have been discussing the issue and will be in touch.

CONSENT AGENDA

Surplus Equipment

Consideration of declaring surplus for disposal via the County's auction process.

Award of GPS System Bid No. UD2009-02

Consideration of awarding bid to Navigation Electronics, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,481 and authorize the City Manager to sign Purchase Order for said amount.

Award of Hope Hill Well #3 Pump Installation Bid No. UD2009-03

Consideration of awarding bid to Hausinger & Associates, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$87,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement for Contractor Services for said amount after legal review.

Personnel Policy Amendment – Drug Free Workplace

Consideration of approval and adoption of the personnel policy Drug Free Workplace as proposed and attached to be included as Section 1.15 of the personnel manual.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Johnston clarified that the GPS bid is for the Meter Reading System.

He asked if the money is budgeted or from a grant on the Hope Hill well bid. Director Pierce indicated it is budgeted and eligible for reimbursed funds.

Vice Mayor Bradburn indicated the white foam board could be used by the art gallery and asked that it be pulled from surplus.

Drug Free Workplace

Attorney Rey advised there is a specific statutory provision on prescription drugs at work that is addressed by this amendment and recommended attaching the policy as proposed with the amendment to Section 3.M. without the secondary amendment to Section 3.B. to 3.C.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Schools Facilities Element Interlocal Agreement

- a) Consideration to ratify the State recommended “Stipulated Settlement Agreement” to predicate the PSFE Interlocal Agreement.
- b) Consideration of approval of the fully “restated” Public School Facility Planning and School Concurrency Interlocal Agreement between Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Brooksville City Council and the School Board of Hernando County as approved at the February 2, 2009 Council Meeting.

Director Geiger advised that Council approved a modified agreement at a previous Council meeting but the state and other agencies wanted a fully extended and restated agreement with the changes but not in the amended underline/strikethrough format. The changes are identical to what Council approved previously and the state has approved both agreements.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of staff recommendations.

Vice Mayor Bradburn added that this was an incredible effort on the part of staff and the county working with DCA.

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Pugh	Aye
Council Member Lewis	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Vice Mayor Bradburn	Aye
Mayor Bernardini	Aye

Resolution No. 2009-05 Floodplain Management Plan

Consideration of resolution ratifying the adoption of the Hernando County Floodplain Management Plan.

The plan was reviewed by Director Geiger who indicated it to be a plan produced through the local mitigation strategy group effort and has been modified to meet the comments and requirements by FEMA. It was approved by Hernando County at their last meeting.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of Resolution No. 2009-05.

Mayor Bernardini asked for public input; there was none.

Mayor Bernardini read Resolution No. 2009-05 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BROOKSVILLE, ADOPTING THE HERNANDO COUNTY
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

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Council Member Johnston reiterated that approving the resolution does not include approving the flood maps or any endorsement of the federally funded flood insurance program.

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Lewis	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Pugh	Aye
Vice Mayor Bradburn	Aye
Mayor Bernardini	Aye

Union Street Barricades

Report and discussion of the Union Street Barricades/Closure.

Police Chief Turner reviewed the issue indicating the barricades have deteriorated over time and become ineffective. However, they have served a purpose and lessened crime in the area, which included drive-by shootings, high speed chases and drug activities. He indicated there is no emergency response delay to the area because of the barricades and found that most of the residents want them to remain but to be fixed. He advised that Director Pierce has presented three (3) options.

Tommy Brooks, Executive Director of the Brooksville Housing Authority, addressed Council and stated that from his experience the barricades were a step in the right direction by the City. He observed that Union Street is a good access for drug trafficking and recommended keeping the road closed, or removing it and keeping the barricades.

Discussion continued concerning the purpose and effectiveness of the barricades and the options presented to Council.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Lewis for approval of Option No. 3. Motion carried 5-0.

Council directed staff to return to Council with more design options incorporating the Good Neighbor Trail section.

Take Home Vehicle Report

Report of results following one (1) year implementation of the City of Brooksville's Take Home Vehicle Policy as adopted by City Council January 2008.

Chief Turner indicated it has been a year since the program was implemented. It has increased visibility and availability for fast response and more coverage per day with no increase in fuel consumption. Vehicle maintenance costs have improved because the officers clean them and provide upkeep. There has been 100% compliance with no issues related to the vehicles being taken home. Morale is higher as well because of the program and the officers appreciate it.

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ITEMS BY COUNCIL

David Pugh, Jr., Council Member

Public Input

Council Member Pugh, referencing Public Input, recommended adding it back to the end as well for citizens who may want to speak at the very end. Council Member Lewis and Vice Mayor Bradburn agreed. Mayor Bernardini indicated he did not have a problem with citizens speaking at the end.

On-line Packet

He commended staff on their efforts in putting the packet on the web and recommended Council consider going green and paperless.

Building Committee

Attorney Rey commented on the Building Committee for the Emergency Shelter. Advising that the possible attendance of two (2) Council Members, would require notice of the meeting, which was discussed.

Joe Johnston, Council Member

Update on Howell Avenue Project

He indicated he would like a monthly update.

Mayor's Office Update

He commented on the update of the Council office.

Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor

Tuesday, March 10, 5:30

Ribbon cutting of the Hernando/Pasco Hospice will be taking place.

Howell Avenue Repaving

Director Pierce indicated the cost for repaving is included in the price of the project.

Joe Bernardini, Mayor

Enrichment Center

He felt the enrichment center to be a good fit with the Jerome Brown Community Center.

Golf Course

Greens look good and as-builts are coming along.

Seagate Property Annexation

Director Geiger indicated he has been in touch with the owner but no meeting has been set.

Recycling program within departments

Mayor Bernardini would like to provide containers to implement recycling of plastic, cans, etc. and to let lessee's know that we recycle. Staff to contact Coca-Cola about containers.

Captain Beirwiler

He gave his condolences to the family and stated he was proud of our police department,

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that they looked so professional at the funeral.

CITIZEN INPUT

Kojack Burnett

Union Street Barricades

He expressed his concern regarding lack of emergency vehicle access.

Citizen input on agenda items

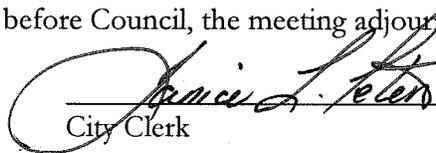
Some citizens are not stating their names when they come to the microphone to speak.

Dan Patrick

Thanked Council Member Lewis for questioning the police department usage of hours on take home vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



City Clerk

Attest: 

Mayor