

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

MINUTES

January 6, 2014

7:00 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; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Members of the Hernando Today and Hernando Times were also present. Mayor Kevin Hohn was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor Burnett, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION & REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS

2014 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Fee Waiver Request

Consideration of request for fee waiver in the amount of \$1,660.62 for the parade scheduled for January 20, 2013.

Paul Douglas, MLK Parade Committee member, reviewed the event, requesting Council waive fees associated therewith, as well as the stand for dignitaries. The Insurance Certificate will be provided and will also cover the stand and golf carts borrowed from the Brooksville Country Club.

Council Member Bradburn asked about the response from the Hernando County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Douglas advised they already have other events scheduled. Council Member Bradburn felt the Sheriff's Department should be more of a participant due to the county wide participation. Mr. Douglas felt next year would go more smoothly, and discussed the parade expenses in detail. He advised that if funds were raised to cover some of the costs, he would put forth an effort to pay for it.

Council Member Bernardini discussed the costs associated with hiring law enforcement for the parade and believes additional discussion is needed with the Sheriff's Department.

Vice-Mayor Burnett felt a workshop should be held to review policy.

Council Member Johnston advised, although he would normally be voting against this, that he is in favor since he would have voted against some of the previous expenditures that took us over budget. He believes this type of event should be encouraged since it has community-wide significance and will have a positive impact on the City.

Vice-Mayor Burnett understands that they have set criteria for staff to go by and make recommendations, and even though this is going against good business practice, he believes the extra expense will not hurt them and he can't find it in his heart to vote against it. He appreciates the organizers and participants that are trying to use this short period of time to recognize Dr. King.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE

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Council Member Bradburn would like the Mayor to send a letter to the Sheriff requesting an equal amount of deputies for the event. She felt on-duty officers and deputies should be also be used in the future to minimize costs. Vice-Mayor Burnett suggested having a workshop first to clarify policy. Council Member Bernardini agreed that a letter should be sent to the Sheriff asking for any type of help. He thinks it's a community event and he doesn't have a problem contacting other local law enforcement agencies, as it should not be a total expense to the City taxpayers.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Johnston to approve the fee waiver up to \$1,660.62, including a letter being sent to the Sheriff's Office by Council to request participation in this event to help reduce expenses. Motion carried 3-1, with Council Member Bernardini voting in opposition.

2014 Children's Week Celebration - JBCC Fee Waiver Request

Consideration of request for fee waiver in the amount of \$370 for 2014 Children's Week Celebration on April 5, 2014.

Noreen St. Jean, of the Hernando County Community Alliance and Devereux Kids, reviewed the event requesting a waiver in the amount of \$370.00 for use of the Jerome Brown Center.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the waiver in the amount of \$370.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of fee waivers in Item C-1 come from Reserves for Contingencies. Motion carried 4-0

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

FFA National Honor Proclamation

Proclamation recognizing Delaney Rose Ahrens on receiving the FFA's Agri-Science Award.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Council Member Bernardini and presented to Ms. Ahrens, who reviewed the project.

CITIZEN INPUT

Vice-Mayor Burnett called for public input regarding any item on the agenda.

Shirley Miketinac discussed the rule on citizen comment and thanked Council for approving the MLK parade waiver. She suggested using red light camera money and city tickets as a source of funding.

Vi Coogler thanked Council for the fee waiver approval and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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July 1, 2013 Regular Meeting

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Brooksville Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Agreement

Consideration for ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Brooksville Professional Fire Fighters Local 4662 as negotiated/proposed and authorization for the Mayor to sign.

Cargo Van Purchase - Department of Public Works

Consideration to purchase a 2014 Ford Cargo Van from the Florida Sheriff's Association, Association of Counties and Fire Chief's Bid List for the not-to-exceed amount of \$29,799.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the Consent Agenda with the addition of the City Attorney attending the meeting in the minutes of July 1, 2013. Motion carried 4-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Vice-Mayor Burnett called for Proof of Publication. City Clerk Peters indicated Item G1 was published on Friday, December 27, 2013, in the Hernando Times legal section of the St. Pete Times and there is a copy of the affidavit for the record.

Noise Ordinance No. 730-B

Consideration of proposed ordinance amending Chapter 82 of the Code relating to Traffic and Vehicles, Article III, Noise from Vehicles.

Police Chief Turner reviewed the revision to the Ordinance which increases the distance from 25 – 60 feet and excludes permitted events.

Council Member Bernardini reiterated his support of this ordinance, referencing the profanity in some of the music being played, and stated he would even be happy with the 25 foot range.

Vice-Mayor Burnett called for public input.

Brad Sufficool asked if the ordinance is specific to explicit music or noise in general from car stereos. Police Chief Turner clarified that it is just music from radios.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of Ordinance No. 730-B.

Council Member Johnston asked for quarterly reports from the Police Department about tickets issued. He advised the ice cream truck is in violation of the ordinance.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 730-B by title, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 82, "NOISE FROM VEHICLES", SECTION 82-52 PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Bradburn	Aye
Vice-Mayor Burnett	Aye
Mayor Hohn	Absent

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution No. 2014-01 Metropolitan Planning Organization Reapportionment Plan

Consideration of Resolution in support of the Hernando and Citrus County MPO consolidation.

Dennis Dix, MPO Coordinator, reviewed the resolution. Council Member Bradburn discussed the MPO priority list which includes streets, sidewalks, trails and buses. The new priority list for Hernando County has just been approved with an extended plan of five years. However, when the merger takes place, they will have to redistribute priorities between Hernando and Citrus. Citrus County is going to face a huge economic impact with the closing of the power plant because that is the largest part of the Citrus County tax base. Thus, they will also take a big hit in transportation. There is some debate whether the merger will help everyone get twice as much or if it will interrupt what we now have in setting the new priorities. She stressed that Council and staff needs to be vigilant about protecting the City's interests. She does support this merger plan and feels it is the best plan to make sure that the cities and counties are all represented in a fair and proportionate manner.

Vice-Mayor Burnett called for public input; there was none.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Resolution No. 2014-01.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2014-01 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY REDESIGNATION & REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Bradburn	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Vice-Mayor Burnett	Aye
Mayor Hohn	Absent

Resolution No. 2014-02 Public Comment

Consideration of Resolution adopting rules and policies governing public comment in compliance with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes.

Council Member Bernardini asked the resolution be tabled to the next meeting.

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Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Johnston to table Resolution No. 2014-02 to the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

CITIZEN INPUT

Vice-Mayor Burnett called for public input.

Pat Miketinac reviewed statistics on red light cameras.

Shirley Miketinac asked what happened to the 3-mile garage sale since no one showed up. She also spoke against the right on red tickets and hopes Council will resolve the flashing at the red light cameras.

Vice-Mayor Burnett advised staff is working on the flashing light issue.

Kojack Burnett wished all a Happy New Year and a Happy Birthday to his mother.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

City Manager Norman-Vacha asked to set the Financial Workshop in February. Originally scheduled for February 10th, she requested February 24th or 25th so January financial data can be included. Council consensus was for Feb. 25th at 6:00.

Joe Bernardini, Council Member

Council Member Bernardini expressed confusion over Mr. Miketinac's comment that the State will outlaw red light cameras, but they are not prohibited from introducing them.

Council Member Bradburn, referring to a state report, said it's because DOT has recognized that it saves lives and it is not safe to turn on red without stopping fully. So, by giving it to the state, it excludes local jurisdictions from imposing any financial penalty and means they won't be enforced as much and the death total will rise. Council Member Bernardini disagrees with the report.

He asked about bringing the ordinance back in March to discuss the change of speed for right on red. Council Member Johnston asked if a letter was sent to Sensys regarding the contract and infrared cameras. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised there has been some communication to get some costs and options for Council and thinks they will have something in the next week from Sensys.

Council consensus was to address it during the first meeting in March.

Joe Johnston, Council Member

Council Member Johnston stated the dedication of the One Room Schoolhouse was well attended.

He asked the Chief of Police to look into a black Chevy that has been parked on Howell Avenue for a couple weeks and may be abandoned.

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Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor

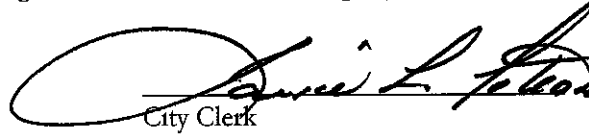
Vice-Mayor Burnett wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked those who participated in the Christmas give-a-way this year.

He asked that all of Council visit with the City Manager to discuss fee waivers before the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest: 
Vice-Mayor


City Clerk