

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

August 17, 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 Hernando Today was also present.

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

REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS

JBCC Waiver of Fees for Tangerine Time 2009

Consideration of request for waiver of the rental fees in the amount of \$436.65 for use of the JBCC for the 2009/10 event on December 31, 2009.

Wayne Vutech, Event Organizer, reviewed the waiver and thanked Council for again entertaining the idea of using the Jerome Brown Community Center for the event.

Motion:

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

JBCC Waiver of Fees for Publix Supermarkets

Consideration of waiver of fees in the amount of \$265 for the United Way of Hernando County Annual Campaign Kick-Off Meeting with Publix Supermarket on September 1, 2009, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the JBCC.

Robert Watts of Publix Supermarkets requested the waiver of fees and reviewed the event.

Council Member Lewis asked that staff check into the legal issues connected with the United Way in the past concerning the \$10,000 grant for the bus.

Motion:

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

Mayor Bernardini thanked Mr. Watts for the contributions of Publix to the City of Brooksville community.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children Proclamation

Proclamation in honor of “Family Day” on September 22, 2009.

Mayor Bernardini read the proclamation in its entirety which will be mailed to the University of

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Columbia.

Walk with the Mayor for Breast Cancer/Cancer Awareness

Presentation for council's consideration to sponsor walk with the Mayor for Breast Cancer/Cancer Awareness in December 2009.

Mayor Bernardini indicated he will work with the American Cancer Society and the Health Department to have an event on December 7, 2009 to remind the community of the cause.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn to approve the event. Motion carried 5-0.

South Brooksville Community Initiatives Team (SBCIT) Update

Presentation, update and discussion of South Brooksville Community Initiatives Team activities and progress.

Frankie Burnett, Leadership Team Member, presented Council with an update. He thanked Fire Chief Tim Mossgrove who helped put the presentation together.

He proceeded to review the purpose of the SBCIT as presented in Attachment A. He invited all who may have any ideas to contribute to participate.

Cliff Manual and Don Lacey of Coastal Engineering addressed Council with an update as well. Mr. Lacey, who helped develop the Community Block Plan for South Brooksville, pointed out the area covered in the vision plan.

Cliff Manual stated the vision plan would need to be reviewed against the local Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and issues in the area for which it would impact including roads, water, sewer and drainage. He indicated the South Brooksville area is served by water and sewer provided by the City of Brooksville and will require money to upgrade in support the vision plan. The transportation component will cost money to bring up to code and current standards. He detailed the floodplain issues and his plan to localize the impacts contained within the vision area and mitigation that needs to be done.

Council Member Pugh asked the intention of the existing properties intensity with zoning issues. Mr. Lacey replied it would be best to keep the larger commercial properties together with an interim use such as acreage in the TBARTA area until ready to be placed in a more intense use. He indicated they are not yet at the implementation stage of non-conforming types of uses.

Cliff Manual indicated the comprehensive plan becomes the implementer to forecast that vision for the next 20 years.

Council Member Pugh indicated he likes the plan. Council Member Johnston thanked all that have been involved in the project.

Vice Mayor Bradburn indicated she is excited about the plan and has heard a lot of positive feedback. She indicated TBARTA has named Brooksville as the northern terminus. Until this plan, most of the conversation has been to create a mixed use rail oriented development to the west. There is some very strong interest to the west of town with sites already located in the best interest of the County and TBARTA's vision for their final route. Mr. Lacey asked if TBARTA has talked about moving the railroad line. Vice Mayor Bradburn replied they have not decided on the final route but there are some other rail corridors available. There is a need for a rail hub, a turning station and a storage center. Considerations of the community include; how to support that entire rail system and the

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infrastructure. There are significant drainage problems in this area and the rest of the City. A partnership with the County would help prioritize these needs. She would like feedback from SBCIT on the priorities of the vision plan. She asked if it was the intention to use site locale drainage. Mr. Manual replied the ditch has been there a long time and will not be cut off but will be part of the infrastructure improvement. The City has historically developed around these kinds of activities and places such as the hospital site. Vice Mayor Bradburn reiterated the importance of creating loop lines for water flow throughout the City. There is every element in a successfully strong sustainable neighborhood with mixed use and commercial that is compact. There is less impact on the perimeter roads. Also, tying it into recreation is an economic goldmine since the Good Neighbor Trail is the epicenter to revitalize the entire county. She asked to be kept up to date by members of CIT with the progress of the plan.

Mr. Manual asked where and what is the competing TBARTA site in west Brooksville. Vice Mayor Bradburn referred to their discussion months ago and stated whether or not the rail will come up an existing line on US41 or the parkway is yet to be determined. Mr. Manual asserted they are not local interest but TBARTA interest and wants to be sure they invest short and long range planning that includes the City. Vice Mayor Bradburn pointed out it includes City property and does not just stop at the airport. She expressed that it would be a notable achievement in creating transit oriented development. She noted getting the SIS system connected would be a great help.

Council Member Lewis thanked the entire CIT team for all their hard work. He likes this solid concept plan and it deserves merit by including all the essentials. It is going to take money and cooperation with grants and loans to institute and may have to be done in phases. The main issue is drainage before starting anything else. Vice Mayor Bradburn interjected if planned correctly Parsons Creek can be a beautiful amenity.

Planning & Growth Management Assessment Update

Update and discussion of findings.

Gene Boles, Program Manager of the Community Outreach Program at University of Florida, Gainesville indicated they are analyzing the big picture such as stakeholder involvement, strengthening existing communities, compact building design, emphasis on downtowns and neighborhood centers, economic diversity and stability, mixture of land uses, preserving open space, walkable neighborhoods, choices of housing, a transportation choice, efficient use of land and infrastructure and natural resources.

He reviewed the 2015 population projections for the County and the Comprehensive Plan for the City as well as the Enterprise Zone, Joint Planning Area and the First Right to Serve area, which largely defines the city and its surroundings. He emphasized that the City of Brooksville is very well positioned in the region for its transportation aspect along with the addition of a rail connection.

He indicated they have summarized the plan into six (6) recommendations.

- 1) Create a shared vision. He indicated that in talking to stakeholders there was very little knowledge of the vision. He suggested involving the County in revisiting and expanding the vision process.
- 2) Sustained Joint Planning Process with Hernando County. He felt the City already has good initiatives in place that need to be expanded on as well as Annexation Agreements and designating a Transportation Concurrency Exception Area.
- 3) Expand/Diversify Economic Base with focus on jobs, education and workforce housing.
- 4) Transportation Terminus/TBARTA
- 5) Revitalize Brooksville as Central City, identify and reinforce the role.
- 6) Create a “Green Community” in conjunction with HB697 and SB360 adopted in 2008.

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Vice Mayor Bradburn indicated the recommendations provide a great opportunity to focus on the importance of each. She pointed out SB360 has not had many positive comments since it was passed. Mr. Boles indicated the bill does present an opportunity for some small cities influenced by state highways if used correctly. He emphasized that it requires movement towards land use and transportation strategies that support mobility. Vice Mayor Bradburn declared Council has to move quickly to identify the location of the hub. She specified there are 2 potential sites that are viable. The City would bode well by having transit oriented development in place. It is mixed use and more urban in nature so as to keep people off the roads. It has everything positive for a community and does not take away from but enhances the historic nature if planned correctly. The opportunity for a private investor would reduce the burden on taxpayers and would fit in to the vision for the City. She noted alignment with TBARTA identifying Brooksville as the northern terminus and staff rewriting all the development codes. Council has identified key priorities and inconsistencies where specific attention ought to be within the City's plans. There is great cooperation for revitalization with the County Administrator. Mayor Bernardini agreed that Council needs to move quickly on implementation of the plan.

CITIZEN INPUT

Frankie Burnett

Mr. Burnett indicated he failed to point out that the plans came directly from the residents of the community who have been working very hard on the vision plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting
July 6, 2009 Regular Meeting

COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant

Consideration of accepting the 2009 COPS Grant award in the amount of \$134,122 and allow the Mayor to sign.

Beautification Board Student Appointment

Consideration of appointment to the student position of the Beautification Board.

Council Member Pugh pointed out a correction to the Mayor's title concerning the COPS Grant. Chief Turner will make the correction before sending it in. He also referred to the Beautification Board Student Appointment and suggested waiting until school is back in session to advertise for a better response. City Clerk Peters indicated it has been advertised for a couple of months but could be extended. Council Member Pugh denoted the student position is non-expiring and suggested a one year term to allow more participation. City Clerk Peters indicated that it could be changed to a one year term. Mayor Bernardini attested in the past it has been difficult to get a student involved on the Board. Council Member Pugh would like to promote the opportunity to the entire school system within the County.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Vice Mayor Bradburn for approval of Consent Agenda items 1 & 2 with a correction to Item 2 and removal of Item 3 for further advertising. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Entry of Proof of Publication into the Record

Mayor Bernardini called for proof of publication. City Clerk Peters indicated Items G1 & G2 were

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published on Friday, August 7, 2009, in the Hernando Today legal section of the Tampa Tribune and there is a copy of the affidavits for the record.

Ordinance No. 754-B – Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund Amendments

Consideration of approval of ordinance amending City of Brooksville Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund, inclusive of retirement contribution rates for 2009-10.

[First Reading 08/03/09]

Fire Chief Tim Mossgrove indicated the first reading was approved with this being the second reading for approval.

Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Lewis for approval.

Mayor Bernardini asked for public input; there was none.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 754-B by title, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT TRUST FUND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 525-I, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 1, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 4, FINANCES AND FUND MANAGEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 5, CONTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 6, BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND ELIGIBILITY; AMENDING SECTION 7, PRE-RETIREMENT DEATH; AMENDING SECTION 8, DISABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 10, OPTIONAL FORMS OF BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 15, MAXIMUM PENSION; AMENDING SECTION 16, DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 17, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 18, REPEAL OR TERMINATION OF SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 19, DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS, RETIREE DIRECTED PAYMENTS, EXEMPTION FROM EXECUTION, NON-ASSIGNABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 21, FORFEITURE OF PENSION; AMENDING SECTION 26, DIRECT TRANSFERS OF ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTIONS, ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY DISTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 28, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; AMENDING SECTION 29, PRIOR FIRE SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Ordinance No. 766-B – Cost Recovery Revision

Consideration of revisions to the Ordinance for cost recovery, which contains amendments necessary to comply with Senate Bill 2282 as signed into Florida Law effective July 1, 2009.

[First Reading 08/03/09]

City Attorney Hogan indicated the ordinance had to be amended to comply with the Senate Bill that amended 166.0446 that prohibited the City from charging recovery cost on vehicle accidents.

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Motion:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Lewis for approval.

Mayor Bernardini asked for public input; there was none.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 766-B by title, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE AMENDING ORDINANCE 766; RESTRICTING REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion carried 4-1 upon roll call vote, as follows:

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

Council Member Johnston explained his vote of opposition. He is opposed to charging fees for those services which the City is supposed to be providing anyway but agreed with charging for anything other than an ordinary response call such as chemical and hazardous materials or the need for response of additional units.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Service Audit Cost Proposal

Consideration to approve additional audit services through existing contract with Oliver & Joseph to audit public services inclusive of Progress Energy and Withlacoochee Regional Electric Cooperative.

City Attorney indicated there are questions as to whether the fees were properly collected and a completed investigation for an audit of those accounts will be needed. The contract allows for amendment for additional services such as this and he recommended amending the contract to include this audit to finalize demands with those companies.

Motion:

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

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bernardini asked for citizen input; there was none.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

David Pugh, Jr., Council Member

Beautification Board Student

He would like to see a one year limitation imposed on the position to allow more student participation throughout the County including private schools. He feels it is important to include an essay as to the reason they want to be on the board. Mayor Bernardini cautioned on putting a time limit on the position and reiterated past history has shown it is extremely hard to get students to

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apply. Council Members Pugh and Johnston asserted the student can always reapply.

Policy for student position

City Manager Norman-Vacha declared staff could come back with suggested changes to the policy to specifically address the student position and suggested the student reapply and make it a one year or school year term for the position. Council Member Pugh pointed out the current policy states even if advertised properly and only one applies there is nothing against reappointment. City Manager Norman-Vacha confirmed that it does allow reapproving if no one else has applied.

Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor

FLC Conference Update

She reported no significant resolutions are being proposed although some work was done on next year's legislative priorities. She had two (2) very positive meetings with Department of Transportation about local road projects within the City and there was much discussion on SB360. It was a very well organized and positive event and worthwhile attending.

T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

August Budget Workshop

She reminded Council the next budget workshop is scheduled for August 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Joe Bernardini, Mayor

Fort Dade Avenue

He indicated the south side parking area of the road is not paved from Bell Avenue.

Condolences

He expressed condolences to City Manager Norman-Vacha and her family on the loss of her mother.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


City Clerk

Attest: 

Mayor

Update of the Community Initiative
Team (CIT)
South Brooksville District
Vision Plan

Presented by
Frankie Burnett

South Brooksville Redevelopment Inc. was
created in November 2006

Attachment A
8/17/09

South Brooksville District

Vision Plan

Vision

To redevelop and revitalize South Brooksville

Mission Statement

To make South Brooksville a safe, healthy and economically viable place to live, work, learn and play

South Brooksville District

Vision Plan Goals

- Jobs and Economic Development
- Clean up Community
- Transparency Communications
- Safe Environment for Residents

South Brooksville District

Vision Plan Goals

- Improve and Protect Community Assets
- Enhance Recreational Amenities and Opportunities
- Develop a Vision Plan
- Secure Funding for the Vision Plan

Community Initiative Team (CIT)

In July 2008 key residents in the South Brooksville Community came together and realized that both government entities needed to work together to address the immediate and future needs of their neighborhood. Therefore; on October 16, 2008 the CIT was founded and met as a group.

The teams intent is to focus on working groups in communities throughout Hernando County that want to address the immediate and future needs to enhance the overall functionality of their respective communities.

CIT Makeup

Voting and Non Voting Members

Voting Members:

- County Administrator
- City Manager
- Representative from BOCC
- Representative from Brooksville City Council
- Five members of the community

CIT Makeup

Voting and Non Voting Members

Non Voting Members:

Consist of both Hernando and City of Brooksville key staff as requested to work in commonality to support the CIT for specific projects and needs.

The Community Initiative Team work at the invitation of and, under the leadership of our communities throughout Hernando County starting with South Brooksville.

The Vision Plan

Presented by
Coastal Engineering