

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

MINUTES

May 19, 2008

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor David Pugh, Vice Mayor Frankie Burnett and Council Members Joe Bernardini, Lara Bradburn and Richard E. Lewis present. Also present were Thomas S. Hogan, Jr., George G. Angeliadis and Debbie Hogan, City Attorneys; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Karen M. Phillips, City Clerk/Director of Administration; Janice L. Peters, Deputy 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. Members of the Hernando Today, Hernando Times and Brooksville Belle were also present.

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

Mayor Pugh indicated an Addendum to the agenda had been received.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Vice Mayor Burnett to add the Addendum Item D-4 to the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

March 3, 2008 Regular Meeting

Police Pension Trust Fund Board (PPTFB) Member

Ratification of appointment of Sgt. Randall Orman to the PPTF for a 2-year term of office through May 31, 2010, as elected by members of the PPTF on May 7, 2008.

Photographic Traffic Enforcement Agreement

Consideration of agreement with American Traffic Solutions, LLC establishing red light photographic traffic enforcement program.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Council Member Lewis to remove Item C-3 for discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the consent agenda items 1 and 2. Motion carried 5-0.

Item C-3 Photographic Traffic Enforcement Agreement

The terms of the agreement were discussed and it was pointed out that, after the first 6-month trial period, the City can terminate the agreement with no further obligation. If the City chooses to proceed with the agreement it will be for a 5-year term which automatically

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renews for an additional 5-year term unless the City notifies ATS in writing 120 days before the end of the term that it does not wish to renew the agreement.

Attorney Debbie Hogan further reviewed the terms of the agreement and answered concerns voiced by Council concerning electrical power for the boxes, payments, etc., which was discussed in detail.

City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated the County is interested in feedback from ATS on the 6-month trial period findings. Chief Turner agreed to submit a report to Council 30-days before the end of the 6-month trial period for review.

Discussion continued of existing power sources as well as budget impact and liability to the City.

Council Member Bernardini advised that he does not support the program because he does not feel the traffic accident statistics or the citation information submitted to Council shows red-light running to be a major problem in Brooksville.

Attorney Hogan advised that they will tie paragraph 4-B to the 6-month period to clarify the language.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Lewis for approval of the agreement with a 5-month review. Motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Bernardini voting in opposition.

## **CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **National Public Works Week Proclamation**

Proclamation supporting Public Works Week May 18-24, 2008. To be presented at an event at Public Works on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Mayor Pugh read the Proclamation in its entirety and presented it to Director of Public Works Pierce. A reception in honor of National Public Works Week will be held at the Public Works department on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Veterans Appreciation Parade November 8, 2008**

Consideration of request to waive fees for the street closures and traffic control cost of \$638.28.

Anna Liisa Covell reviewed the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual event and their request for waiver of fees. She invited all and appreciated all the help; indicating that the Fine Arts Council will again sponsor the insurance underwriting but she still plans to request volunteers and donations to cover the cost of the insurance.

She also indicated this year's parade will fall on the same day as the Bandshell Bash so it will be a full day of events.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Lewis for approval of the waiver of fees. Motion carried 5-0.

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### Progress Energy Proposed Transmission Lines

Presentation on transmission lines proposed by Progress Energy.

Mayor Pugh indicated this presentation would be rescheduled for a later date.

### Beautification Board Holiday Decorations

Consideration of authorization to proceed with the holiday decoration project utilizing the wreath design, and to solicit local business owners, residents and organizations for donations to sponsor the decorations.

Sally Sperling, Beautification Board Chair, reviewed the project. A wreath design similar to the downtown Main Street decoration was presented to Council, which will cost \$350 each, the funding of which will be solicited from individuals and businesses. Discussion followed in which Chairman Sperling indicated they will try to raise enough money to purchase 20 at a cost of \$7,000.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of the project.

Vice Mayor Burnett requested Council pledge \$350 per year contribution to the project, which Mayor Pugh advised he would have the attorneys look into.

Motion carried 5-0.

City Manager Norman-Vacha indicated a letter of Council approval for solicitation will be provided to the board.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Resolution No. 2008-12 - US41 South/SR50 Landscaping Grant Agreement

Consideration of Resolution, as required by FDOT, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement to use FDOT funds for landscape improvements on US41 South and SR50; and consideration of authorizing staff to negotiate an Agreement with IBI Group to design and produce construction plans and obtain permits for the project for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Director Geiger reviewed the agreement for grant funds and the plans for the grant.

Council Member Bradburn advised she does not support the IBI Group because she is not happy with the job they have done in the past. She recommended staff consult with the Brooksville Garden Club or the Master Gardeners for input on the design as well as the Beautification Board and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for recommendations.

Director Geiger advised there are FDOT criteria and other aspects which have to be taken into consideration with the project. Discussion continued of the landscaping plants and the importance of using native plants appropriate to the area.

He indicated if Council so wishes, he could go out for bids for the design plans. Council Member Lewis recommended using the plans we

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already have and find a landscape architect to pull the permitting and do the landscaping. Mayor Pugh suggested staff check to see if the existing plans are actually the property of the City.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Bradburn, for staff to use the current plans to solicit services from a landscape architect for permitting and landscaping, to include consulting with the Master Gardners and SWFWMD. Motion Carried 5-0.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Bradburn, for approval of Resolution No. 2008-12.

Mayor Pugh indicated that, although he was supportive of the original project, taking into consideration the current economy, he could not support the continued project. Discussion continued of the City's image.

Mayor Pugh asked for public input; there was none.

City Clerk Phillips read Resolution No. 2008-12 by title, as follows:

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HIGHWAY LANDSCAPE REIMBURSEMENT AND MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

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

**Representative on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board**

Consideration of appointment of a member to replace Mayor Pugh on the MPO board.

Mayor Pugh reviewed the issue. Council Member Bradburn offered to replace Mayor Pugh.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Lewis and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Council Member Bradburn to replace Mayor Pugh on the MPO Board. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

**City Manager Norman-Vacha**

**Oaks Towne Center Ribbon Cutting**

City Manager Norman-Vacha reminded Council of the ribbon cutting and tour on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. along with the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners.

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## Memorandum workshop dates for budget

She provided Council a memorandum concerning proposed dates for the budget workshop/meeting process beginning in June and asked Council to review and let her know of any conflicts or suggestions.

## Frankie Burnett, Vice Mayor

### Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard Paving

Vice Mayor Burnett asked Director Pierce about the paving project. Director Pierce advised that the May 19 date has been canceled and changed to an undetermined date at this time. Vice Mayor Burnett asked staff to get with the County to address the delay. City Manager Norman-Vacha will begin discussions with Mr. Mixon's office and submit a letter if necessary.

### Bidding Process

He recommended a discussion of the bidding process at the next workshop.

## CITIZENS INPUT

### Pierre Desjardins

#### Red Light Traffic Cameras

He once again stated he is adamantly opposed to the project and elaborated on the issue.

## STAFF INPUT

Director Geiger introduced the new Planner, Steve Gouldman, who reviewed his background in planning.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest:

Frankie Burnett  
Mayor  
Vice-MAYOR

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City Clerk

