

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

**MINUTES**

**March 17, 2014**

**7:00 P.M.**

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Kevin Hohn, 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.

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

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation - Children's Week - April 5 - 12, 2014**

Proclamation supporting the Children's Week event to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Jerome Brown Community Center.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Hohn and presented to Noreen St. Jean on behalf of Deveraux Kids and the Hernando County Community Alliance. She advised there will be a week-long schedule of events, thanking Council for recognizing the event.

**Margaret R. Ghiotto Improvement Award - Commercial Award**

Recognition of improvements to the property owned by Brad Damico, located at 516 S. Brooksville Avenue.

The award was reviewed by Beautification Board Chair Scott Renz and will be presented to Mr. Damico who was not in attendance.

Council Member Bernardini read from a sample proclamation regarding Traumatic Brain Injuries TBI, bringing awareness to Brain Injury Awareness Month.. He encouraged the parents of children playing sports to become aware of the symptoms of brain injuries and concussions.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Rick Ballou, Pat Miketinac and Shirley Miketinac spoke against the red light cameras.

Hamilton Hanson spoke against the red light cameras and police bullying.

Kenneth Badgley spoke against the red light cameras.

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL  
ON 11/3/14 INITIALS [Signature]

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### Minutes

July 31, 2006     Executive Session  
May 2, 2011     Executive Session

### Hydraulic Mini Excavator Purchase - Department of Public Works

Consideration to purchase a Hydraulic Mini Excavator from the Florida Sheriff's Association and Florida Association of Counties Bid List for the not-to-exceed amount of \$41,890.

### Commercial Waste Disposal with Heart Environmental

Consideration to piggyback on the City of Inverness' bid for commercial waste disposal with Heart Environmental.

### Hernando County Fire and Rescue District's Renewal Application for Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (COPCN)

Consideration for Council to recommend that Hernando County Board of County Commissioners grant renewal of COPCN for Hernando County Fire and Rescue District for the period of May 2014 through May 2016.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Cultural Resource Study

Consideration of approval for the Hernando Preservation Society to perform a cultural resource study.

Jon Yeager of the Historic Hernando Preservation Society was in attendance, along with other members of the Society. He advised Council that Chocachatti has recently been designated as a Florida Heritage Landmark site by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, and Mr. Yeager requested Council's attendance and participation at the unveiling and dedication of the marker on May 30, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Yeager reviewed the request to study the Chocachatti area and asked for permission to include property owned by the City of Brooksville in the ongoing cultural resources assessment.

Council was excited for the study to take place.

Meg Stack, University of South Florida, explained that the assessment is a standard archeological survey involving GPS.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the cultural resource study. Motion carried 5-0.

Doug Davis asked that Council be a part of the study and attend the dedication ceremony.

### Mass Transit Shelter Agreement

Consideration of agreement between Hernando County and the City of Brooksville establishing operational and maintenance responsibilities for the transit shelter located in the City Hall parking lot as well as addressing the topic of advertising at transit stops/benches citywide.

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Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, briefly reviewed the agreement with the changes to advertising.

Council Member Bradburn indicated that the agreement has also been approved by the MPO.

Council Member Bernardini commented on the flashing lights of the mass transit bus.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for approval of the Mass Transit Shelter Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

### **2014 Great Brooksvillian Process**

Consideration and direction from Council for staff to begin the process of acquiring nominations for the 2014 Great Brooksvillian and volunteers for the Screening Committee.

City Clerk Peters reviewed the item.

Council Member Bradburn asked that committee members receive a copy of state guidelines for the Great Floridian for an overview of how the process got started.

City Clerk Peters advised applications will be available in the City Clerk's office and on the City website later this week.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bernardini and seconded by Vice-Mayor Burnett for approval of the process for 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Brownfields Program Site Selection Report**

Presentation of sites selected by the Brooksville Brownfields Community Task Force for assessment consideration.

Bill Geiger, Director of Community Development, introduced the item. He said that the community has met seven times. They went through selection activity and had some training. He stated that this has been the best community attendance and participation group that he has worked with since he has been here. He will be presenting 19 sites that have been selected to move to the next step for assessment.

Brian Kvam of Cardno reviewed the progress to date as provided in. He advised that 90 potential sites were identified across the City with 19 selected to move forward with the site eligibility and access phase. It is important to note that the funds through the EPA only go through the assessment stage and it does not include cleanup. The next step is to make sure the sites are eligible for the funds. Property owners will need to give approval for access to the sites.

Mayor Hohn asked if grant funds are available for cleanup. Mr. Kvam said they are available on a yearly basis through the EPA. The cleanup grants do require an eligible entity to own the property, the City of Brooksville or a non-profit, and there is a 20% cost share. The State also has a program that can be accessed for smaller cleanup projects.

Council Member Bradburn advised e-mails received from Senator Nelson's office included grant fund information for Brownfield cleanup. Mr. Kvam advised that the State has a Brownfield tax credit as well.

George Foster of CES reviewed State cleanup program related to fuel tanks. Two or three of the selected sites will fit into this category.

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Council Member Bradburn advised she has attended several of the Task Force meetings and was pleased with the turn out and the cross representation of our community. She anticipates that all 19 properties won't be assessed, and expressed that her preference is to target properties that can be redeveloped.

Vice-Mayor Burnett felt the greatest accomplishment is the community involvement.

Council Member Johnston commented that only some of the leases were recorded for the first property, so most information will be found during phase 2. The first and second properties seem to have less of a development or environmental potential as the two gas stations and the cleaners coming into the city from the west side, or the three gas stations on the north side. Mr. Foster advised that all of the gas stations are contaminated and in various State cleanup programs so we cannot use this money for those locations. They will be interviewing people about the properties and not just relying on public record.

Council Member Bernardini commented on the potential gas tanks under the right-of-way at Brooksville Lumber and how the property is close to an existing well. He is also concerned about the juice plant area which is close to the well head, and the church on MLK that used to be a gas station.

Council Member Johnston wondered why the gas station next to the City well is not on the list. Mr. Foster advised that there are several more underground tanks close to the City well on that street, with most on the list.

Director Geiger stated that the Task Force will continue to meet, and sites will continue to be indentified and added, but in order to spend the funds within the time period allowed they need to move onto the assessment portion immediately. He introduced Task Force members that were in the audience.

Mayor Hohn agreed with Council that protecting the wells is a priority.

Mr. Kvam noted that cultural resource surveys are included as eligible expenses through Brownfields Grants.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bradburn and seconded by Council Member Bernardini to move forward with phase I to determine the properties proceeding to Phase II, returning to Council before proceeding with Phase II. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Johnston reminded Council that they will bring back information regarding the possible contaminated sites near the City's wells.

### **ADJOURN TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

The City Council meeting was adjourned to the CRA meeting at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened at 11:05 p.m.

### **RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Florida Blueberry Festival VIP Ticket Giveaway**

Consideration of process to give away Florida Blueberry Festival VIP Tickets.

Mike Walker, Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation, reviewed the proposed process. Staff proposed coordinating with WWJB for a morning talk show giveaway.

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Council Member Bradburn pointed out that most listeners do not live within the City and the idea was to benefit city tax payers.

Council Member Johnston agreed with Council Member Bradburn and recommended soliciting entries or using a water bill mailing.

Council Member Bernardini agreed with the water bill recommendation or target people through the recycling program.

Vice-Mayor Burnett recommended drawing names from the volunteers or go with staff recommendation for this year and come up with something better for future years.

City Manager Norman-Vacha suggested two winners to be solicited through both the water bill and recycling program with winners drawn at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the remaining ten winners selected through WWJB and limited to City residents and businesses.

Director Walker pointed out that customer service receives a lot of walk-in customers paying water bills.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the proposed process allowing selection through customer service, the recycling program, and WWJB, with participation limited to city residents. Motion carried 5-0.

### **CITIZEN INPUT**

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac asked if we do a point-of-use test for fluoride in the water.

Shirley Miketinac reviewed a fluoride discussion she had at a downtown restaurant meeting.

Kojack Burnett commended Council and staff and wished Director Radacky a happy birthday.

### **ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

#### **Joe Bernardini, Council Member**

Council Member Bernardini wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day.

#### **Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member**

##### **CLOVERLEAF**

Council Member Johnston advised Chief Mossgrove that someone from the Fire Department has been contacting a former council member living in Cloverleaf when they put on a program, and she is no longer in charge of it. She asked for the information to be passed on.

##### **SIDEWALKS**

He noted that the sidewalks on 50A are under water every time it rains.

##### **FLAG POLE**

He requested the flag pole be moved because the tree does not allow you to see the flag.

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## Lara Bradburn, Council Member

### LANDSCAPE

Council Member Bradburn gave kudos to the landscaping crews working to remove dead hawthorns on US 41.

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

She pointed out the water that is accumulating in front of the Love Your Neighbor site.

### ST. PETE

She clarified that St. Pete did not vote to end the program. Its program will cease when it doesn't pay for itself and is no longer an affordable program.

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

She brought up the pedestrian crossing by Mark Browning and the possibility of posting a sign to stop or yield to pedestrians.

### CRA – SEASONAL DECORATIONS

Council Member Bradburn brought up the confusion about seasonal decorations and if it is included in the CRA budget. She stated that CRA has mentioned the need for more seasonal decorations and it was talked about when the consultant brought forward the Uptown Beautiful budget. She thought there was Council consensus but now it's not part of that budget. She has been forwarding clearance sites for holiday décor and people are responding with confusion. She stressed that the time to buy clearance is now, as the prices are creeping back up. She wanted confirmation that this was part of the agreement.

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised that purchasing of Christmas decorations was not budgeted in the CRA or part of that plan. Typically, she would recommend that they budget that within the General Fund and Streets Department which oversee Christmas decorations. She stated that the Streets Department spent a lot of time trying to refurbish the ones that we had and they did a very good job. The Beautification Board has attempted to raise money in the past, and those monies that have been raised have been expended towards Christmas decorations.

Council Member Bradburn stated that she listened to the tapes of those meetings to verify and there was consensus on this board that it was part of the CRA budget. She asked if Council wanted to pursue it.

Council Member Bernardini remembered discussing decorations to go along with the light fixtures, but pointed out that we don't have spots on the light poles for decorations so we wouldn't need them. He doesn't have a problem with the suggestion of doing it, but advised it's hard to raise money for that and the decorations are expensive.

Council Member Bradburn stated that she has forwarded information on a couple different companies that she's been in touch with to collect that information, in particular, when the items were on sale after the holidays.

Mayor Hohn indicated that if it's not currently in the budget then we would have to add it to the budget.

Council Member Bradburn advised that it is in the budget.

Mayor Hohn said that they can resolve it at the next meeting and requested it be added to the agenda.

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City Manager Norman-Vacha asked for the meetings dates so they could review it. Council Member Bradburn stated that it would need to be researched again, adding she doesn't have time to redo the work.

### **Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor**

Vice-Mayor Burnett commended the Community Task Force for the Brownfields project and Director Geiger for their work, as well as Coastal Engineering.

He thanked the City Manager and staff for their work.

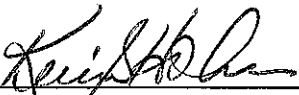
### **Kevin Hohn, Mayor**

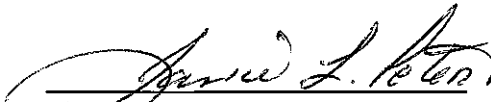
Mayor Hohn thanked the City Manager and staff for their work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

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Mayor

  
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City Clerk