



**City Council Meeting  
City of Belleair Beach, Florida**

**Monday, August 7, 2023  
Community Center, 6:00 PM**

### **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Gattis. The invocation was given by Mayor Gattis followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Call:** Present were Councilmembers Frank Bankard, Belinda Livingstone, Leslie Notaro, and Lloyd Roberts; Mayor Dave Gattis, City Manager Kyle Riefler, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and City Attorney Randy D. Mora. Vice Mayor Jody Shirley and Councilmember Mike Zabel were unable to attend.

**For continuity, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.**

**1. Approval of Agenda.**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to approve the Agenda.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**2. Citizens Comments. (Each speaker will be recognized once and will be limited to a (3) three-minute presentation on any subject that is not on the Agenda)**

Citizens Comments included, in part:

- Purchase of a boat for Public Works
- The cost of a beach rake

**3. Presentation: Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.**

- **Law Enforcement monthly report**

The PCSO Representative reviewed the monthly report.

- **Code Enforcement monthly report**  
Deputy Klapka reviewed the monthly report.
  - Parking citations are up
  - Unpermitted contract work is down

**4. Presentation: Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District.**

The PSFRD Representative reviewed the monthly report.

**5. City Attorney Report.**

City Attorney Mora reviewed legislative changes, in part:

- Senate Bill 170 – economic impact statements for ordinances
- Challenging an ordinance
- Senate Bill 250 - prohibits adopting more restrictive or burdensome amendments to a comprehensive plan or land development regulations within certain parameters
- He will be making presentations at the FLC Annual Conference

**6. City Manager Report.**

City Manager Riefler reviewed his monthly report in the Agenda Packet and added, in part:

- The three bidders for the waste collection services attended the mandatory preliminary meeting
- The preliminary numbers on the traffic study are in

City Manager Riefler advised that at this time they are only collecting data on the 12th/13th Street island. Mayor Gattis stated that there are no plans to remove the island.

**7. City Clerk Report.**

City Clerk Gentry reviewed her monthly report in the Agenda Packet.

**Consent Agenda**

**8. Approval of July 10, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes.**

**9. Approval of July 17, 2023, Budget Workshop Minutes.**

**10. Approval of July 17, 2023, Special City Council Meeting Minutes.**

**11. Approval of July 24, 2023, City Council Work Session Minutes.**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Notaro to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

Regular Agenda

12. **Consideration of Ordinance 23-04, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Belleair Beach, Florida, Repealing Previously Adopted Versions Of The City's Personnel Manual; Providing For The Creation Of Chapter 2, Article Iv, Division 1, Section 2-143 "Personnel Policy Manual" Making Provision For The Adoption And Amendment Of Personnel Policies Via Resolution; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date. (First Reading) (City Manager Riefler)**

City Attorney Mora read Ordinance 23-04 by Title only.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Livingstone and seconded by Councilmember Roberts for Ordinance 23-04.

Councilmember Bankard	Yes
Councilmember Livingstone	Yes
Councilmember Notaro	Yes
Councilmember Roberts	Aye
Mayor Gattis	Aye

**Motion passed 5-0.**

13. **Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Extension to the Memorandum of Understanding for Accounting Services. (City Manager Riefler)**
- **Extending the Agreement for FY 23/24 with a 3% increase**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Notaro and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Extension to the Memorandum of Understanding for Accounting Services.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

14. **Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Service Agreement with Victor Burianek. (City Manager Riefler)**
- **Authorize a service agreement for live video recordings of regular council meetings**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Bankard to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Service Agreement with Victor Burianek.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**15. Unfinished Business.**

None.

**16. City Council Comments.**

Councilmember Livingstone expressed her appreciation for everyone's feedback and comments. She stated that Council's job is to take the expertise of City Manager Riefler and City Attorney Mora along with Citizen input to make decisions. If there are times when data is out in the community that is not accurate - that is why we come together to talk about it and get feedback to help make decisions that are right for the City. She thanked everyone again.

Councilmember Notaro had no further comments.

Councilmember Roberts had no further comments.

Councilmember Bankard spoke regarding flood insurance. He is not in support of purchasing a boat - he did research and believes leasing a boat should be considered.

Mayor Gattis stated that the July 26th BIG C meeting topic had been beach nourishment. Pinellas County Administrator Barry Burton and Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy had discussed the dilemma created by the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) by requiring 100% of all beach municipality easements in order to get beach nourishment - Belleair Beach has given all of their easements. They responded to multiple demands that had been made by him and other Mayors to immediately self-fund the nourishment project with the \$36 million in Tourist Development Council (TDC) money that has been reserved for that very purpose - money paid by taxpayers in bed taxes. He advised that last week the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) voted to place him on the TDC. His primary function will be to keep reminding the TDC of the importance of maintaining our shoreline while urging the County to increase the bed tax, do the right thing, and let's go it alone and quit waiting on the US Army Corps of Engineers to change their mind. He had a web conference with Representative Luna's chief of staff along with a resident of Belleair Beach. Representative Luna's office had told them beach nourishment is her top priority, and they believe they have another plan to permanently resolve the problem of the USACE requirements but will not be able to implement it until sometime next year.

Mayor Gattis also stated: I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to contact me directly concerning the possible purchase of a City-owned boat. Even more so I'd like to thank all those who cared enough about our City to look beyond a social media post and an anonymous email from a fictitious organization for the whole truth. And as always, I'd like to thank

everyone who came out tonight and to those who also watched this meeting remotely.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to adjourn at 7:14pm.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

September 6, 2023  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Dave Gattis  
Dave Gattis, Mayor

ATTEST: Patricia A. Gentry  
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk