



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

**Monday, July 10, 2023
Community Center, 6:00 PM**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Gattis. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Jody Shirley 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, Lloyd Roberts, and Mike Zabel; Mayor Dave Gattis, Vice Mayor Jody Shirley, City Manager Kyle Riefler, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and City Attorney Thomas J. Trask.

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 Zabel to approve the Agenda.

Motion passed 7-0.

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)

BBCF Chair Tammie Levenda gave updates, in part:

- The Adopt-A-Park Program
- Engraved Brick Program
- Belleair Beach Causeway Bridge Cleanup
- Volunteers to plant sea oats
- Permits for the 16th Street kayak launch
- Volunteers are needed for the Foundation

3. Presentation: Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

- **Law Enforcement monthly report**

A PCSO Representative was not present to give the report.

- **Code Enforcement monthly report**

Deputy Klapka reviewed the monthly report.

Weed, grass, and overgrowth violations are up, and unpermitted work is down.

4. Presentation: Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District.

- No report

5. Presentation: Award of Distinguished Service to Rudy Davis.

Mayor Gattis presented the award to Mr. Davis for his 20+ years of service to the City.

6. Quarterly Board Reports.

- **Board of Adjustment**

Chair Mike Kelly stated, in part, that the Board has had two hearings this quarter.

- **Citizens Advisory Committee**

Chair Ron Ciganek stated, in part, that the Committee had met on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and will be meeting to review the Annual Budget.

- **Park and Recreation Board**

Chair Tammie Levenda reviewed, in part, the beach cleanups, welcome bags, and the upcoming third annual Health & Wellness Fair.

- **Planning and Zoning Board**

Chair J.C. Imfeld stated, in part, that the Board had reviewed the Comprehensive Plan; and that they had reviewed the sign ordinance and would continue the work on it.

7. City Attorney Report.

City Attorney Trask spoke regarding Senate Bill 170.

8. City Manager Report.

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

- Discussion at the Budget Workshop included a future savings plan for a boat to do code enforcement from the water
- He has received permission from the property owner to get a thorough analysis of the condition of the tree that has been an ongoing code enforcement item

- He had sent additional information to Council for review regarding waste collection services including:
 - Document from 2019 to current year showing the different contracts that went out for RFP and the percentage of increase per municipality
 - A Waste Management document that summarized all of their cost increases in the different areas of the contract
 - Stated that he is still in negotiations with Waste Management on the increase - they have asked to continue the negotiations - if it is sent for RFP, they will probably not be able to offer the same contract
 - When asked, he stated that his recommendation - based on the figures provided, his discussions with other municipalities regarding their dissatisfaction after they had changed to other providers, feedback on Resident's satisfaction, and the City's relationship with Waste Management - was to stay with Waste Management

Council Comments included, in part:

- Their due diligence to see, through the RFP process, what other companies offer in pricing

MOTION was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Zabel to put the contract for waste disposal out for RFP.

Motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Notaro opposed.

9. City Clerk Report.

None.

Consent Agenda

- 10. Approval of April 17, 2023, City Council Work Session Minutes.**
- 11. Approval of May 22, 2023, City Council Work Session Minutes.**
- 12. Approval of June 5, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 13. Approval of June 19, 2023, Budget Workshop Minutes.**
- 14. Approval of June 21, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes.**

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Agenda

15. Consideration of Appointments to the Park and Recreation Board.

- **Susan Conti**
- **Michael Leeks**

MOTION was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Roberts for the Vote.

Motion passed 7-0.

Vote:

Councilmember Bankard voted for Mr. Leeks to fill the term ending July 2025, and Ms. Conti to fill the term ending September 2023.

Councilmember Livingstone voted for Mr. Leeks to fill the term ending July 2025, and Ms. Conti to fill the term ending September 2023.

Councilmember Notaro voted for Mr. Leeks to fill the term ending July 2025, and Ms. Conti to fill the term ending September 2023.

Councilmember Roberts voted for Mr. Leeks to fill the term ending July 2025, and Ms. Conti to fill the term ending September 2023.

Councilmember Zabel voted for Mr. Leeks to fill the term ending July 2025, and Ms. Conti to fill the term ending September 2023.

Vice Mayor Shirley voted for Mr. Leeks to fill the term ending July 2025, and Ms. Conti to fill the term ending September 2023.

Mayor Gattis voted for Mr. Leeks to fill the term ending July 2025, and Ms. Conti to fill the term ending September 2023.

Mr. Leeks was appointed to fill the term ending July 2025.

Ms. Conti was appointed to fill the term ending September 2023.

16. Consideration of Resolution 2023-04, A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Belleair Beach, Florida, Approving The Fiscal Year 2023-24 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll For The Bellevue Estates Island Assessment Area; Directing Certification Of The Assessment Roll To The Pinellas County Tax Collector; And Providing An Effective Date.

City Attorney Trask read Resolution 2023-04 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Notaro and seconded by Vice Mayor Shirley for Resolution 2023-04.

Councilmember Bankard	Yes
Councilmember Livingstone	Yes
Councilmember Notaro	Yes
Councilmember Roberts	Aye
Councilmember Zabel	Aye
Vice Mayor Shirley	Aye
Mayor Gattis	Aye

Motion passed 7-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the Pinellas County Sheriff for FY 2023-24.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Shirley and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the Pinellas County Sheriff for FY 2023-24.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Bankard to **TABLE** the contract pending a review of how much time is spent by the PCSO working for the Town of Belleair Shore.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Gattis expressed his disappointment that a representative from the PCSO was not present for the consideration of their Contract. He also stated that this is not the first public meeting that there has not been a Deputy present for the safety of the Council, the Community, and the Staff, and that he wants that resolved.

Councilmember Bankard	No
Councilmember Livingstone	Yes
Councilmember Notaro	Yes
Councilmember Roberts	Aye
Councilmember Zabel	Aye
Vice Mayor Shirley	Aye
Mayor Gattis	Aye

Motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Bankard opposed.

18. Unfinished Business.

None.

19. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Zabel stated that beach nourishment and high insurance rates are the major topics at this time. He advised that the City of Belleair Beach would be hosting the July 26th BIG C meeting and beach nourishment would be the topic.

Councilmember Notaro had no further comments.

Councilmember Bankard advised that he had met with Representative Berfield regarding wind and flood insurance, and insurance fraud. Following their discussion, she advised that she will get back with him. He has not had good results from Senator Scott's office yet. He plans to meet with FEMA regarding flood elevation certificates.

Councilmember Roberts complimented Councilmembers Zabel and Bankard regarding their ideas on sandbag distribution traffic flow challenges and he thanked Council for working through it together.

Councilmember Livingstone thanked Ms. Conti and Mr. Leeks for volunteering for the Board.

Vice Mayor Shirley had no further comments.

Mayor Gattis reported there had been no movement on beach nourishment by the USACE. Millions in bed taxes continue to be collected and spent for advertising to bring people to the beaches while the beaches continue to diminish. He encouraged everyone to contact each and every one of the County Commissioners to demand that they create a plan and fully fund the beach nourishment.

Mayor Gattis also asked if there is any interest in reducing the number of Councilmembers and extending the terms and term limits, as these things have an impact on the City's ability to gain traction and build relationships with other agencies in the County. He asked if Council would be willing to have a conversation to restructure in the election cycle.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Notaro to adjourn at 7:31pm.

Motion passed 7-0.

August 7, 2023
Date Approved

APPROVED: Dave Gattis
Dave Gattis, Mayor

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