

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Present were Councilmembers Rob Baldwin, Julie "Jewels" Chandler, Pamela Gunn, Mitchell Krach, and John Pietrowski; Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, Vice Mayor Wanda Schwerer, Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Lynn Rives, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and City Attorney Paul Marino.

1. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach to amend and approve the Agenda to add item 7a. Consideration of Resolution 2018-01.

Motion passed 7-0.

2. Approval of November 30, 2017, Special City Council Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes, and December 11, 2017, Special City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Baldwin and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to approve the November 30, 2017, Special City Council Meeting Minutes and December 11, 2017, Special City Council Meeting Minutes; and **MOTION** was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach to amend the December 4, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes to add Councilmember Chandler as a volunteer and an appointee for BIG-C voting delegate alternate.

Motions passed 7-0.

3. 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)

Residents spoke regarding items in a Beach Bee article, and reinstating the charge for beach easement parking decals.

Regular Agenda:

4. Presentation by Captain Mike Leiner, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Captain Leiner spoke regarding the City's monthly reports from the PCSO. He reviewed the recent vehicle burglaries and the two stolen vehicles. He

advised that the vehicles were unlocked and the two stolen vehicles had the keys in them. The stolen vehicles have been recovered. He stated that there are increased patrols and unmarked detectives in the City, and asked for the Residents' help by locking their vehicles and removing their valuables; and to call the PCSO if they see anything suspicious.

5. Consideration of the First Amendment – Term Extension to the Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the City of Belleair Beach for Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ATMS/ITS) and Roadway Transfer Agreement to Transfer Traffic Control Authority. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives advised this is the extension to the 2007 agreement which is renewed each ten years for the traffic control systems – stoplights, etc.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to approve the First Amendment – Term Extension to the Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the City of Belleair Beach for Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ATMS/ITS) and Roadway Transfer Agreement to Transfer Traffic Control Authority.

Motion passed 7-0.

6. Consideration of a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Agreement between the Pinellas County Property Appraiser and the City of Belleair Beach. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach for a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Agreement between the Pinellas County Property Appraiser and the City of Belleair Beach.

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives advised this is the agreement for the Bellevue Estates Island Undergrounding Project and there will be costs attached to it in the initial phase.

Motion passed 7-0.

7. Consideration of a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Agreement between the Pinellas County Tax Collector and the City of Belleair Beach. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer for a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Agreement between the Pinellas County Tax Collector and the City of Belleair Beach.

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives advised that the tax collector would charge 2%, and there will be some initial costs.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 7a. **Consideration of Resolution 2018-01, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Opposing Legislative Efforts to Impede the Constitutional Rights of Florida’s Citizens to Govern Themselves Under Municipal Home Rule Powers; and Opposing the Legislature’s Intrusion Into Local Finances That Are Necessary To Provide Financial Stability And Essential Services Required By Municipal Residents.**

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2018-01 by Title only.

Mayor Notaro stated that one of the Home Rule issues is short-term rental rules.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Baldwin for Resolution 2018-01.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 8. **Request City Council’s Approval to Award a Professional Services Contract to Engineering Sciences Group, Inc., at a Cost Not to Exceed \$24,250.00, for Design and Engineering for Stormwater Improvements on First Street. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)**

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives advised that this is the next project in the Master Storm Water Plan. He stated that quotes from the City’s contracted engineers had ranged from \$29,250.00 to \$87,823.00. He then subcontracted the survey out, which saved an additional \$2,200.00. He stated that at the end of this fiscal year he would be able to submit to SWFWMD for 50/50 matching funds.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Baldwin and seconded by Councilmember Krach to Award a Professional Services Contract to Engineering Sciences Group, Inc., at a Cost Not to Exceed \$24,250.00, for Design and Engineering for Stormwater Improvements on First Street.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 9. **Request City Council’s Approval to Purchase Playground Equipment and Installation off the Manatee County School Bid #16-0025-MR-9 from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company in the amount of \$46,048.00 for Bayside Park. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)**

Discussion followed regarding removing the playground equipment instead of replacing it; that some believed there should be no playground equipment, while some believed there should be more equipment; there was discussion of combining more exercise equipment with the playground equipment; possible liability issues; how many people actually use the playground equipment; and not eliminating any amenities that may draw new families to purchase homes in the City.

Consensus was to contact the agencies involved to determine if the use of the land could be changed; and for Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives to remove any equipment deemed hazardous, and there would be further discussion at the next meeting.

Item 9 for the purchase of playground equipment was tabled until Council had additional information.

- 10. Request City Council's Approval to Award a Professional Services Contract to Reuben Clarson Consulting, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$10,300.00, for Design and Engineering of Belle Isle Avenue Seawall Renovations. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)**

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives advised this is the next seawall project; that the Harrison Avenue Seawall Project is approximately 75% finished; and that the survey work for this project is completed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Baldwin and seconded by Councilmember Chandler to Award a Professional Services Contract to Reuben Clarson Consulting, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$10,300.00, for Design and Engineering of Belle Isle Avenue Seawall Renovations.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 11. Request City Council Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate a Professional Services Contract for Design and Engineering with Cribb Philbeck Weaver Group, Inc., to Underground Utilities on Bellevue Estates Island. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)**

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives advised that an RFP had been sent directly to nine different firms, and was also advertised. The only firm that responded had been CPWG. He was requesting authorization to begin negotiation of a contract, subject to final approval of the project by City Council.

Discussion followed regarding the scope of work to be done by Duke Energy, Frontier, BrightHouse, and CPWG, with all being subject to the results of the petitions from the Residents. CPWG would also oversee all restoration at the end of the project.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate a Professional Services Contract for Design and Engineering with Cribb Philbeck Weaver Group, Inc., to Underground Utilities on Bellevue Estates Island.

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Mayor and Council Comments.

Councilmember Baldwin stated he was concerned about the boldness of recent daytime vehicle burglaries, and that he appreciated Resident Martha Vasquez' efforts to organize a Neighborhood Watch program.

Councilmember Gunn had no further comments.

Councilmember Krach had no further comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski felt that with the undergrounding project in process, the City was being broken into districts and if asked if the rest of the City was going to be broken into districts – if so, would there be Councilmembers in each district and not concentrated in one area. He asked that it be discussed at a future meeting. Mayor Notaro advised that would require a change in the Charter. She stated the project was a taxing issue, not a voting issue.

Councilmember Chandler advised that all Board and Committee agendas and minutes are available through the City Clerk and encouraged everyone to attend the meetings if they were available. She also thanked Ms. Vasquez for her efforts for a Neighborhood Watch.

Vice Mayor Schwerer advised that there had been over 5,000 wreaths placed at Bay Pines National Cemetery in December by Wreaths Across America, and that the City contributes to the wreaths.

Mayor Notaro spoke regarding minutes on the City website.

13. City Attorney Comments.

City Attorney Marino advised he would be working with the City Manager on the playground and engineering projects.

14. City Manager Comments.

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives reviewed project updates:

- The mast arm project should be scheduled by the end of January – he had spoken with the Pinellas County Engineer the previous week

- The Harrison Avenue Seawall Project should be complete by the end of January
- The Second Street Stormwater Project milling, paving, and grading should be complete by next week and ready for the inspection
- In response to a "notice of meeting" concern at a previous meeting, he had done research on *Government in the Sunshine* and there is no definitive time stated - but one suggestion was a seven-day notice. The City will use the suggestion of a seven-day notice as closely as possible. He advised he had installed a notice board at the front entrance door of the Community Center. Regarding special meetings, 24 to 72 hours is recommended
- He is currently reviewing and having items repositioned on the City website to clean it up, with a project to have the website professionally designed forthcoming
- The drainage catch boxes were cleaned on 12th and 13th Streets in December, and work had been done on 7th and 8th Streets after camera work had shown heavy oyster growth in the outfalls - 12th and 13th Streets will be scanned for growth also
- Property owners' house document packages are being delivered as Public Works clears out and cleans nearly 67+ years of records in the Records Archive Room - postcards were sent to those who do not live in the City year-round
- He met with BEIAHCU Member Glenn Gunn on Thursday, and spoke with Chris Roe of CPWG, on Friday regarding the preliminary numbers for the petition. CPWG will be at the February BEIAHCU meeting. There will be a public hearing on March 5, 2018, for the final assessment resolution and adoption of the bond resolution. He stated that over the next 45 days there will be a lot of things happening to move the project forward. Petitions are scheduled to be in by January 19th for Mr. Rives to deliver for validation by the Supervisor of Elections.
- He had ordered the pilot solar streetlight for the undergrounding area and it should be in by February

Vice Mayor Schwerer thanked Glenn Gunn, Steve Marsh, Dr. Ward, Marv Behm, and Jane Mason for all of their preliminary work to inform the Residents on the undergrounding project.

Mr. Rives stated Ms. Mason, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Behm had done a great job of canvassing the Residents; and that Glenn Gunn and Marv Behm had been great to work with.

Councilmember Gunn thanked Mr. Rives for working with the group, and stated he has done a great job moving the project forward.

Mayor Notaro reminded everyone that Candidates Night would be January 29, 2018, and to submit their questions for the Candidates to the League of Women Voters prior to 6:45pm.

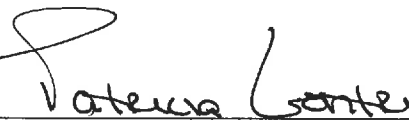
ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

February 5, 2018
Date Approved

APPROVED: 
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk