

## **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 Glenn Gunn, John Pietrowski, and Jody Shirley; Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, Vice Mayor Nicolas Pavouris, City Manager Lynn Rives, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, Finance Officer Melanie Kruszona, and City Attorney Paul Marino. Councilmember Wanda Schwerer arrived at 5:04pm. Councilmember Marv Behm was unable to attend.

### **1. City Council Update and Discussion.**

Mayor Notaro stated the purpose of the work session was to advise City Council on the status of the City Boards, Committees, and Staff.

The City Manager reviewed projects completed, goals, and stagnant projects during the last year for the offices of the City Manager and Community Services Director.

Discussion followed regarding reorganization of staff positions by eliminating part-time positions to implement full-time community improvement and community services administration; revamping the rental registration process; a lower level of service to the residents by outsourcing functions of public works, and little if any cost savings; the benefits of outsourcing law enforcement and waste collection; contract renewal and renegotiation time tables; the removal of the cross wires as part of the current Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project Penny for Pinellas funds, the timeframe when the funds must be spent, and future Penny funding; undergrounding of utilities as a safety issue - appealing to the County Commissioner, the Hurricane Irma hazard mitigation grant as possible funding for undergrounding throughout the City and flooding, and a Department of Transportation grant; and the progress of the development on the new City website. City Council asked if there was anything Staff needed, or what they could do to make Staff's job easier. City Manager Rives stated reorganizing the positions would be helpful. He also offered to meet with each Councilmember individually the week before each meeting, or any time that would be convenient for them, to review agenda items, ask questions, and offer suggestions, as they provide the vision and direction for Staff and the City.

The City Clerk reviewed projects completed, goals, and stagnant projects during the last year for the office of the City Clerk.

Discussion followed regarding the current practice of sending agenda packets electronically, followed by hard copies; and proposed budgeting for City Councilmember iPads. City Council also asked what was needed or what they could do to help or make the Clerk's job easier.

The Finance Officer reviewed projects completed, goals, and stagnant projects during the last year for the office of the Finance Officer.

Discussion followed regarding moving payment and collection of parking ticket fines from the County to the City; the budget cycle; the revenue sources – ad valorem taxes, utility service charges, marina slip rentals, rental of the community center, and site plan reviews; and possible ways to increase revenue. It was determined to have Staff compile a survey of surrounding communities’ Marina slip rental rates.

The City Attorney reviewed the roles of the City Attorney and issues addressed.

Discussion followed regarding re-codifying of the City Code, the transition from the city police department to another law enforcement agency; a cease and desist letter to Airbnb to put them on notice of their obligation to notify property owners in the City who attempt to contract with them of the City Code stating that short-term rentals are illegal; public records requests and responding to organizations that make extensive requests in an effort to be able to file a lawsuit ; and Attorney Jackie Spoto Bircher’s experience and qualifications.

The Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board gave an overview of the Board followed by discussion.

The Representative from the Board of Adjustment gave an overview of the Board followed by discussion.

The Representative for the Park and Recreation Board was no longer present.

The Chair of the Bellevue Estates Island Ad Hoc Committee for Undergrounding gave an overview of the Committee followed by discussion.

City Manager Rives asked for Council’s opinion regarding reorganization and combining the community services/code enforcement administrator position. Consensus was to move forward with the City Manager’s proposed plan.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pietrowski to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion passed 6-0.**

July 2, 2018  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Ford Notaro  
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

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