

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 Marv Behm, Glenn Gunn, John Pietrowski, Wanda Schwerer, 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.

1. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Councilmember Schwerer to approve the Agenda.

Motion passed 7-0.

2. Approval of April 25, 2018, City Council Work Session Minutes, and May 7, 2018, City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski to approve the April 25, 2018, City Council Work Session Minutes, and May 7, 2018, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmembers who were still having unresolved issues with their city email address had not received the April 25, 2018, City Council Work Session minutes. Approval of those minutes would be at a later date.

MOTION was amended by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Vice Mayor Pavouris to approve the May 7, 2018, City Council Meeting Minutes.

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)

Resident comments included positive feedback on the solar lights with appreciation to City Manager Rives for implementation; and comments on the new signal at Gulf and Causeway Boulevards. Mayor Notaro advised that the City is communicating with the County regarding timing of the signal.

Public Hearing

4. Consideration of Ordinance 18-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Codifying the Seal of the City of Belleair Beach; Providing for a Penalty; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. (Second Reading)

City Attorney Marino read Ordinance 18-03 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Councilmember Behm for Ordinance 18-03.

Councilmember Shirley stated that a letter was expected to go to a citizen and asked if it had been done. Mayor Notaro advised that after the Ordinance passed it would be sent and Council could be copied.

Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Agenda

5. Consideration of Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Behm to appoint Ms. Brenda Buonasera to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion passed 7-0.

6. Consideration of Appointment of Board Director and Alternate to the Suncoast League of Cities.

Mayor Notaro offered to continue to serve as Board Director, Councilmember Schwerer declined to continue as Alternate.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Gunn to appoint Vice Mayor Pavouris as Board Director. **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pietrowski to appoint Mayor Notaro as Board Director. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Shirley. City Attorney Marino stated a voice vote could be taken.

Councilmember Behm voted for Vice Mayor Pavouris
Councilmember Gunn voted for Vice Mayor Pavouris
Councilmember Pietrowski voted for Mayor Notaro
Councilmember Schwerer voted for Mayor Notaro
Councilmember Shirley voted for Vice Mayor Pavouris
Mayor Notaro voted for Mayor Notaro
Vice Mayor Pavouris voted for Vice Mayor Pavouris

Vice Mayor Pavouris was appointed as Board Director. City Attorney Marino asked if Mayor Notaro would be taking the Alternate position. Mayor Notaro advised that she could. City Attorney Marino asked if there were any objections to Mayor Notaro being appointed as Alternate to the Suncoast League of Cities. Seeing none, Mayor Notaro was appointed as Alternate.

7. Consideration of appointment of Voting Delegate for the 92nd Annual Florida League of Cities Conference to be held at The Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL, August 16-18, 2018.

Mayor Notaro offered to continue to serve as Voting Delegate.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Pavouris to appoint Councilmember Gunn and Councilmember Shirley to attend. He stated that he believed this is an important conference and suggested that two new delegates attend for a different perspective.

City Attorney Marino advised to appoint the Voting Delegate first, then discuss if they would like additional people to attend.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Pavouris to appoint Councilmember Gunn as Voting Delegate.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Gunn to appoint Councilmember Schwerer. Councilmember Schwerer declined.

MOTION to appoint Councilmember Gunn as Voting Delegate was seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Motion passed 7-0.

City Manager Rives advised that all Councilmembers could attend the Conference if they would like to.

8. Consideration of Resolution 2018-10, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Adopting the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, and Establishing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2018-10 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Behm and seconded by Councilmember Schwerer for Resolution 2018-10.

Motion passed 7-0.

9. Consideration of Resolution 2018-11, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Pertaining to the Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 2.102 of the City Code Consisting of Two Members of the City Council and Three Residents of the City to Conduct a Review of Specified Sections of the City Code; and Establishing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2018-11 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Behm for Resolution 2018-11.

Vice Mayor Pavouris stated that he appreciated the great response for the Committee [12 applications] and would like to consider increasing the number of Resident committee members to avoid any difficulty in obtaining a quorum. It was agreed, and that there would also be more diversity in the representation throughout the City, and also to appoint two Residents from each area and one at-large Resident. It was agreed to have a third Councilmember as an Alternate.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Pavouris and seconded by Councilmember Behm to amend Resolution 2018-11 to include seven Residents, two City Councilmembers and one City Councilmember Alternate.

Discussion followed regarding members serving on boards and committees and amending or modifying the Charter regarding the existing provision.

Committee applicants and other Residents spoke, followed by the City Council vote.

Councilmember Behm voted for: Rick Schock, Rita Swope, Eileen Woodside, Fred Elia, Michael Todd Harper, Carol Conry, and Mike Kelly.

Councilmember Gunn voted for: Robert Jones, Rick Schock, Eileen Woodside, Fred Elia, Michael Todd Harper, Carol Conry, and Mike Kelly.

Councilmember Pietrowski voted for: Rick Schock, Eileen Woodside, James Blackwell, Michael Todd Harper, Carol Conry, and Mike Kelly.

Councilmember Schwerer voted for: Rick Schock, Rita Swope, Eileen Woodside, Fred Elia, Michael Todd Harper, Carol Conry, and Mark Edmunds.

Councilmember Shirley voted for: Robert Jones, Rick Schock, Eileen Woodside, James Blackwell, Michael Todd Harper, Carol Conry, and Mike Kelly.

Vice Mayor Pavouris voted for: Robert Jones, Rita Swope, Eileen Woodside, James Blackwell, Michael Todd Harper, Carol Conry, and Mike Kelly.

Mayor Notaro voted for: Robert Jones, Rick Schock, Eileen Woodside, James Blackwell, Michael Todd Harper, Carol Conry, and Mike Kelly.

Mayor Notaro announced the results:

1st through 13th Streets: Mr. Jones, Mr. Schock, and Ms. Woodside

14th through 24th Streets: Mr. Harper and Mr. Blackwell

25th Street through Harrison Avenue: Mr. Kelly and Ms. Conry

Mayor Notaro congratulated all.

City Attorney Marino recommended that the Administrative Assistant send his *Government in the Sunshine* overview manual to all committee members for their review. He also recommended that the City Clerk amend the application form for boards and committees to indicate if the applicant is currently serving on other boards and committees.

Mayor Notaro announced that two Councilmembers and one Alternate were needed for the committee and called for nominations and volunteers.

Nomination was made by Vice Mayor Pavouris and seconded by Councilmember Schwerer for Councilmember Behm to serve on the committee. Councilmember Behm advised he would be gone for a couple of months until the first part of September and would be unable to attend.

Mayor Notaro and Councilmember Shirley volunteered for the committee. Vice Mayor Pavouris volunteered as the Alternate. Councilmember Shirley nominated Councilmember Gunn. Councilmember Gunn advised he was currently on a Committee [BEIAHCU]. Councilmember Gunn suggested Councilmember Schwerer. Councilmember Pietrowski volunteered as an Alternate.

Nomination was made by Vice Mayor Pavouris and seconded by Councilmember Gunn for Councilmember Schwerer to serve on the committee.

Nomination was made by Vice Mayor Pavouris and seconded by Councilmember Schwerer for Councilmember Shirley to serve on the committee.

Nomination was made by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Shirley for Councilmember Pietrowski to serve as Alternate Councilmember on the committee.

Nomination and appointment for Councilmembers Schwerer, Shirley, and Pietrowski passed 7-0.

Mayor Notaro appointed Councilmember Schwerer as Chair of the committee.

10. Consideration of Removal of Landscaped Cul-de-Sac Island on Harrison Avenue.

City Manager Rives advised he had sent Council the survey letter that had been sent to the Residents, the letter from the PSF&RD, and the responses and results of the survey. He asked Council for their direction.

Discussion followed regarding milling of the curb; the safety issue with the size of emergency rescue vehicles; difficulty with the trash vehicles; consistency in all of the cul-de-sacs; repaving after any work that is done – not patching; that the PSF&RD stated the palm trees are an impediment to their ladder truck; residents on other streets have stated they want their cul-de-sacs to remain as they are; City Manager Rives' opinion that the palm trees are the only real issue based on the PSF&RD's report, and removal of the trees and possible replanting of low plants or shrubs, keeping in mind there is no irrigation there; and possible valley curbs when repaving is done.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Pavouris and seconded by Councilmember Gunn to remove the palm trees from the Harrison Avenue cul-de-sac island.

Motion passed 6-1.

11. Discussion of Bayside Park Improvements and City Council Direction to City Manager on Improvements.

City Manager Rives advised that there had been a master plan with three concepts done for the park a couple of years ago, with prices ranging from \$600,000.00 to \$1,056,000.00. Previous Council's decision was to leave the configuration of the park as it was and replace the playground equipment. He advised that from a safety standpoint the basketball court needs to be replaced. City Manager Rives asked for Council's direction.

Discussion followed regarding:

- A possible \$200,000.00 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant, what improvements and amenities were needed to qualify using the LWCF point system, and that it is a matching grant – the City must match the dollar amount granted to them – the grant would be available for application in February 2019 and he had it in the next budget for Council's consideration
- The immediate concern was the \$50,000.00 funded for playground equipment and whether to move forward or save the funds for future, but immediate replacement of the basketball court was recommended
- Finding a matching grant for a walking path from 1st through 18th; enforcement of the encroachment of property owners into the easement
- Restrooms, more picnic areas among the trees, and a boardwalk and cleats for people to dock for picnics at Bayside Park
- The Park and Recreation Board had recommended Concept A of the master plan leaving the park basically the same, replacing the playground equipment, and the immediate replacement of the basketball court - they had made that presentation to the previous Council and had requested that the City Manager gather the information which he had provided to the present Council
- Council would receive the final price for the court replacement after the bids were received
- The initial cost of any facilities, who would use the enhanced park and facilities, maintenance and upkeep costs
- Which grants can and cannot be used for what purpose; a review of the short list of grants distributed to Council
- The recycling grant is submitted each year by the City
- The Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
- Consensus of Council was for City Manager Rives to move forward with replacement of the basketball court.

12. Discussion of May 21, 2018, City Code Work Session, and May 23, 2018, Finance and Budget Work Session.

Vice Mayor Pavouris believed the finance and budget work session had been successful and confirmed the importance of planning for the future. The four areas of emphasis being:

- Grants – have a grant protocol and a designated person to be responsible for grants
- Marina – a possible source of increased revenue
- Belle Isle Avenue Seawall – add docks for revenue, increased future millage revenue and provide additional dock space for Residents
- City Hall – how to best utilize the leasable space

City Manager Rives advised he had distributed the plan that had been done 13 years ago to increase space at the Marina, the Belle Isle Avenue concept, and the concept for a mooring field. He would be speaking with [Pinellas County Water and Navigation] and report back to Council. He stated Staff was reviewing the fee schedule for leasing of the Community Center and had put money in the budget for an online presence.

Discussion followed regarding

- Having one person designated, responsible, and accountable for grants to be sure all grants had been explored; that grants are fewer than they used to be and require networking, research, and being proactive; and a suggestion to have the Finance Officer be responsible for grants
- Belle Isle Avenue docks would be made as deeded docks to Residents, also transferring the cost of maintenance of the seawall to the dock owner
- The City Attorney stated that he believed, and would verify, that the City may not convey, sell, or otherwise dispose of its real property without a referendum; possible leases of the property
- City Attorney Marino requested detailed direction as to what Council would like and he could review legal options to utilize City property and would also review the Charter regarding that provision
- Mayor Notaro asked for a “primer” on if the City could transfer, lease, or rent out City property and what restrictions there may be

13. Discussion on Improving Public Safety, Promoting Stronger Ties Between Law Enforcement and the Community, and Identifying Opportunities for Improvement.

There was discussion that some issues arise from traffic congestion and the increase in traffic going through the City to and from Clearwater Beach; and having more police presence, especially on Gulf Boulevard.

PCSO Captain Leiner spoke regarding coverage of the City, and preventative and helpful measures such as Neighborhood Watch, so that when the Deputy

is patrolling one area of the City it helps to have eyes in other areas. He asked for any suggestions or recommendations Council may have and advised that even though the City contracts to have one Deputy on duty - when there is a specific problem or a spike in occurrences, such as speeding or burglaries, that resources are added. Corporals, Sergeants, and other Deputies also respond as additional resources for extra patrols on Gulf Boulevard as an example. He stated that last month the Deputy in the median doing traffic patrol made a stop for a traffic infraction of persons that had just been involved in a burglary on Clearwater Beach and were leaving through Belleair Beach. He advised that unmarked detective vehicles had been deployed to patrol because of the recent vehicle burglaries in the City. Council stated they would discuss ideas and areas for improvement with the City Manager for a future meeting with the Captain. Captain Leiner advised that he was also available by cell phone 24/7. There were questions as to whether an unmarked vehicle would be an option or if a marked vehicle is more of a deterrent; if Captain Leiner would check into the marine patrol; and a Councilmember's question of adding more Deputies to the City's contract.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Gunn and seconded by Vice Mayor Pavouris for a work session to discuss community safety and law enforcement with Captain Leiner.

It was suggested to have the head of the Neighborhood Watch attend.

Captain Leiner stated he was there to provide the highest level of service and could bring anyone they would like to the work session.

Motion passed 7-0.

14. Mayor and Council Comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski commented on the bicycle traffic on the Belleair Beach Causeway Bridge sidewalk. City Manager Rives advised that they are allowed on the sidewalk by law.

Councilmember Shirley thanked all in the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Gunn asked Ms. Carol Conry if she would like to make a comment. Ms. Conry asked if the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) could be contacted to provide more visibility and traffic control on Gulf Boulevard.

Councilmember Gunn stated that questions being asked which may have been asked before and may seem repetitive, are not meant to be pejorative, but the solutions and answers may have changed, and may be seen from a different perspective now.

Councilmember Behm asked if the City marquee sign on the north side of Causeway Boulevard would ever be replaced. City Manager Rives advised that the sign had been moved from the County's property to the Marina when the new Community Center was built. He stated he would contact the County as it is their property. Councilmember Behm also asked if anything could be done about the lights on Gulf Boulevard attracting and disorienting the sea turtles. City Manager Rives stated the lights belong to Belleair Shore and it would be at their discretion.

Councilmember Schwerer asked if the cameras on the Gulf and Causeway Boulevard traffic signal were being monitored to adjust traffic flow when needed. City Manager Rives advised he had spoken with the County and the PCSO, especially regarding the right turn arrow. He stated that he and Councilmember Shirley would be meeting with the County traffic representative the next day about changing the right turn red arrow to a flashing yellow and for better monitoring of the signal on weekends.

Vice Mayor Pavouris inquired about the status of the live feed for Council meetings. City Manager Rives advised he and videographer Victor Burianek were working on running a cable to do a test with an iPad or iPhone. Vice Mayor Pavouris also asked about electronic instead of paper usage for City Council. City Manager Rives advised he had proposed funding for iPads in the upcoming budget. He stated it would also be discussed at the budget work session as there is potential to have the iPads funded from this budget and not wait until next year. Vice Mayor Pavouris inquired about the status of the fence extension in the Community Center parking lot. City Manager Rives stated the materials had been ordered and the underground utilities were being located before installation, and there would also be fencing installed at the City sandbag site for better monitoring. Vice Mayor Pavouris also inquired when the next financial report would be sent and asked if it could be a monthly "snapshot" report, not extensive. He posed the question of how to improve the City for it to become the benchmark for other cities. He believed the only way is for the City to incorporate "best practices" for every segment of the City – Council, Boards, Committees, Employees, and City business, and he would be striving to accomplish this over the next several months.

Mayor Notaro advised the short-term rental issue had been the major item of discussion at the BIG C meeting. The BIG C would be having a roundtable with the local delegation to discuss.

15. City Attorney Comments.

City Attorney Marino asked if Council would like him to prepare a Charter amendment regarding the question of serving on boards and committees. He recommended revision of the board application to include a question to determine if the applicant is currently serving on other boards and committees. He advised he would be in Indianapolis working with the National Association of School Resource Officers to develop best practices

and standards for school safety for the federal government. Attorney Spoto Bircher would attend the July City Council meeting.

Discussion followed regarding members serving on boards and committees. Councilmember Gunn asked City Attorney Marino about City Code Section 10.02 regarding conflict in operating efficiently and effectively as it applied to this issue. City Attorney Marino advised he could discuss the matter in more detail at the meeting Councilmember Gunn had requested with him regarding another matter.

16. City Manager Comments.

City Manager Rives reviewed updates:

- He would be providing additional information regarding Marina rate increases
- The Belle Isle Avenue stormwater project permit had been obtained and would be sent out for bid this month
- Waiting for SWFWMD comments on the 1st Street stormwater permit submission
- The concrete bid would go out Friday
- The trash and recycle bid would go out the following Friday
- The invoice letter examples for the undergrounding had been provided to Council and would be sent to property owners this week – they may prepay by 4:00pm July 27
- A code enforcement hearing was scheduled on June 22nd for a short-term rental violation

Councilmember Schwerer inquired about the pay station for the Community Center parking lot. City Manager Rives advised the pay station should arrive by next week and the enforcement signs were ready to be installed.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Behm to adjourn.

July 2, 2018
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Notaro
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

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