

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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

Roll Call: Present were Councilmembers Jeril Cohen, Pamela Gunn, Mitchell Krach, John Pietrowski, and Wanda Schwerer; Vice Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor Rob Baldwin, City Manager Nancy Gonzalez, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, City Attorney Paul Marino, and Community Services Director Allen Godfrey.

1. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Notaro and seconded by Councilmember Krach to amend and approve the Agenda to add item 5a. Hiring a Consultant Regarding Undergrounding of Utilities Financing.

Motion passed 7-0.

2. Approval of February 1, 2016, City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski to approve the February 1, 2016, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion 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)

Mr. Marv Behm, Louisa Drive, inquired about undergrounding of utilities. Mayor Baldwin advised that had been added to the Agenda.

Dr. William Ward, Louisa Drive, asked City Attorney Marino if he had looked into tax assessments for undergrounding of utilities. Mayor Baldwin advised that would be part of the next step to consider.

Regular Agenda:

4. Consideration of Ordinance 16-01, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending the City of Belleair Beach Comprehensive Plan, Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Adopting New Goals, Objectives, and Policies, and Maps as Presented Herein Below; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. First Reading. (see backup) (Laura Dedenbach will be present to answer any questions)

City Attorney Marino read Ordinance 16-01 by Title only.

Ms. Laura Dedenbach, of Dedenbach Planning Associates, advised that on December 7, 2016, the City had transmitted its draft of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Economic Opportunity. The City received the DEO's comments back on February 8, 2016, with one objection/clarification, that the City would continue to have its maps as part of the Plan. Ms. Dedenbach outlined the changes that are now part of the Plan.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Schwerer for Ordinance 16-01.

Motion passed 7-0.

5. Consideration of Proposed Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. (see backup)

City Manager Gonzalez stated that the proposed schedule was always presented in March so that Council may look at the dates for planning purposes.

5a. Discussion on Hiring a Consultant for the Purpose of Creating a Tax Zone or a Special Assessment Zone for the Undergrounding of Utilities.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Notaro and seconded by Councilmember Krach to begin the process toward hiring a consultant.

Motion passed 7-0.

6. Mayor and Council Comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski had no further comments.

Councilmember Cohen had no further comments.

Councilmember Schwerer had no further comments.

Councilmember Gunn had no further comments.

Councilmember Krach had no further comments.

Vice Mayor Notaro reminded everyone of the upcoming continuing education in ethics classes; she stated that there had been discussion at the Mayors' Council meeting regarding repealing the "blue laws" for alcohol sales. Sheriff Gualtieri attended the meeting and stated he did not see a difference in having alcohol on Sunday versus any other day of the week from a law enforcement standpoint. The Mayors' Council will be asking the County

Commission to repeal the "blue law" regarding alcohol and had requested that the Mayors ask their Councils if they were in support of that.

Mayor Baldwin advised he had received the performance evaluations from all Councilmembers for City Manager Gonzalez and City Clerk Gentry "and as usual they were both stellar". He thanked them both for all the work they do. Mayor Baldwin thanked everyone for the last few years, especially Community Services Director Godfrey. He stated it had been a pleasure working for the City, he had really enjoyed it, that it had been a high point of all he's done, and that he appreciated being able to work with everyone.

7. City Attorney Comments.

City Attorney Marino advised he would be giving a *Government in the Sunshine* orientation to the new Councilmember and the new Board Member.

8. City Manager Comments.

City Manager Gonzalez thanked Mayor Baldwin for being there for her during the construction of the Community Center, as she could not have done it without him. She stated it had been a pleasure working with him. She advised that she and the Finance Officer had surveyed other cities with regard to offering employees the option of staying on the City's group health insurance plan or having them receive a fixed amount of money to purchase their own insurance. It was determined that the fixed amount would be a somewhat lower amount than the lowest premium for an employee on the group plan. There will be a written policy in the personnel manual and she will bring the Resolution regarding the policy to City Council in April.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

Date Approved

APPROVED: _____
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

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