

**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; Mayor Rob Baldwin, Vice Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, City Manager Nancy Gonzalez, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, Finance Officer Melanie Kruszona, City Attorney Paul Marino, and Community Services Director Allen Godfrey.

**Presentations: Presentation on Microgrids by Todd Gould.**

Todd Gould, Gulf Boulevard Safety and Beautification Committee member, gave a presentation on microgrids, a power grid that can operate independently from the power it gathers from sources such as solar, or with power from an outside source. It could be a city-wide initiative and all homes would participate.

**Update on EMS Legislative Bill and Fire Station 26 by Fire Chief Sal D'Angelo**

Chief D'Angelo spoke regarding Pinellas County EMS funding and putting Station 26 in the Town of Indian Shores to enable a better response time for events such as heart attack and stroke, where seconds count. A report done in 2013 by Pinellas County stated that Station 26 did need to go back into service. He gave an example for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 that Belleair Beach was almost 20% of the assessed valuation of this fire district. He stated that the Mayor of Indian Rocks Beach has sent a letter from the Council to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners asking for funding for Station 26, and for a more equitable funding for this district. Chief D'Angelo asked for City Council's support.

**1. Approval of Agenda.**

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**2. Approval of March 2, 2015, City Council Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Councilmember Krach to approve the March 2, 2015, 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)**

Seeing none, Citizens Comments was closed.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

- 4. Proclamations:**

**Proclaiming the month of April, 2015, as Water Conservation Month**

**Proclaiming April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Mayor Notaro for the Consent Agenda.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

#### **Regular Agenda:**

- 5. Consideration of accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014. (To be presented by Jeannine L. Bittinger, CPA, CPPT, of Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., Certified Public Accountants)**

Ms. Jeanine Bittinger, partner at Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., Certified Public Accountants, advised that the City had received an unqualified opinion, the highest opinion that can be rendered. She stated that the City Manager, Finance Officer, and City Clerk are among the most professional she has worked with, and thanked them for their help during the audit. Mayor Baldwin asked Ms. Bittinger how the City's reserves fund, which would be used for emergencies, compared with other cities. She stated they are somewhat higher than the GFOA established guideline of 25%, but the higher amount is good based on the location of being a beach community.

- 6. Consideration of approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida hereinafter referred to as the "County", and the City of Belleair Beach, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida hereinafter referred to as the "City" for Building Department Services. (see backup)**

Mr. Glenn Wardell, Pinellas County Building Division Manager, asked if he could answer any questions. City Attorney Marino stated the contract looked fine to him.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Cohen and seconded by Councilmember Krach for the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida hereinafter referred to as the "County", and the City of Belleair Beach, a municipal

corporation of the State of Florida hereinafter referred to as the "City" for Building Department Services.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**7. Consideration of giving up three "parking by permit only" spaces at Morgan Park. (City Manager) (see backup)**

City Manager Gonzalez advised there are still three parking spaces which are reserved for Belleair Beach residents only. Pinellas County states that if those parking spaces are relinquished, the City will only need seven more spaces to meet the beach nourishment parking requirements. Belleair Beach residents would still be able to park in any available spaces at no charge with a valid beach decal. She advised there is currently a purchase order for Copley Design Associates, Inc. to begin looking at a reconfiguration of Morgan Park for the seven spaces when this Gulf Boulevard Beautification is complete. Vice Mayor Notaro stated that rather than re-doing Morgan Park, bike racks could be installed at the 22nd Street access, or to pursue a variance as previously discussed. Consensus was to have a worksession on May 4, 2015, at 5:30pm, and invite John Bishop from Pinellas County Coastal Management. Mayor Baldwin suggested updating the Belleair Shore accesses so that Belleair Beach residents would have nicer, more private areas instead of trying to squeeze into Morgan Park.

**8. Consideration of Ordinance 15-01, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending Section 54-62 of the City Code Pertaining to an Annual Residential Rental Registration Fee; Providing for Severability, and Providing for an Effective Date. First Reading. (City Manager) (see backup)**

**MOTION** was made by Vice Mayor Notaro and seconded by Councilmember Cohen for Ordinance 15-01.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**9. Consideration of Resolution 2015-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Authorizing Signatures Which are to Appear for Purchases of Certificates of Deposit, City Check Writing, Withdrawal and Transfer of Funds, Wire Transfers and Any Other Financial Transaction on the Part of the City, Instructing Any Financial Institution to Accept Any Certified Copy of This Resolution as Evidence of Legal Authority Over City Accounts; and Providing for an Effective Date. (see backup)**

**Resolution 2015-02 was tabled for revision.**

**10. Mayor and Council Comments.**

Councilmember Gunn had no further comments.

Councilmember Schwerer did not have her information from the BIG-C with her.

Councilmember Krach had no further comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski thanked Mr. Gould, Fire Chief D'Angelo and Mr. Wardell for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Cohen agreed.

Mayor Baldwin advised there would be a meeting of the Gulf Boulevard Safety and Beautification Committee next Monday to review the comments from the March 28, 2015, presentation by Copley Design Associates, Inc. He also stated the traffic on Gulf Boulevard in Belleair Beach is getting progressively worse. He is concerned that the density in Clearwater Beach is creating a problem and affecting the quality of life in Belleair Beach. He would like to have a traffic count done by Pinellas County to quantify it and then discuss with the Mayor of Clearwater. Mayor Baldwin stated he would like to meet with Tom Washburn from Pinellas County and get all of the traffic information regarding Gulf Boulevard for the last five years. Mr. Godfrey stated Pinellas County may already have that information available.

**11. City Attorney Comments.**

City Attorney Marino spoke regarding pending legislation on what the Florida Bar has described as "scam" or "sham" public records requests. He suggested writing to Representative Ahern and Senator Brandes stating how badly this legislation is needed.

**12. City Manager Comments.**

City Manager Gonzalez thanked Finance Officer Kruszona for her work on the CAFR. She also advised that she had asked City Attorney Marino to write an addendum to his original contract to include the two separate hourly increases that had been approved in past years, and the \$1,500.00 monthly retainer fee that was approved by City Council last month. She advised that on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, the palm trees and landscaping would be installed on Gulf Boulevard. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office would be directing traffic, along with a DOT MOT traffic control company.

**ADJOURN**

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

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Date Approved

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rob Baldwin, Mayor

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