

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 Julie "Jewels" Chandler, Jeril Cohen, Pamela Gunn, Mitchell Krach, John Pietrowski; Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, Vice Mayor Wanda Schwerer, City Manager Nancy Gonzalez, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, Finance Officer Melanie Kruszona, City Attorney Paul Marino, and Community Services Director Allen Godfrey.

1. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

2. Approval of March 7, 2016, City Council Worksession Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2016, City Council Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2016, Special Council Meeting Minutes and April 4, 2016, City Council Minutes.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach to approve the March 7, 2016, City Council Worksession Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2016, City Council Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2016, Special Council Meeting Minutes and April 4, 2016, City Council 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, read a letter regarding undergrounding of utilities.

Mr. Mark Goldman, 437 22nd Street, spoke regarding undergrounding of utilities.

Consent Agenda:

- 4. Proclamations: Proclaiming the month of May, 2016, as Older Americans Month**

Proclaiming May 1 - 7, 2016, as Municipal Clerks Week

Proclaiming May 15 - 21, 2016, as National Public Works Week

MOTION was made by Councilmember Cohen and seconded by Councilmember Krach to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Agenda:

- 5. Discussion on fishing at Morgan Park. (see backup) (City Manager)**

City Manager Gonzalez stated there had been quite a few emails sent to City Council regarding the fishing at Morgan Park, and the shark that had been caught there. She advised that City Attorney Marino had drafted an Ordinance for discussion.

Discussion followed regarding what other cities' policies are - Clearwater Beach has a total ban on fishing on the beach, Indian Rocks Beach regulates fishing on the beach; that Morgan Park had been specifically identified as the major area of concern; people who are fishing have as much right as anyone on the beach; using common sense when in proximity to others on the beach when swimmers come into the area where fishermen are; and setting an area aside for fishing. Mr. Thomas Luger and Mr. TJ Luger spoke in favor of fishing on the beach. Ms. Martha Vasquez, 2500 Gulf Boulevard, stated she had been told that the people who caught the shark from their kayak had come from Clearwater Beach to fish for shark as it was prohibited in Clearwater Beach.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to table the discussion.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 6. Request City Council's authorization for the City Manager to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) submitted by the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District.**

City Manager Gonzalez advised this is the yearly Agreement for the EOC facility.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Cohen and seconded by Councilmember Chandler to authorize the City Manager to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) submitted by the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 7. Consideration of Resolution 2016-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Authorizing Signatures Which are to Appear for all City Check and Draft Writing, and Instructing Any Financial Institution to Accept any Certified Copy of this Resolution as Evidence of Legal Authority Over City Accounts; and Establishing an Effective Date. (see backup) (City Manager)**

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2016-02 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Councilmember Krach for Resolution 2016-02.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 8. Consideration of Resolution 2016-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending the Belleair Beach Personnel Manual Regarding Health Insurance. (see backup) (City Manager)**

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2016-03 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski for Resolution 2016-03.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 9. Mayor and Council Comments.**

Councilmember Chandler asked what could be done to have more residents attend Council meetings. She asked if the City Manager had gotten any information on changing the City Hall marquee sign, or a flag of some type to indicate there was something going on at City Hall. City Manager Gonzalez stated she and Community Services Director Godfrey had discussed a digital sign which could be added to the 2016-2017 budget. Mr. Godfrey stated he would have an update at the next Council meeting. Councilmember Chandler asked Mr. Godfrey about the retention pond across from City Hall. Mr. Godfrey stated that its function is a retention area to catch all of the contaminants coming off of Gulf Boulevard and the roads, and that in

fulfilling that function it will never be like a lake with clear, pristine water. The fountain has not worked in many years as the retention pond is too shallow and the mud and algae get sucked into the fountain mechanism. This had been an ongoing and expensive maintenance issue for Pinellas County, as it is their property. Fountains cost in the range of \$7,000.00, which does not include maintenance, but he reiterated - it is County property.

Councilmember Gunn stated that her neighbors had asked her about the progress of the undergrounding of utilities and the survey. Mayor Notaro advised that she and Staff had met with USF regarding the survey. They are working on the methodology and cost, and it is a work in progress.

Councilmember Krach had no further comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski stated he had been asked if it was possible to have the white barriers installed where the turn lanes are on Gulf Boulevard. Mr. Godfrey stated he would be meeting with the County next week about the intersection at Gulf Boulevard. There will be different signalization, and barriers can be discussed. He stated the County is hesitant to use flex stakes as they can present a problem for emergency vehicles, and perhaps better road markings may be the answer.

Councilmember Cohen asked if there had been any news regarding the traffic message-board signs. City Manager Gonzalez advised she had spoken with Pinellas County about signs at Clearwater-Largo Road or Missouri Avenue regarding alternate routes when there is congestion on the Belleair Beach Causeway Bridge.

Vice Mayor Schwerer stated she had attended the BIG-C meeting and the main presentation had been the process of planning for infrastructure and the type of signage that Councilmember Cohen was inquiring about.

Mayor Notaro advised she had attended the BIG-C and the issue of Home Rule regarding vacation rentals had been discussed. Belleair Beach's ordinances had been grandfathered in years ago. The BIG-C is looking for support to have municipalities make their own vacation rental rules. She stated she and City Manager Gonzalez would be attending the MPO Listening Session for enhancing beach access the next day. The Pinellas County BOCC and County Administrator would be at SPC Seminole Campus for a Community Conversation with residents and elected officials tomorrow evening. She advised that Alert Pinellas is a new emergency notification system Pinellas County residents can sign up for.

10. City Attorney Comments.

City Attorney Marino stated he and City Manager Gonzalez were still in contact with Offshore Fuel as the owner attempts to resolve his problem with his insurance carrier.

11. City Manager Comments.

City Manager Gonzalez stated that all departments are now working on the budget.

Mayor Notaro advised there had also been discussion at the BIG-C regarding water-borne transportation on the Intracoastal to relieve gridlock on Gulf Boulevard.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

Date Approved

APPROVED: _____
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

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