

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

**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, Community Services Director Allen Godfrey, and City Attorney Paul Marino arrived at 6:04pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda.**

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**2. Approval of May 4, 2015, City Council Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski to approve the May 4, 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)**

Ms. Debbie Maul, 115 Causeway Boulevard, stated the Gulf Boulevard Improvement Plans were beautiful and thanked everyone for the work they had done on the plan. She stated that the Town of Belleair Shore would be redoing their beach access gates and she wanted to be sure the Town of Belleair Shore would have the money in their budget to do something with the gates at the time the Gulf Boulevard landscaping of the accesses was being done, and that they would not want to remove the landscaping that was going to be installed. She also stated that the City of Belleair Beach seemed to be becoming a thoroughfare for Clearwater Beach and asked if there were any possible options the City may have to address that. Ms. Ames, 921 Palm Drive, also thanked everyone for their work on the beautification project. She spoke regarding Clearwater Beach traffic statistics and requested information to help quantify the numbers, asked what the City's options were, and suggested formulating a plan. Mayor Baldwin encouraged her and everyone to come to the June 15, 2015, worksession on that subject.

**Consent Agenda:**

**4. Proclamations: Proclaiming Monday, June 15, 2015, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**Regular Agenda:**

**5. Consideration of Design Concept of Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project as prepared by Copley Design Associates, Inc. (Please bring Beautification Project Booklet) (To be presented by Drew Copley, MLA, Registered Landscape Architect, and Allen Godfrey, Community Services Director)**

- a. Undergrounding of utilities Gulf and Causeway Boulevards and landscaping, along with the installation of mast arms for signalization at a cost of \$495,916.00.**
- b. North and south entry sign renovations and landscaping, Marina sign, landscaping and undergrounding of utilities, beach accesses landscaping at a cost of \$438,858.00.**
- c. Undergrounding of 49 crosswires on Gulf Boulevard, and street tree landscaping on Gulf Boulevard at a cost of \$992,250.00.**

Mr. Drew Copley stated that street trees, entrance signs with landscaping, and crosswalks all add interest to make people more aware of their surroundings, therefore contributing to traffic calming.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach to approve the Design Concept of Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project as prepared by Copley Design Associates, Inc.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**6. Consideration of Ordinance 15-02, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending City Code Section 10-77 (3) Pertaining to Temporary Roof Repair; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. First Reading (see backup)**

City Attorney Marino read Ordinance 15-02 by Title only.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski for Ordinance 15-02.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- 7. Request City Council's authorization for the City Manager to execute an Agreement with ConServ Building Services, Inc., for the installation of a new HVAC System at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00. (Community Services Director) (see backup)**

Mr. Godfrey stated the lowest bidder for the project was not used as Griner Engineering, the company hired by the City, recommended using ConServ. ConServ had the best value for the products that suited the City's needs.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Schwerer to authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with ConServ Building Services, Inc., for the installation of a new HVAC System at a cost not to exceed \$ 45,000.00.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- 8. Consideration of Resolution 2015-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Adopting the 2015 Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy; Making the Local Mitigation Strategy Function as the City of Belleair Beach's Floodplain Management Plan; and Establishing an Effective Date. (City Manager) (see backup)**

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2015-03 by Title only.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach for Resolution 2015-03.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- 9. Consideration of Ordinance 15-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending the Date for the Annual Municipal Election to Coincide with State or National Elections: for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. First Reading. (City Clerk) (see backup)**

City Attorney Marino read Ordinance 15-03 by Title only.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Councilmember Cohen for Ordinance 15-03.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- 10. Consideration of Ordinance 15-04, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending Section 86-66 of the City Code Pertaining to Removal of Signs; Providing for Severability, and Providing for an Effective Date. First Reading. (City Manager) (see backup)**

City Attorney Marino read Ordinance 15-04 by Title only.

**MOTION** was made by Vice Mayor Notaro and seconded by Councilmember Krach for Ordinance 15-04.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**11. Mayor and Council Comments.**

Councilmember Gunn had no further comments.

Councilmember Schwerer asked if there was any interest from Council to support the *Floridians for Solar Choice* political action committee's resolution for a 2016 ballot initiative making it easier for property owners to obtain solar energy. Council agreed to have it on the July agenda.

Councilmember Krach had no further comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski suggested contacting Belleair Shore to coordinate the landscaping installation with their beach access gate work. He also thanked Mr. Copley for a great job on his design work.

Councilmember Cohen had no further comments.

Vice Mayor Notaro stated she had the honor of attending the dedication of the new Battlefield Cross Memorial monument at Bay Pines War Veterans' Memorial Park. The monument honors the eighteen military service members from Pinellas County who died in the line of duty in the Gulf War era. She stated that it is beautiful and encouraged everyone to see it if they could.

Mayor Baldwin stated he believed that the Gulf Boulevard Safety and Beautification Committee could be dissolved at this time. Its purpose to provide citizen guidance for the design concept of the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project had been fulfilled through 2017, and approved by Council in Agenda Item number 5. Councilmember Krach asked if a committee could be formed in the future to study undergrounding of utilities throughout the City. It was determined a different committee could be formed at a future date for that study. The consensus of Council was to dissolve the committee. City Attorney Marino advised he would draft a Resolution for the July meeting. Mayor Baldwin discussed a handout he had provided from Waze, a real-time, community-based traffic and navigation app, which showed that the day before Memorial Day traffic on the Belleair Beach Causeway Bridge was backed up and that drive times between destinations had increased from 15 minutes in the morning to 50 minutes in the afternoon as the traffic going to Clearwater Beach got progressively worse through the day.

**12. City Attorney Comments.**

City Attorney Marino advised he is still in contact with Crown Castle telecommunications.

**13. City Manager Comments.**

City Manager Gonzalez stated that Staff continues to work on the budget, and advised that the final numbers from the Property Appraiser's Office would be received by July 1, 2015.

**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