

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, Pamela Gunn, Mitchell Krach, and John Pietrowski; Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, Vice Mayor Wanda Schwerer, City Manager Nancy Gonzalez, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, Finance Officer Melanie Kruszona, Community Services Director Lynn Rives, and City Attorney Paul Marino. Councilmember Jeril Cohen was unable to attend.

1. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Councilmember Krach to amend and approve the Agenda to present Agenda Item #5 upon Sheriff Gualtieri's arrival, and add a report from Community Services Director Rives regarding the streetlights at the Marina and the digital sign for Crossman Park as Item 9a.

Motion passed 6-0.

2. Approval of July 10, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes; July 17, 2017, City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes; July 31, 2017, City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes; and July 31, 2017, Special City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to approve the July 10, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes; July 17, 2017, City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes; July 31, 2017, City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes; and July 31, 2017, Special City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Chandler requested that the word "process" be changed to "progress" on Mayor Notaro's comments of Item #3, Citizens Comments on the July 10, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion passed 6-0.

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. Bill Shaw, 233 Howard Drive, spoke regarding possible future undergrounding of utilities in his area.

Mr. Glenn Gunn, 2215 Donato Drive, spoke regarding staff salaries.

Ms. Penelope Loulourgas, 232 Howard Drive, spoke regarding possible future undergrounding of utilities in her area.

Mr. Todd Gould, 2180 Louisa Drive, spoke regarding improving the City and a future City Manager.

Mr. Mark Goldman, 437 22nd Street, spoke regarding code enforcement and asked if Residents could be kept informed of violations and their status.

Mayor Notaro advised that the City has a very proactive code enforcement officer. As code enforcement is not authorized to enter backyards, she asked that if someone believes there may be a code violation in a back yard to call the City to make them aware. Repeat violators are being sent to the Special Master for hearings and have been given substantial fines. PCSO Deputy Vaughan advised that he has spoken with all project managers at properties that are under construction and all are presently in compliance with the City codes. The previous week all contractors had been parked on one side of the street as specified, then lawn maintenance trucks parked on the opposite side of the street creating a problem and blocking traffic flow. He advised the Sheriff's Office does monitor and enforce the parking in the City.

Public Hearing

- 4. Consideration of Ordinance 17-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending and Correcting a Scrivener's Error in the City Code Sections 10-39 Pertaining to Enforcement, Violation and Penalty; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. Second Reading. (see backup)**

City Attorney Marino read Ordinance 17-03 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer for Ordinance 17-03.

Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Agenda:

- 5. Request City Council's authorization to enter into an Agreement between the City of Belleair Beach and Bob Gualtieri, as Sheriff of Pinellas County, for a renewal period of one year commencing on October 1, 2017, and concluding September 30, 2018, at a cost not to exceed \$461,300.11. (City Manager) (see backup)**

Sheriff Gualtieri stated that increases in the City contract were related to costs in pay increases under the current contractual step plan with the deputies. Sheriff Gualtieri advised that the deputies assigned to the City are made aware of the importance of neighborhood patrols and resident relationships, and if they were not meeting expectations to let him know.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach to enter into an Agreement between the City of Belleair Beach and Bob Gualtieri, as Sheriff of Pinellas County, for a renewal period of one year commencing on October 1, 2017, and concluding September 30, 2018, at a cost not to exceed \$461,300.11.

Motion passed 6-0.

6. Consideration of appointment to the City of Belleair Beach Board of Adjustment. (City Clerk) (see backup)

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski to appoint Mr. Mike Kelly to the City of Belleair Beach Board of Adjustment.

Motion passed 6-0.

7. Consideration of Ordinance 17-04, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending Section 10-174(k) of the City Code Pertaining to Setbacks and Height Requirements for Swimming Pool Enclosures; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. First Reading. (see backup)

City Attorney Marino read Ordinance 17-04 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Chandler for Ordinance 17-04.

Motion passed 6-0.

8. Consideration of appointment of an Interim City Manager. (Mayor Notaro)

Mayor Notaro advised that as City Manager Gonzalez would be retiring at the end of September, an interim city manager would be needed until a city manager could be hired. She stated that Community Services Director Lynn Rives had expressed an interest in the position. She advised that Mr. Rives' resume was very impressive, as he has extensive experience in municipal organization, and grant writing, among other requirements.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to appointment Mr. Lynn Rives as Interim City Manager.

Discussion followed regarding imposing a time limit for the term of the interim city manager appointment; and what items would be discussed at a workshop to determine the search process for the selection of a city manager.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Gunn and seconded by Councilmember Chandler to limit the term of the appointment of the interim city manager beginning September 29, 2017, to six months maximum with the option to extend the term.

Councilmember Chandler	Y
Councilmember Gunn	Y
Councilmember Krach	Y
Councilmember Pietrowski	Y
Vice Mayor Schwerer	N
Mayor Notaro	Y

MOTION passed 5-1.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski to appoint Mr. Lynn Rives as Interim City Manager.

Mr. Glenn Gunn, 2215 Donato Drive, spoke regarding certifications, accreditations, and questioned the logic of what he felt was a delay in the hiring process.

Mr. Rob Baldwin, former City Mayor, 2401 Gulf Boulevard, spoke in support of appointing Mr. Rives as interim city manager. He stated he had worked with Mr. Rives for many years including during the construction of the City Hall Community Center, the Harrison Avenue Bridge, and several other City projects. He believed that the right *person* for the job was more important than a certification due to the unique problems of being a barrier island including stormwater issues, floodplain issues, and needed improvements to the deferred maintenance of the infrastructure in the City. He advised that Mr. Rives had worked for the City of Oldsmar for the last 18 years and is a certified floodplain manager, a certified stormwater inspector, has done multiple capital improvement projects for the City of Oldsmar and has experience in all of the things the City of Belleair Beach is in need of – upgrades to the stormwater system, street resurfacing, and seawall repair. He also felt it was of importance that Mr. Rives lives in the City and cares about the community.

Mr. Richard Crowl, former City Councilmember, 1170 Gulf Boulevard, spoke in support of Mr. Rives. He stated he also had worked with Mr. Rives on City Council from 2006 to 2010, during the projects Mr. Baldwin had cited, in addition to the outsourcing of the police department and other significant

projects. He advised that Mr. Rives had been instrumental in all of those decisions.

Councilmember Gunn asked if Mr. Rives would be doing both the job of the City Manager and his present job of Community Services Director, and what the salary would be.

City Manager Gonzalez advised that Mr. Rives would be doing both the jobs of Community Services Director and of the City Manager, and would be evaluating the Community Services Director position to determine if the jobs could be combined. She stated that the salary for the position of the Interim City Manager is budgeted at \$95,000.00.

Councilmember Chandler	Y
Councilmember Gunn	N
Councilmember Krach	Y
Councilmember Pietrowski	Y
Vice Mayor Schwerer	Y
Mayor Notaro	Y

MOTION passed 5-1.

Councilmember Gunn stated her vote was "no" because the \$95,000.00 was budgeted for a new city manager, she had no problem with Mr. Rives as interim city manager, but could not vote yes because the \$95,000.00 was for a new city manager.

Mayor Notaro congratulated Mr. Rives.

9. Request City Council's approval to reject all B17-04 Harrison Avenue Seawall Renovation Bids and authorize re-advertisement of the project. (Community Services Director) (see backup)

Community Services Director Rives advised that the engineer's estimate for the project was \$105,000.00. The two bids received were \$320,000.00 and \$139,999.00. He proposed, in the best interest of the City, to reject the bids and re advertise.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach to reject all B17-04 Harrison Avenue Seawall Renovation Bids and authorize re-advertisement of the project.

Motion passed 6-0.

9a. Replace and Upgrade Streetlights at the Marina and a Digital Sign for Crossman Park. (Community Services Director) (see backup)

Community Services Director Rives advised that he had received estimates from Duke Energy for streetlight options priced between \$14,000.00 and \$17,000.00. Staff is requesting approval to present the project to the BIG-C as part of the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project, as the Marina is on Gulf Boulevard. He advised that the consensus of Council for the digital sign had been for Concept C. He was requesting approval to also present that project to the BIG-C as part of the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project. He stated the company would be bringing a sample digital board to City Hall.

MOTION was made Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer.

Motion passed 6-0.

- 10. **Request City Council’s approval for construction services off the NJPA EZIQC Contract #FL02GC1-051716-JLC to Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the amount of \$80,131.58 for the construction of a Public Works storage building at 1001 Cedar Drive. (Community Services Director) (see backup)**

Community Services Director Rives advised this was to build a 24’ X 30’ concrete block garage behind the house. It would have 8’ X 8’ double steel doors in back for access for equipment. The existing home would have a stucco finish to blend in with the neighboring homes. The original budget had been approximately \$300,000 for a new semi-commercial building. He advised that his thought process had been to leave the existing house, do new landscaping, fix the driveway, and have the facade look like a home, and there would be a savings of \$160,000.00. He advised that this is a piggyback national contract, and based on the estimates he had gotten locally for just a bare-bones garage without the double doors – this was more cost effective. Councilmember Pietrowski stated he believed it could be done for less and should go out for bids. Community Services Director Rives stated that based on the research he had done that a basic garage, without stucco, and no landscaping was \$66,000.00. Based on the additional improvements that are also need to be done there will be little to no savings. He stated that he has also used this contractor previously with good results. Councilmember Chandler asked if it could go out for bid. Mayor Notaro advised that at this time the motion had been to approve the construction services contract and the vote would be for yes or no. If the contract was not approved at the vote, it could go out for bid. Mr. Rives advised that going out for bid would also involve additional design services costs.

Councilmember Chandler	Y
Councilmember Gunn	Y
Councilmember Krach	Y
Councilmember Pietrowski	N
Vice Mayor Schwerer	Y
Mayor Notaro	Y

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Gunn to approve construction services off the NJPA EZIQC Contract #FL02GC1-051716-JLC to Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the amount of \$80,131.58 for the construction of a Public Works storage building at 1001 Cedar Drive.

Motion passed 5-1.

11. Mayor and Council Comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski had no further comments.

Councilmember Chandler discussed the code enforcement log; she also asked if there was another Bellevue Estates Island Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled at that time. She stated that she has found it extremely offensive that comments have been made that City Council has a hidden agenda, was stonewalling and stalling. She stated there is a process that must be followed. She stated the City Council does not do things behind closed doors, so that as soon as they were advised that the City Manager was retiring they began the appropriate steps and began the process.

Councilmember Gunn requested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss the procedure to hire a permanent city manager. The workshop was scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017, at 4:30pm.

Councilmember Krach asked City Attorney Marino if the monthly code enforcement log provided to City Council could be published to the Residents. City Attorney Marino advised that it could be. It was determined to publish the monthly report on the City website.

Vice Mayor Schwerer asked what could be done about the pond across from the Community Center and possible mosquito infestation. Mayor Notaro stated it is the property of the County. Mr. Rives advised that he had been in discussion with the County several months ago but they had no interest as the retention pond was serving its purpose as a retention pond. The original pump had been installed in the 90s and Public Works had to pull the pump out and clean it every month due to the buildup of sludge and muck (the retention pond is very shallow), and it had burnt out and been replaced two or three times. A new pump would be approximately \$13,000.00 He stated a bubbler may help to circulate the water and there are mosquito-eating fish in the pond. He advised that the City mows and maintains the grounds.

Mayor Notaro advised that she and City Manager Gonzalez had attended a Penny for Pinellas referendum meeting and the fact sheets from the meeting would be at the front counter in the lobby.

12. City Attorney Comments.

City Attorney Marino asked to be excused from the October meeting as he would be out of town, but would still be available by phone and email.

13. City Manager Comments.

City Manager Gonzalez advised that as part of the the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) certification she is required to provide a copy of the Floodplain Management Progress Report and wanted to be sure everyone had received and read it.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 6-0.

September 6, 2017
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Notaro
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

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