

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, Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Lynn Rives, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and Finance Officer Melanie Kruszona. Councilmember Jeril Cohen was unable to attend.

1. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

2. Approval of August 14, 2017, City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, August 22, 2017, City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes and the September 6, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Krach to approve the August 14, 2017, City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, August 22, 2017, City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes and the September 6, 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)

Resident statements included objections to an any type of electronic sign in the City; the placement of the sign at Crossman Park as opposed to having the sign in front of the Community Center; what would be displayed on the sign; that the existing sign was visible; that this type of sign does not fit in with the character of Belleair Beach, and to consider other alternatives. Also stated were concerns regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety on the bridge, and proposed bicycle restrictions for the bridge and approaches – Mayor Notaro advised it would be referred to the City Attorney.

Public Hearing

- 4. Consideration of Ordinance 17-06, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending Section 22-35 Pertaining to Notice to Abate Nuisances, Posting of Property, and Appeals; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. (Second Reading) (see backup)**

City Clerk Gentry read Ordinance 17-06 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski for Ordinance 17-06.

Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Agenda:

- 5. Presentation on West Bay Drive Complete Streets Proposed Concept Plan by Chelsea Favero, AICP, of Forward Pinellas, and City of Indian Rocks Beach Vice Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy. (see backup)**

Ms. Favero advised that Forward Pinellas is the transportation and land use planning agency for Pinellas County. Vice Mayor Kennedy was unable to attend. Ms. Favero made a presentation for traffic slowing on the Belleair Beach Causeway and Bridge for vehicle and pedestrian safety. A portion of the presentation concerned Dynamic Message Signs displaying incident information, evacuations, bridge closures, etc, over Gulf Boulevard at 19th Street, and between 4th and 5th Streets.

- 6. Update on undergrounding finance options to date. (Finance Officer) (see backup)**

Finance Officer Kruszona advised that she had spoken with several agencies to find out financing options were available for a special non-ad valorem assessment. She had discussions with SunTrust and the Florida League of Cities. SunTrust advised that they were not interested in structuring the loan with a special non-ad valorem assessment through the property tax bill, which would be a loan to the citizens that they would pay through their property tax bill with the lien attached to the property. Ms. Kruszona advised that the attorneys for SunTrust would contact Christopher Roe, of Bryant Miller Olive, and the Florida League of Cities. She had also discussed varying lengths of terms with the Florida League of Cities. Their process is to put together the project and then put it out for bid. Ms. Kruszona advised that "they are willing to lend on the project, structure the loan the way we need it, and do all the underwriting. Their bond attorney works closely with Chris Roe, our attorney, and she thinks that this is something that very easily could be put together".

City Council thanked Ms. Kruszona for her research and work.

7. **Request City Council's approval to award bid B17-04 (Re Advertise) for the Harrison Avenue Seawall Replacement to Under Construction Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$117,065.00. (Interim City Manager/Community Services Director) (see backup)**

Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Rives advised that the bids from the original advertisement were deemed too high by the Consultant. After re-advertising, bids came in much lower. The Contractor that was chosen was also recommended by the Consultant and was \$23,000.00 lower.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to award bid B17-04 (Re Advertise) for the Harrison Avenue Seawall Replacement to Under Construction Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$117,065.00.

Motion passed 6-0.

8. **Consideration of Resolution 2017-10, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Reviewing the Annual Amendments to the City's Capital Improvement Element Schedule of Projects and Approving and Adopting the Same; and Establishing an Effective Date. (see backup)**

City Clerk Gentry read Resolution 2017-10 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski for Resolution 2017-10.

Motion passed 6-0.

9. **Consideration of Resolution 2017-11, 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 Clerk Gentry read Resolution 2017-11 by Title only.

Mayor Notaro advised this resolution was to add Interim City Manager Lynn Rives to the City's SunTrust account.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer for Resolution 2017-11.

Motion passed 6-0.

10. Mayor and Council Comments.

Councilmember Pietrowski suggested adding further discussion of the electronic sign at Crossman Park to the November agenda as so many Residents had attended the meeting to express their concerns. It was agreed to add further discussion to the November meeting.

Councilmember Chandler agreed the sign should be added to the November agenda, and asked to verify that the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project funds could not be used to replace the sign directly in front of the Community Center. Mr. Rives replied that was correct. She asked if there could follow up to the bicycle regulations with the City Attorney. Mayor Notaro replied, yes.

Councilmember Gunn agreed the sign should be added to the November agenda.

Councilmember Krach agreed the sign should be added to the November agenda, especially as the County was considering adding the two Dynamic Message Signs to Gulf Boulevard. He stated that the undergrounding committee was making progress and asked Council if Mr. Rives could move forward with an assessment expert as the attorneys were not comfortable with the project petition in its current form.

Vice Mayor Schwerer thanked all of the Residents for coming to the meeting and expressed how much she appreciated their participation in the discussion of the electronic sign. She asked Mr. Rives when the street signs would be back up (after Hurricane Irma).

Mayor Notaro stated that the electronic sign would be on the November agenda. She advised that she had attended the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association Annual Conference and that beach nourishment was scheduled for November.

11. City Attorney Comments.

City Attorney Marino was not present.

12. City Manager Comments.

Interim City Manager Rives stated that he had a telephone conference call with Attorney Chris Roe. Mr. Roe recommended two firms that will evaluate the cost allocation for the undergrounding project to determine that the costs are fair and reasonable in the event of any declaratory action. Consensus of Council was to have Mr. Rives proceed. He advised they would be bringing a resolution to Council for approval next month to send to the Tax Appraiser's office. He thanked Finance Officer Kruszona for her work gathering all of the information. He gave updates on the Harrison Bridge Project; the City entrance signs and landscaping at Gulf Boulevard and Morgan Drive, and at the Marina; the beginning of the 2nd Street Stormwater Project; and the

Harrison Avenue Seawall Project. He stated that everything was prepared and ready for the NPDES State inspection and audit the next day; that the posts for the street signs are on order, but after the hurricane the earliest anyone could install them was the end of October, with one company saying they wouldn't be able to until January. His first priority was to get the stop signs up, Staff would have to do that in-house. The vendor is in the process of the first pass of the hurricane debris pickup and there will be a second pass; he stated that some debris had not been picked up as it had mixed debris - vegetative debris with construction/demolition and plastic bags; he advised that he had stopped, as Staff followed through for cleanup, when he has seen Residents sweeping up any remaining leaves, etc, and told them how much he and Staff appreciate it as it helps to get the City get cleaned up that much faster; and also, per the County, the mast arm post is potentially being relocated due to Frontier equipment.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 6-0.

11.06.17
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Notaro
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

ATTEST: Patricia Gentry
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk