

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 Rob Baldwin, Julie "Jewels" Chandler, Pamela Gunn, and John Pietrowski; Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, Vice Mayor Wanda Schwerer, Interim City Manager/Community Services Director Lynn Rives, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and City Attorney Paul Marino. Councilmember Mitchell Krach arrived at 5:37.

1. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to approve and amend the Agenda to add Item 7a., to designate a Councilmember to the City Manager Selection Advisory Committee.

Motion passed 6-0.

2. Approval of November 6, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer to approve the November 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)

Ms. Jody Shirley, 207 Harrison Avenue, spoke regarding City Attorney Marino's statement to City Council about adding Ms. Susan More to his law firm. She asked if the City Attorney has a contract with the City, and if so, the term of the contract. Mayor Notaro stated she would review the contract.

Regular Agenda:

4. Donation of Art Work to City Council by Resident Tom Luger.

Mr. Tom Luger, 114 9th Street, thanked the Mayor and City Council for accepting his donation, and hoped that it would be enjoyed for years.

5. **Consideration of Resolution 2017-12, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Electing to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for More Than One Year Levied in Belleair Beach, Florida; Stating a Need for Such Levy; Providing for the Mailing of this Resolution; and Establishing an Effective Date. (see backup)**

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2017-12 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Krach and seconded by Councilmember Pietrowski for Resolution 2017-12.

Interim City Manager Rives advised that the Notice of Intent had been published for four consecutive weeks. The Resolution would be provided to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser and Tax Collector. They would then provide an Agreement to the City by the end of January.

Councilmember Baldwin asked the status of the petition. Mr. Rives stated that attorney Chris Roe had advised waiting until the new tax code legislation had passed, as the interest rate could change significantly which would affect the dollar amount stated to the Residents on the petition. The petition was finished and ready for the dollar amount to be inserted.

Motion passed 7-0.

6. **Consideration of Resolution 2017-15, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Calling for a General Election to be Held on March 13, 2018, for the Purpose of Electing Four City Councilmembers, for Three Year Terms; and to Establish the Qualifying Date for Persons Seeking Elective Office for the 2018 Municipal Election; and Establishing an Effective Date.**

City Attorney Marino read Resolution 2017-15 by Title only.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler and seconded by Vice Mayor Schwerer for Resolution 2017-15.

Motion passed 7-0.

7. **Consideration of Selecting a Councilmember for Vacant Seat on the Bellevue Estates Island Ad Hoc Committee on Undergrounding.**

Mayor Notaro advised this item was to replace Councilmember Cohen's seat on the Committee.

Councilmember Krach nominated Councilmember Baldwin. Councilmember Chandler seconded the nomination. Councilmember Baldwin accepted.

7a. Consideration of Selecting a Resident for Vacant Seat on the City Manager Selection Advisory Committee.

Mayor Notaro chose Ms. Martha Vasquez to replace her original choice of Rob Baldwin.

8. Request Authorization to Execute the Interlocal Agreement Providing Joint Control of Pollutants within Pinellas County. (Interim City Manager) (see backup)

Community Services Director Rives advised this is the Agreement between the cities in the County, FDOT, and Pinellas County.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Baldwin and seconded by Councilmember Krach to execute the Interlocal Agreement Providing Joint Control of Pollutants within Pinellas County.

Motion passed 7-0.

9. Consideration of Selecting a Councilmember as Voting Delegate for the Barrier Islands Governmental Council.

Mayor Notaro advised this selection was to replace Councilmember Cohen as First Voting Alternate on the BIG-C Board.

Councilmembers Pietrowski and Chandler volunteered to be voting delegates.

Following discussion, Mayor Notaro stated that Councilmember Gunn would be first alternate voting delegate, Councilmember Chandler would be second alternate voting delegate, and Councilmember Pietrowski would be third alternate voting delegate.

10. Mayor and Council Comments.

Councilmember Baldwin remarked on the increased frequency of thefts of unlocked vehicles, some with keys that had been left in the vehicle.

Councilmember Gunn had no further comments.

Councilmember Krach asked about the status of the lift station at 22nd Avenue and Bayshore Drive. Community Services Director Rives advised that the County is rebuilding the station.

Councilmember Pietrowski inquired about the status of the mast arms at Gulf Boulevard. Community Services Director Rives stated the County had redesigned the project and the mast arm would now go on the west side of Gulf Boulevard. Councilmember Pietrowski wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holidays.

Councilmember Chandler asked about the status of the storage container and tractor at the Marina. Community Services Director Rives advised the project had been completed this past week and the equipment would now be relocated. She also asked for an update on the cul-de-sac on Harrison Avenue. Mr. Rives stated that one Resident had asked about taking out two trees and all of the plantings from the circle to be able to get around all of the construction vehicles. Mr. Rives advised that as it was the request of one Resident, he felt it was important that all Residents in the area be asked. He suggested that if Council approved, the initiating Resident could present a petition to all and bring back to City Council. The template, if approved, could be used as a template for all future requests. Mr. Rives stated that Harrison Avenue does have a lot of construction at this time - one is finishing, one is at a standstill and being resolved, one is building, and the seawall is under repair. Ms. Chandler asked about the painting of the transformers. Mr. Rives stated he had submitted a work order to Duke Energy to have them repainted.

Councilmember Krach stated that contractors had been doing construction work on Sunday. Vice Mayor Schwerer asked that the PCSO Deputies be more vigilant in enforcing the code.

Vice Mayor Schwerer wished all a Merry Christmas and safe holidays. She reminded everyone that December 16th is the Wreaths Across America Day ceremony at Bay Pines National Cemetery. [The City donates wreaths to WAA]

Mayor Notaro advised that beach nourishment is scheduled for March 2018. She wished all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

11. City Attorney Comments.

City Attorney Marino had no further comments.

12. City Manager Comments.

Interim City Manager Rives advised that the 2nd Street Stormwater project is moving forward; the Harrison Avenue Seawall project has started and should go quickly; Pinellas County cleaned the pipes on Gulf Boulevard and Belle Isle Avenue and also cleaned the City's pipes at the same time, which was nice - they found a lot of water bottles in the storm drain; FEMA completed a site visit for the stumps at the edge of the bridge and across the street near the County stormwater pond, and inspected the Public Works Building on Cedar Drive, so that he could move forward with the City's FEMA claim after Hurricane Irma. He stated that Council had received the letter regarding the CRS rating going from a 7 to a 6 reducing the City's homeowners' flood insurance by 5%; the RFP for underground engineering had been advertised and proposals are due by December 20th; quotes are being received from engineering firms on the stormwater project for First Street and the seawall

at Belle Isle Avenue; the Gulf Boulevard Entrance Sign project is complete; at Vice Mayor Schwerer and Councilmember Chandler's request he spoke with Bob Lasher at PSTA regarding costs for the Beach Trolley – if the City chose additional stops the cost would be higher than the previous \$337,982 annual fee quoted, he advised that when he received the current price he would provide to Council, Vice Mayor Schwerer stated covered shelters at the stops should also be considered; Councilmember Gunn asked about cleaning the storm sewers. Mr. Rives advised that Staff had cleaned the storm debris from the storm sewers on her street – there had been high tide, excessive rain and storm debris at that time - now the pipe appears to be clear, and at the next rain there was not an issue - there is still debris in some pipes.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Chandler to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

January 8, 2018
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Notaro
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

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