



**City Council Meeting  
City of Belleair Beach, Florida**

**Monday, May 1, 2023  
Community Center, 6:00 PM**

### **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Gattis. The invocation was given by Councilmember Leslie Notaro followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Call:** Present were Councilmembers Frank Bankard, Belinda Livingstone, Leslie Notaro, Lloyd Roberts, and Mike Zabel; Mayor Dave Gattis, Vice Mayor Jody Shirley, City Manager Kyle Riefler, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and City Attorney Randy D. Mora.

**For continuity, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.**

#### **1. Approval of Agenda.**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Livingstone to amend the Agenda to add item 13b. "Proclamation: Designating the Month of May as Lupus Awareness Month".

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Notaro to approve the Agenda as amended.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

#### **2. 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)**

Citizens Comments included, in part:

- Global warming
- The work done to reduce flooding on 13th Street has worked
- The BBCF Earth Day Sunset Social reached the goal for the 16th Street kayak launch

**3. Presentation: Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.**

- **Law Enforcement monthly report**  
Sergeant Swiech reviewed the monthly report.
- **Code Enforcement monthly report**  
Deputy Klapka reviewed the monthly report.

**4. Presentation: Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District.**

Chief Davidson gave a monthly report and invited all to the Hurricane & Water Safety Expo on June 8th at the Belleair Beach Community Center.

**5. Presentation: Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Membership Reapportionment Plan.**

- **Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas**

The presentation was duly tabled for a future meeting.

**6. Presentation: The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award of Financial Reporting Achievement**

- **Award to the Finance Department of the City of Belleair Beach for excellence in financial reporting, fiscal year ending September 30, 2021**

City Manager Riefler accepted the award on behalf of the City.

**7. City Attorney Report.**

City Attorney Mora gave an update on the current legislative session items. He stated that a permit for a radio antenna tower was anticipated to be submitted by Wednesday.

**8. City Manager Report.**

City Manager Riefler reviewed his monthly report in the Agenda Packet and added, in part:

- The ParkMobil system is up and operating
- ARPA funding reports are being submitted as required
- Based on research by Citizen Advisory Committee Chair Ron Ciganek, he and Finance will be meeting with Valley Bank for higher interest on deposit accounts and no banking fees
- He and Finance are currently working on the budget

**9. City Clerk Report.**

City Clerk Gentry gave a recap of recent meetings and events.

Public Hearing

- 10. **Consideration of Ordinance 23-02, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending Section 58-38, "Fines And Procedures" To Increase The Fines Associated With Parking Violations, Providing For Codification, Severability, And For An Effective Date. (Second Reading) (City Attorney Mora)**
  - **To increase the fines associated with parking violations**

City Attorney Mora read Ordinance 23-02 by Title only.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Notaro to approve Ordinance 23-02.

Councilmember Bankard	Yes
Councilmember Livingstone	Yes
Councilmember Notaro	Yes
Councilmember Roberts	Aye
Councilmember Zabel	Aye
Vice Mayor Shirley	Aye
Mayor Gattis	Aye

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**Consent Agenda**

- 11. **Approval of April 3, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 12. **Authorize City Manager to Execute Interlocal Agreement Between Pinellas County And Local Governments For The Cooperative Procurements Of Disaster Debris Collection & Removal Services And Disaster Debris Monitoring & Management Services Within Geographic Pinellas County.**
  - **An intergovernmental agreement for a competitive procurement process of shared services for disaster debris collection and removal services**
- 13. **Proclamation: 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week**
- 13b. **Proclamation: Designating the Month of May as Lupus Awareness Month**

**Consent Agenda approved by unanimous acclimation.**

Mayor Gattis stated that although the Proclamation for the City Clerk had been approved, he would like to read it aloud.

City Clerk Gentry thanked Mayor Gattis, City Council, and the Residents.

Councilmember Roberts thanked City Manager Riefler for working with the County on the disaster debris collection.

**Regular Agenda**

**13. Authorization to Execute a Purchase Order with Gemini Engineering and Sciences, Inc. for Stormwater Master Drainage Plan BMPs. (City Manager Riefler)**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Vice Mayor Shirley to Execute a Purchase Order with Gemini Engineering and Sciences, Inc. for Stormwater Master Drainage Plan BMPs.

Councilmember Bankard	Yes
Councilmember Livingstone	Yes
Councilmember Notaro	Yes
Councilmember Roberts	Aye
Councilmember Zabel	Aye
Vice Mayor Shirley	Aye
Mayor Gattis	Aye

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**14. Consideration of Merit Pay Increase for City Clerk Based on Annual Evaluation Criteria. (City Manager Riefler)**  
• **Merit increase based on City Council Employee Evaluations**

City Manager Riefler advised that he had done a tabulation of the performance reviews received from City Council.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Zabel for the merit pay increase.

Councilmember Bankard	Yes
Councilmember Livingstone	Yes
Councilmember Notaro	Yes
Councilmember Roberts	Aye
Councilmember Zabel	Aye
Vice Mayor Shirley	Aye
Mayor Gattis	Aye

**Motion passed 7-0.**

City Clerk Gentry expressed her appreciation to City Council.

**15. Unfinished Business.**  
None.

**16. City Council Comments.**

Councilmember Roberts thanked City Manager Riefler for setting up the meeting with Pinellas County Transportation. The County and the Consultant will be doing a new study and will have the results in approximately 4 months.

Councilmember Notaro had no further comments.

Mayor Gattis advised that Councilmember Notaro would be standing in for him at the Mayors' Council meeting.

Councilmember Livingstone thanked City Clerk Gentry for all of her work. She also thanked all of the Board and Committee Members and the Volunteers and expressed what a difference they make in the community and how much they are appreciated.

Councilmember Bankard advised that he has had Citizens express their concerns to him about the rising cost of flood insurance. He reviewed his research and conversations with Senator Scott and other agencies regarding the costs. He stated that it is very frustrating that he cannot get any answers, but he will continue to work on it. Mayor Gattis thanked Councilmember Bankard.

Councilmember Zabel thanked Councilmember Bankard for his work on the flood insurance issue.

Vice Mayor Shirley had no further comments.

Mayor Gattis thanked everyone that came out for the 'Coffee with the Mayor', saying that it was nice to meet everyone, and they had had some interesting conversations. He also stated, in part:

- He commended the BBCF for their hard work and to everyone that has contributed to the BBCF's efforts
- He thanked all that currently serve on City boards and committees, stating that it is easy to sit at home and complain on social media and do nothing – but these volunteers donate their time, money, and talent to the City they call home. He thanked them all on behalf of the City Council and Staff.

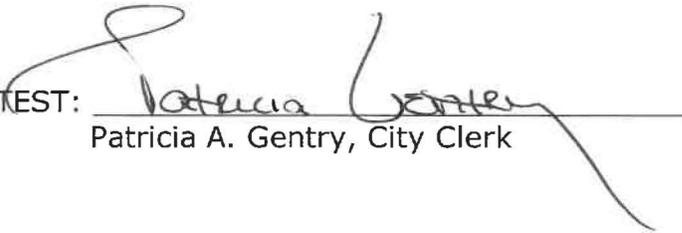
**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Vice Mayor Shirley to adjourn at 7:19pm.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

June 5, 2023  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Dave Gattis  
Dave Gattis, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk