



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

**Monday, April 3, 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 Belinda Livingstone 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.**

Mayor Gattis called for a motion to amend Agenda Item Number 24 to "Authorize the City Attorney to Draft an Ordinance to Address Section 38-87 of the City Code", and to change Item Numbers 24 and 25 to Items Numbers 25 and 26, respectively.

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

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Vice Mayor Shirley to amend and approve the Agenda.

**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:

- The turn lane at Gulf and Causeway Boulevards
- The BBCF upcoming events
  - Bridge Cleanup
  - Earth Day Sunset Social to benefit the 16th Street kayak launch
  - The first installation of Memorial Bricks at City Hall

**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 and advised that he had been out on the water with the PCSO Marine Unit for code enforcement.

**4. Presentation: ANDREW TESS, CPA, LLC**

- **FY2022 Financial Overview by Heather Guadagnoli, CPA, followed by City Council questions and comments**

Ms. Guadagnoli gave an overview and advised, in part:

- Revenues are over budget
- Expenses are under budget
- Interest on investments are well over budget

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

Chief Jeffrey Davidson gave an update on how the District would like to improve services to Belleair Beach. He advised that he had sent a letter to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and would be meeting with each one-on-one. He asked the Citizens for their support by contacting the BCC.

Mayor Gattis also asked that Citizens reach out to the BCC.

**6. Presentation: Sea Turtle Conversation**

- **Lindsey Flynn, M.S., Manager of Clearwater Marine Aquarium Sea Turtle Conservation Program (STCP)**

Ms. Flynn gave an overview of sea turtles nesting in Pinellas County.

**7. Quarterly Board Reports**

- **Board of Adjustment**  
Chair Mike Kelly gave a review of the Hearings for variances that had come before the Board this quarter.
- **Citizens Advisory Committee**  
Chair Ron Ciganek advised that the Committee had recommended financing options to accelerate multi-year capital improvements for the City related to street resurfacing projects, and that the Committee had also met as the Audit Committee to review the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

- **Park and Recreation Board**  
Chair Tammie Levenda reviewed the beach cleanups, the annual Health and Wellness Fair, "Welcome" bags for new residents in the City, Park surveys, and upcoming Fall events.
- **Planning and Zoning Board**  
No report.

**8. City Attorney Report.**

City Attorney Mora's comments included, in part:

- He has been tracking the Legislative Session very closely
- At his presentation to the BIG C he noted that Senate Bill 714 concerning short-term rental regulations is of interest to communities
- He reviewed the Bill for Financial Disclosure – Form 6

**9. City Manager Report.**

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

- He will be presenting a Strategic Plan Scorecard at the next work session
- He will be having an on-site meeting with Tom Washburn of Pinellas County, at the Gulf and Causeway Boulevard intersection
- He will be attending the ICMA/FCCMA Conference in May

Councilmember Zabel wished to publicly acknowledge City Manager Riefler for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Bankard agreed.

**10. City Clerk Report.**

City Clerk Gentry reviewed upcoming meetings and presentations.

**Consent Agenda**

- 11. Approval of the February 23, 2023, City Council Work Session Minutes.**
- 12. Approval of March 6, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 13. Approval of March 20, 2023, City Council Work Session Minutes.**
- 14. City Council Acceptance of the 2023 Pinellas County Multi-Jurisdictional Community Rating System Annual Report For Program For Public Information, Flood Insurance Improvement Plan and Flood Response Plan.**

- This annual report presents the ongoing status of Pinellas County's Program for Public Information (PPI), which includes the Flood Warning and Response Plan and Flood Insurance Coverage Improvement Plan

**15. Proclamation: Proclaiming April 2023 as National Donate Life Month.**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Zabel and seconded by Councilmember Bankard to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**Regular Agenda**

**16. Consideration of Resolution 2023-02, A Resolution Of The City Of Belleair Beach, Florida Authorizing Issuance Of The City's Capital Improvement Revenue Note, Series 2023 In The Principal Amount Of \$2,120,000 To Finance Acquisition And Construction Of Capital Improvements Including Street Resurfacing And Stormwater Facilities; Providing That The Note Shall Be A Limited Obligation Of The City Payable From Non-Ad Valorem Revenues Budgeted, Appropriated And Deposited As Provided Herein; Providing For The Rights, Securities And Remedies For The Owner Of The Note; Authorizing Certain Officials And Employees Of The City To Take All Actions Required In Connection With The Sale, Issuance And Delivery Of Such Note; Making Such Determinations As Are Required To Afford The Note "Bank Qualified" Status; Making Certain Covenants And Agreements In Connection Therewith; And Providing For An Effective Date. (Christopher B. Roe, Bryant Miller Olive P.A.)**

- A Capital Improvement Revenue Note to finance acquisition and construction for street resurfacing and stormwater facilities

City Attorney Mora read Resolution 2023-02 by Title only.

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Notaro for Resolution 2023-02.

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.**

- 17. **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. (City Attorney Mora)**
  - **To increase the fines associated with parking violations**

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

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Roberts for 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.**

- 18. **Authorization for the City Manager to Advertise for Marina Dock Improvements. (City Manager Riefler)**
  - **Advertise for renovation and replacement of City-owned pilings**

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Notaro and seconded by Councilmember Bankard to authorize the City Manager to advertise for Marina dock improvements.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- 19. **Consideration of Merit Pay Increase for City Clerk Based on Annual Evaluation Criteria.**
  - **Merit increase based on City Council Employee Evaluations**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and second by Councilmember Roberts to table until the tabulation summary was received – any salary increase would be retroactive.

**Motion to Table passed 7-0.**

20. **Consideration to Support the Nomination of Redington Beach Mayor David Will as the Representative to Forward Pinellas for the Ten Barrier Island Communities.**
- **To fill the vacancy of the former BIG C representative**

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Vice Mayor Shirley and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to support the nomination of Redington Beach Mayor David Will as the representative to Forward Pinellas for the ten barrier island communities.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

21. **Consideration of a Selecting Councilmembers as Voting Delegate, Alternate Voting Delegate #1, and Alternate Voting Delegate #2 for the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG C).**
- **Nominate and elect voting delegates**

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Zabel for consideration of voting delegates.

Nomination was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Zabel for Mayor Gattis as the BIG C voting delegate.

**Approved by acclamation.**

Nomination was made by Mayor Gattis and seconded by Councilmember Roberts for Vice Mayor Shirley as BIG C Alternate Voting Delegate #1.

**Approved by acclamation.**

Nomination was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Bankard for Councilmember Notaro as BIG C Alternate Voting Delegate #2.

**Approved by acclamation.**

22. **Consideration of a Selecting Councilmember as Voting Delegate for the Florida League of Cities.**
- **Nominate and elect a voting delegate**

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Vice Mayor Shirley and seconded by Councilmember Roberts for consideration of a voting delegate.

Nomination was made by Vice Mayor Shirley and seconded by Councilmember Roberts for Mayor Gattis as the voting delegate.

**Approved by acclamation.**

- 23. Consideration of a Selecting Councilmember as Voting Delegate for the Suncoast League of Cities.**
- **Nominate and elect a voting delegate**

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Zabel for consideration of a voting delegate.

Nomination was made by Councilmember Zabel and seconded by Councilmember Roberts for Mayor Gattis as the voting delegate.

**Approved by acclamation.**

- 24. Authorize the City Attorney to Draft an Ordinance to Address Section 38-87 of the City Code to be Presented and Reviewed at the Next Work Session.**

Citizen comment and Council discussion.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Notaro and seconded by Vice Mayor Shirley to draft an ordinance for the next work session.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- 25. Unfinished Business.**

None.

- 26. City Council Comments.**

Councilmember Livingstone thanked everyone for attending and thanked City Manager Riefler and City Clerk Gentry for all they do.

Councilmember Notaro had no further comments.

Councilmember Roberts stated that he was elected to take any opportunity to make improvements whenever possible in the City. He knows that is not a good traffic pattern at Gulf and Causeway Boulevards and there are better ways that it can be done. He is working on it with City Manager Riefler, Tom Washburn, and others.

Councilmember Bankard wished all a blessed Easter.

Councilmember Zabel offered condolences to Mayor Gattis, Wendy Gattis, Michael, and Mr. Bob McIntyre on the passing of Mrs. Joanne McIntyre, a wonderful lady who was a friend of many in the community. He thanked each of the Councilmembers for all of the time and work they contribute to meetings and work sessions.

Vice Mayor Shirley thanked Shepherd’s Village, a local single mothers program, who had sent student volunteers for Mission Week from Indian Rocks Christian School to City Hall for landscape cleanup – they did a really great job. She also thanked the Boards for their quarterly reports and all that they do.

Mayor Gattis gave an update on beach nourishment, in part:

- He has met on separate occasions with County Commissioner Chris Latvala, and Pinellas County Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy who are 100% on board if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will not provide beach nourishment
- County Commissioner Janet Long, Indian Rocks Beach Mayor “Cookie” Kennedy, and Kelli Hammer Levy met with Representative Luna who confirmed that she will approach the USACE from an environmental impact perspective to see if she can gain any traction
- It appears that County funding and management are the only way we may get sand, and the project will likely take two years to complete
- Hopefully with the new appointments to the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Forward Pinellas from the barrier island communities we will have more influence

Mayor Gattis thanked all who attended the meeting in person and remotely.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bankard and seconded by Councilmember Zabel to adjourn at 8:46pm.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

May 1, 2023  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Dave Gattis  
Dave Gattis, Mayor

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