



**City Council Work Session
City of Belleair Beach, Florida**

**Monday, November 18, 2019
Community Center, 6:00PM**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph A. Manzo, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Present were Councilmembers Robyn Ache, Marv Behm, Dave Gattis, Jody Shirley, and Rita Swope; Mayor Joseph A. Manzo, Vice Mayor Glenn Gunn, City Manager Lynn Rives, and City Clerk Patricia Gentry.

1. Workshop with Finance Advisory Committee Members.

Mayor Manzo asked if there were any objection from Council to allow Public Comments. There was no objection.

Items discussed:

- A draft of a Charter for the Committee
- For the Committee to be as independent as possible without inappropriate influence
- The City Manager and the City Treasurer to be advisors to the Committee as needed
- To share knowledge and information between the Charter Review Committee, Finance Advisory Committee, and the Planning and Zoning Board
- The Mayor would attend some of the Committee meetings if requested

Items from City Council to the Committee:

- Investments
- Reserves
- Operating costs of the Community Center
- What is the right reserve amount for the emergency fund
- Options to utilize the funds in the emergency fund and then explore the option of a line of credit
- Underutilization of the Marina property - possible other uses
- What can be done with the Cedar Drive Public Works property – then other options to protect City equipment
- Stormwater fees
- Other possible uses for the tennis court property
- Any sale of City property would have to be approved by Voters

- Questions being asked by the Committee underscore the value of having the City Manager at the meetings
- The 120-day Committee term can be extended

Items from Committee Members to Council:

- How much is being paid towards the Community Center loan
- There are options to prepay on the Community Center loan such as paying the penalty, or liquidating the building as an asset

2. Discussion of Legislative Priorities. (Requested by Mayor Manzo)

There are no legislative priorities specific to the City at this session.

3. Discussion on Installing Surveillance Equipment (audio and video) on the Exterior of the Community Center and Parking Lot. (Requested by Councilmember Swope)

Items discussed:

- To have the City Manager research the cost
- \$16K for interior security had been in the budget but was taken out
- Labor is the largest portion of the cost
- To have surveillance inside and outside
- Previous situations at City Hall and law enforcement's response time
- Installing a barrier to prevent someone from coming over the counter
- The recent incident in Indian Rocks Beach
- There are restrictions on audio recordings indoors and outdoors
- Surveillance at other areas such as the Marina
- These recordings are not subject to public records requests
- Broaden the scope of the Strategic Plan's safety and health objective to address security
- Spend money on real assessment recommendations

Consensus was for City Manager Rives to do further research.

Additional items discussed:

- City Council can amend the budget if they choose
- Employee safety is the priority before outside security
- To hire an expert to determine what is needed to provide security for employees, and then ancillary services for monitoring – making sure the employees are safe is the priority

4. Discussion of Best Practices. (Requested by Vice Mayor Gunn)
• **Consent Agenda**

Items discussed:

- Consent Agendas are a time-saving tool but are not open to discussion
- Guidance and feedback are important for the Boards and Committees
- Determine if changes are needed through metrics – e.g. Code Enforcement

- To have Council identify priorities for Code Enforcement and Deputy Doherty
- Councilmembers to have a list of priorities for the next meeting and then a work session
- Priorities from Residents

5. General Business.

Items discussed:

- Consensus of Council was to have the Planning and Zoning Board report by the April Council meeting
- Consensus was to have a stand-alone PCSO Active Shooter Presentation and advertise it for all Residents in January
- Regarding the public records request log sheet and the City Attorney's billing invoice – the City has not been served with any active lawsuit at this point

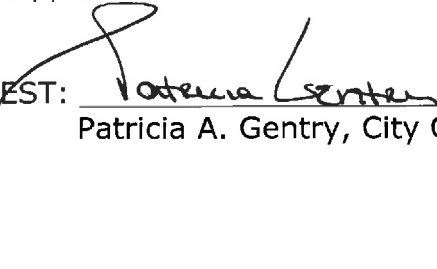
ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Behm and seconded by Councilmember Swope to adjourn at 8:03pm.

Motion passed 7-0.

December 2, 2019 (3)
Date Approved

APPROVED: 
Joseph A. Manzo, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk