



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

**Monday, December 7, 2020
Community Center
Immediately following
Regular City Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:42pm 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, and Jody Shirley; Mayor Joseph A. Manzo, Vice Mayor Glenn Gunn, City Manager Lynn Rives, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and City Attorney Fred Reilly. Councilmember Dave Gattis and Councilmember Rita Swope were not present. Councilmember Jody Shirley excused herself at 8:01pm.

- 1. Discussion on ongoing 6th Street/Gulf Blvd. protests and failures by the Pinellas County Sheriff and City of Belleair Beach to enforce state and local ordinances.**
 - **Although we were promised the protests would cease after election day, they resumed again on November 27, 2020**
 - **Review of City Manager's response since July 21, 2020**
 - **Review of Pinellas County Sheriff's response since July 21, 2020**
 - **Responsibilities of Sheriff under contract**
 - **Failure by City Manager to use free supplemental Sheriff services to address the problem in October**
 - **Failure of Sheriff to respond to Mayor's multiple calls as a citizen reporting law violations**
 - **Targeted protesting and City legal liability of a City**
 - **Lack of present City Ordinances regarding protest (time, place, manner restrictions)**
 - **Lack of enforcement for over 100 days and effect on future enforcement of ordinances (noise, Sunday quiet)**
 - **City Attorney resolution recommendations based on request to City Manager made by Mayor**

Mayor Manzo advised that he had called the meeting and gave an overview of the Agenda Packet.

City Council discussion began.

During her comments Councilmember Shirley stated her concern that as she is named in a lawsuit referenced in the work session agenda packet materials provided, she believed she should excuse herself from the work session immediately. [8:01pm]

City Attorney Reilly's comments included:

- The example of the City of Winter Park ordinance being discussed by Council was based on people practicing their constitutional rights with reasonable time, place, and manner protesting doctors for their type of medical practice – though it may be considered here
- He had spoken with the General Counsel for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office - their position is that the Sheriff's Office is properly enforcing the law and complying with the terms of their contract with the City

City Attorney Reilly's suggestion was that this is a time for reasonable people to do reasonable things to solve a problem, and if that doesn't work – then to consider a Winter Park-type ordinance.

Speakers from the public included:

- Mr. Purcell
- Mrs. Purcell
- Roger Maul
- June VanScoyoc
- John Handzuk
- Debbie Maul
- Rick Schock

It was determined that regardless of whether it was considered as a protest or as a show of support, an amicable solution was the goal.

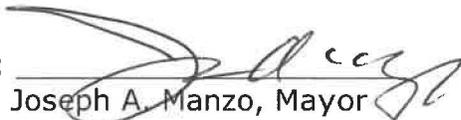
City Attorney Reilly suggested that if an amicable solution has not occurred by the special council meeting scheduled in two weeks - that it be on the agenda for Council to give him direction to take action.

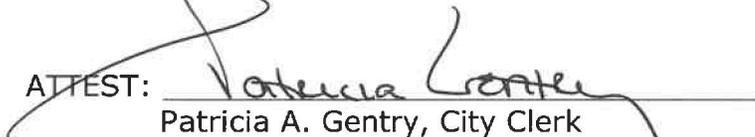
ADJOURN

The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:06pm.

Passed 4-0.

January 4, 2021
Date Approved

APPROVED: 
Joseph A. Manzo, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk