

City of Belleair Bluffs
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 21, 2016
6:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room A. The following answered roll call: Mayor Arbutine, Commissioners J. Barkley, J. Nazario, T. Shimkus, S. Sofer, Attorney Trask, PCSO Deputy Rosado, Largo Division Chief Pennino, City Clerk Debra Sullivan and Director of Public Works Robert David. The invocation was led by Attorney Trask.

INDUCTION OF RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Nazario to approve **RESOLUTION NO 2016-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE** which was seconded by Commissioner Barkley.

Roll Call: AYE: Arbutine, Barkley, Nazario, Shimkus, Sofer NAY: None

Induction of Joseph Barkley as Commissioner for a term of two years beginning on March 15, 2016
Induction of Taylour Shimkus as Commissioner for a term of two years beginning on March 15, 2016

Appointment of Vice Mayor

Mayor Arbutine opened nominations for Vice Mayor. Commissioner Nazario nominated Commissioner Barkley. Commissioner Shimkus nominated Commissioner Sofer. Mayor Arbutine closed the nominations.

City Clerk Sullivan handed out the blank ballots for each of the Commission members to cast their vote. Each person will vote for their choice, sign them and they will then be tallied by the City Clerk.

The result was Commissioner Barkley – 2; Commissioner Sofer – 3

Mayor Arbutine announced and declared Commissioner Suzy Sofer as Vice Mayor for 2016.

Commission Departmental Assignments

Mayor Arbutine announced his slate for departmental assignments as:

Administration/Finance	Commissioner Sofer
Police	Commissioner Nazario
Fire	Commissioner Shimkus
Public Works	Commissioner Barkley

A motion was made by Commissioner Shimkus to accept Mayor Arbutine's assignments which was seconded by Commissioner Barkley.

AYE: Barkley, Nazario, Shimkus, Sofer, Arbutine NAY: None

Citizens to be heard - There were no citizen comments.

PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AUDIT – John Houser of Wells, Houser, Schatzel P.A.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nazario and seconded by Commissioner Barkley to approve the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report included the award of the Government Finance Officers Association of Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in financial reporting. There is a lot more information including a transmittal letter to the readers and the management's discussion which summarizes the report. Internal control and compliance showed no items for inclusion in this report and no significant deficiencies, no material weaknesses and no instance of noncompliance that could affect the financial statement.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DEBRA SULLIVAN - CITY CLERK-FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR
14 YEARS

PROCLAMATION DONATE LIFE MONTH APRIL 2016

A motion to accept the February 8, 2016 minutes as written was made by Commissioner Sofer and seconded by Commissioner Shimkus. Approved by acclamation.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Arbutine reported the fire station meetings are being attended by R. David and next month they will be reporting on the progress of these meetings.

Administration/Finance – The spring garage sale was successful as was the donation pick up station behind city hall. The July 4th event is being planned and the Little Free Library was installed at the park area of city hall.

Police Department – Deputy Rosado reported on the February statistics, noting 2 larcenies and 2 burglaries which were both related to open car doors. He reminded folks once again to be sure to lock their cars.

Fire Department – Division Chief Pennino reported that Station 43 ran an average of 6.5 calls per day. The Largo Fire Annual report was distributed and a photo of the new engine was reviewed.

Public Works Department – R. David has had the electrical panel replaced on the bridge so the lights should be working successfully. There were 18 permits and 16 code violations for the month of February. He will continue to attempt to get Pinellas County out to repair the road on Indian Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Belleair Causeway Bridge Bait House Request for Packaged Alcoholic Beverage to be sold on the premises.

Pinellas County has agreed to allow package sales only at the new bait house on the Belleair Causeway Bridge and consensus was given to have the attorney bring a revised Belleair Bluffs' ordinance to allow package sales.

Land Use Changes

D. Sullivan reported the notices, advertisements and board meetings have been noticed and will take place over the next few months for the land use changes proposed by the city.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Shimkus is very happy to serve the residents for another 2 year term. Commissioner Barkley thanked everyone who supports him in his next 2 year term. Commissioner Sofer and Commissioner Nazario congratulated both commissioners. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra S. Sullivan, MMC City Clerk

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