

City of Belleair Bluffs
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday October 17, 2016
6:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday, October 17, 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 Sgt. Waugh, Largo Fire Department Chief Willis, and City Clerk Debra Sullivan. The invocation was led by Attorney Trask. Robert David was absent.

PRESENTATION: CAFR Award for Fiscal Year 2015
The Commission acknowledged the staff for attaining the award for the 2nd year.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sofer to accept the minutes of the First Budget Hearing September 6, Special Commission Meeting September 6, Second Budget Hearing September 19, Regular Commission Meeting September 19, 2016 which was seconded by Commissioner Shimkus. Approved by acclamation.

Citizens to be heard on non-agenda items

Mr. Rusinowski – brought an issue related to his property on Mehlenbacher to the Commission, which will be brought to R. David's attention.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Mayor Arbutine has received R. David's intent to retire by December 31, 2016. Discussion ensued on the process and procedure for his replacement. This will be placed on an upcoming agenda. The Commissioners are saddened that he is leaving, but they totally understand that retirement is his choice at this time and congratulate him.

B. Administration/Finance – Vice-Mayor Sofer noted that the spokesperson for the Clearwater Ferry had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances. She took a trial ride last week and would like to expand their stoppage points to include the Belleair Boat Ramp. The Commission was very excited about the prospect of having this source of transportation to and from Belleair Bluffs. Vice-Mayor Sofer will keep the Commission updated on this topic. Two new businesses opened in September.

C. Police Department – Sgt. Waugh presented the statistics for September, noting nothing of exception. Deputy Tony DeAngelo was introduced as the Community Police Deputy who will also serve as the Code Enforcement Officer. He will work 12 hours per week. He is a 30 year veteran of the Sheriff's Office and is very excited to serve Belleair Bluffs.

D. Fire Department – Chief Willis reported that EMS calls are increasing significantly. The new engine 43 is almost ready for street service.

E. Public Works Department – Commissioner Barkley reported in the absence of R. David. Duncan Drive was done very professionally. The fire station plans are moving along. PW employee J. Cummings was lead for Hurricane Hermine reporting to Pinellas County. The city had no reportable damage.

Commissioner Sofer commended Commissioner Barkley on his public service announcement for PSTA and Brad Miller which she said was very informative.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Barkley to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Belleair Bluffs and Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County for the purpose of acknowledging this funding mechanism for the new fire station which was seconded by Vice Mayor Sofer.

Roll Call: AYE: Arbutine, Barkley, Nazario, Shimkus, Sofer

A motion was made by Commissioner Shimkus to approve a MOU For a Special Planning Project Between the City of Belleair Bluffs and Forward Pinellas in the amount not to exceed \$3000.00 for assistance with submittal of a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario.

Roll Call: AYE: Barkley, Nazario, Shimkus, Sofer, Arbutine

Consensus was given for approval to seek re-appointment of the current members of Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board

Planning Board Vacancy - Mr. Fisher has been a resident for 31 years and a former teacher. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sofer to approve the application and appointment of Mr. Peter Fisher to the Planning Board which was seconded by Commissioner Shimkus.

Roll Call: AYE: Nazario, Shimkus, Sofer, Arbutine, Barkley

Vice Mayor Sofer completed the required Ethic Class. The other members will register shortly. Vice Mayor Sofer will be hosting the December Suncoast League of Cities meeting at Cody's Restaurant.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Immediately following the 6:00pm Regular Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Shimkus to approve Resolution 2016-05 a Resolution amending the capital improvement plan of the City of Belleair Bluffs, Florida to include costs stemming from the improvements to the community playground/park area should the city receive funding from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program for the project named "Community Park Improvements" in the amount up to \$50,000.000 to be completed in a (3) three year time period and providing for an effective date hereof which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario.

The Commission is very glad that Commissioner Nazario brought this to the City Clerk's attention and thanks Commissioner Shimkus for her assistance

Roll Call: AYE: Shimkus, Barkley, Nazario, Arbutine, Sofer

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra S. Sullivan

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City Clerk