

City of Belleair Bluffs
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday July 18, 2016
6:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday, July 18, 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 Fire Chief Willis, City Clerk Debra Sullivan and Director of Public Works Robert David. The invocation was led by Attorney Trask.

Fire Station Building Update Presentation

An update was given by the construction team. The construction schedule is the same, they will attempt to use exterior building materials that are cohesive to the neighborhood, there will be consideration of the noise barrier wall around the building, but it will probably remain a concrete wall instead of greenery to ensure the most secure and quiet area. There will be some adjustments necessary to meet the stormwater criteria possibly utilizing some of the city hall stormwater pond area. The cost to the station has increased by \$500,000.00 which was approved by the City of Largo Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nazario which was seconded by Commissioner Sofer to approve the June minutes with a change noting that a recognition proclamation was given to Pinellas County Property Appraiser Pam Dubov. Approved by acclamation.

Citizens to be heard on non-agenda items – Resident - 584 Bluff View Drive requested information on how she can get more lawn waste picked up from what is contractually permitted. Resident– 2712 Pinehurst Avenue wishes he could have shrubbery along the back of the fire station instead of a wall. Commissioner Barkley suggested that he plant shrubbery on his side. R. David said the shrubbery will not hide any noise and will not keep animals or kids from getting through the hedge.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Mayor– his comments will be on the agenda.

B. Administration/Finance – Vice-Mayor Sofer attended the Mayor’s Meeting which promoted the FLC University. Shepherd’s Village was able to raise \$1,000.00 at our July 4th event which reflects on the generosity of the attendees. They also did an event at city hall with Mercy Chef’s which is an emergency based service that provides fresh cooked food for those that are homeless or to a city that is presented with tragedy.

C. Police Department – Commissioner Nazario met with Captain Leiner about the monthly statistics and how they can be more relevant to our city. The monthly statistics were presented by Deputy Rosado which reflected a decrease of crime from last month. 90 citations and warnings were issued. It was noted that Deputy Rosado is being transferred and he was thanked for his service to Belleair Bluffs.

D. Fire Department – Chief Willis reported that EMS calls are still very high in number; 192 calls this month. There were no working fires. Our new fire engine is being built and ready by the fall.

E. Public Works Department – Commissioner Barkley met with Robert about some of the fire department issues that were discussed earlier. PSTA funded 5 new buses – 3 hybrid diesels and 2 will be electric if there is funding for the charging stations. There were 21 permits issued and 19 code violations issued this month. The NPDES report was completed and submitted. The SWFWMD report was completed and submitted. FDEM wrote a letter commending Pinellas County for their work in presenting the LMS.

OLD BUSINESS

FY 16/17 Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Barkley to confirm the proposed tentative millage rate of 5.3500 which was seconded by Commissioner T. Shimkus. The hearing dates are September 6, 2016 at 6:00pm and September 19, 2016 at 6:00pm.

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

NEW BUSINESS

PCSO Contract for service FY 1617

A motion was made by Commissioner Sofer to postpone this agenda item until next month which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario.

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

Speed hump survey results on Duncan Drive

The results of the survey taken by Director R. David reflected 70% of the residents stated they did not want speed humps. They will not be placed on Duncan Drive.

Commissioner Barkley stated he will keep an eye on the traffic, but at this point it is not warranted.

Commissioner T. Shimkus will be absent for the August 15, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Sofer stated that Largo and Belleair are looking to widen Indian Rocks Road, which doesn't affect our city, but they are looking for bike lanes, which would affect our portion of the road.

We will look for more information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra S. Sullivan

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City Clerk