COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770
Monday May 8, 2017, 6:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room B. The following answered roll call: Mayor Arbutine, Commissioner J. Barkley, J. Nazario, T. Shimkus, S. Sofer, Attorney Trask and City Clerk Debra Sullivan.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION MARY ELLEN LASNER ADMINISTRATION 10 YEARS
The Commission extended their appreciation to Mary Ellen Lasner and her dedication to the city for the past 10 years.

PROCLAMATIONS Older Americans Month May 2017
City Clerk Week May 1-7, 2017
Consensus was given to allow Mayor Arbutine to execute the Proclamations.

Attorney William D. Brinton – Sign Code Review
Attorney Trask began by stating that years ago Commissioner Shimkus and Robert David had done an extensive tally of all the signs in the city noting which signs were non-compliant, which the Commission had in front of them. Attorney Brinton is one of the highest experts in the United States. He has come from Jacksonville to extend his expertise and comments related to the current sign code and the statutory regulations that are in place. He will advise the Commission on what revisions need to be made to keep the city in compliance to alleviate any litigation.

Discussion between the Commission, staff and Attorney Brinton ensued for quite some time. The Commission is willing to relax some of the restrictions currently placed on the businesses, related to flutter signs, banners and number of signs. He will place all related definitions in the sign code. At the end of the discussion all parties were in agreement that Attorney Brinton would revise the entire code as one new code instead of amending the current code, email it to Debra Sullivan, the Commission will review and return any comments to Attorney Brinton.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
Mayor –Discussions are on the agenda.
Administration/Finance – A FMIT grant was awarded and applied for the new mulch on the playground which was laid by teen volunteers from Indian Rocks Christian School. All the PCSO Deputies now have new vehicles.
PCSO – Mr. Carey requested extra PCSO patrol on Lentz Road for speed.
Fire Department – Fire Chief will report at the regular meeting
Public Works Department - Commissioner Barkley is staying in contact with Debra regarding Public Works. Debra stated she is very proud of how the public works staff has rallied in their job duties and their willingness to teach her and learn from her. She is glad the Commission is noticing how smoothly the department is operating. Pinellas County Sheriff's Department provided a "Shooter Training" event for all residents and businesses.

July 4, 2017 – Commissioner Sofer stated the Bluffs Business Association will be donating money and participate in the event as always.

Commissioner Shimkus suggested City Hall close on Friday July 7th since the employees have to work on the holiday. Consensus was given.

Commissioner Nazario requested permission to be absent for the May 15, 2017 meeting.
Mayor Arbutine asked that we start the summer schedule of one meeting a month for June and July.
A motion was made by Commissioner Barkley which was seconded by Commissioner Shimkus to given to hold the meetings on June 19 and July 17. All approved.

Debra Sullivan
City Clerk