

City of Belleair Bluffs
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 19, 2016
6:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday, September 19, 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, and City Clerk Debra Sullivan. The invocation was led by Attorney Trask. Robert David was absent.

Citizens to be heard on non-agenda items –

D. Cavanaugh stated Waste Management missed a pickup, there was a pot hole on Sunset Drive and asked if the garage sale could be moved to another day. A. Carey inquired about whether the property on Bay Way asking for a land use change could ever be a restaurant or a bar. The answer was no.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

B. Administration/Finance – Vice-Mayor Sofer attended the Mayor’s Meeting and will notify the commission of any upcoming event dates. D. Sullivan reported on Hurricane Hermine. All the required County meetings were attended and reported on. Belleair Bluffs had no issues from this hurricane. The City is hosting an Animal Awareness Day on October 22, 2016.

C. Police Department – Sgt. Waugh presented the statistics for July, noting nothing of exception.

D. Fire Department – Chief Willis reported that fire fighters and EMS personnel will be given ballistic vests and helmets to wear in case of an emergency. Calls are still increasing.

E. Public Works Department –Commissioner Barkley reported in the absence of R. David. Dolphin Drive is in need of repair. Fire Station meetings are continuing. Local Mitigation Report has been completed and it is available at city hall. His PSTA board reported that ridership is up because they are assisting low income persons with reduced/free ridership. Public Works crew assisted at the condo beach area and Commissioner Nazario was very grateful for all the help they gave the residents.

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

Attorney Trask introduced Patrick Perez who is a new member of his law firm.

NEW BUSINESS

PCSO contract addition to hire an additional deputy to provide Code Enforcement and Community Policing for a 3 month trial period.

The program is defined by the Commission; the number of days, the amount of hours, the type of work and each of these items can be changed monthly.

Commissioner Sofer asked if this Deputy would be in addition to our regular Deputy. It is an additional Deputy who will concentrate on code enforcement, business watch programs, and community policing, all while working in conjunction with our regular on duty deputy. The hourly amount is \$42.13 which is the current amount we pay now for a deputy.

Commissioner Shimkus wondered if this was needed if we already have two deputies and a public works department that can do the code enforcement.

Mayor Arbutine considers this service as a liaison to the residents, businesses and Commission members. Also, there will be a consistent plan and a definitive code enforcement officer. This is a Deputy Sheriff who has the authority to go on private property, to run auto tags, to enforce the codes just like any other law. Most of the issues in this city are simply educating the residents. Once they understand the codes, most of them are happy to comply.

Commissioner Nazario says the issue is enforcement. This position will be the key to not only noting the violations, but enforcing compliance as well.

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

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY

This item was taken off the agenda since the contract has not been completed.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2016 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shimkus which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario to move the date to November 14, 2016.

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

Planning Board Vacancy—There is still a vacancy on the Planning Board.

Commissioner Nazario spoke about a regional area that could be represented at the state level involving the Suncoast League of Cities.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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