

City of Belleair Bluffs
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Belleair Bluffs City Hall
2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770
Monday January 11, 2016
6:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday, January 11, 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 Chief Shelby Willis, City Clerk Debra Sullivan and Director of Public Works Robert David. The invocation was led by Randy Mora.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION	ANDY TESS – CPA	3 YEARS
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION	DANIEL WALTERS OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE/ CREW LEADER	8 YEARS

Mr. Tess and Mr. Daniels were given accolades from the City Commission noting all the work they have accomplished in these years and how proud they all are of them.

A motion to accept the November 16, 2015 minutes as written was made by Commissioner Sofer and seconded by Commissioner Nazario. Approved by acclamation.

Citizens to be heard on non-agenda items.

W. Rusinowski – Los Gatos – noted that another city had done a mail card study and were pleased with the results.
A. Carey – Los Gatos – thanked the Commission for getting the signal crosswalk installed at the corner of West Bay Drive and Sunset Drive.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Arbutine stated the holiday event was a success and wished all a Happy New Year. His comments will be provided under the agenda items.

Administration/Finance – There were four new businesses open this quarter with more coming this quarter. A grant submission was made to Florida League of Cities Municipal Trust Fund. \$1,500.00 was awarded to the city. The Pinellas County Charter Review Committee is meeting and we will keep abreast of the progress. D. Sullivan updated on the upcoming Legislative issues coming up this session.

Police Department – Sgt. Waugh reported on the December statistics, showing 10 arrests, 3 felonies, 6 misdemeanors and 1 warrant. The felonies were once again unlocked vehicles. He reminded folks once again to be sure to lock their cars. Commissioner T. Shimkus asked what the law is for pedestrian crosswalks. He answered if a pedestrian has one foot in the crosswalk, the vehicles should stop. Once the pedestrian has walked in the crosswalk, once he has passed your vehicular lane, the driver may move forward.

Fire Department – Chief Willis reported on the December statistics. She noted a large increase of medical call and ambulance transport calls for this time of year. The proposed fire fee was turned down by the Largo Commission. The City Manager of Largo is resigning and they will begin seeking a replacement next month.

Public Works Department – R. David noted the installation of the signaled crosswalks. He is going to put 2 more directional signs, one for pedestrians and one for motorists. The Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting was held on January 6th and it was a great event with attendance from neighboring cities and Pinellas County Commissioners present.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELLEAIR BLUFFS PLANNING BOARD AND THE BELLEAIR BLUFFS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner T. Shimkus to approve Resolution 2016-01 which was seconded by Commissioner Barkley.

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

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Barkley informed the Commission that as well as being the Chairperson of PSTA Finance Committee he was also appointed to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Nazario told Commissioner Barkley that his submission to the Florida League of Cities Municipal Trust Board was denied this term because he is presently on the Board. His application will roll over in March when Commissioner Nazario's term is over. He noted the Suncoast League of Cities January meeting is being held at the Armed Forces History Museum.

Commissioner Nazario requested permission to use budgeted funds for his hotel stay at the Florida League of Cities Legislative Meeting in January.

Consensus was given.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra S. Sullivan

Debra S. Sullivan, MMC
City Clerk