

City of Belleair Bluffs
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 15, 2016
6:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room A. The following answered roll call: Mayor Arbutine, Commissioners J. Barkley, J. Nazario, S. Sofer, Attorney Trask, PCSO Sgt. Waugh, Largo Fire Chief Willis, and City Clerk Debra Sullivan. The invocation was led by Attorney Trask. Commissioner Shimkus and Robert David were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sofer to excuse Commissioner Shimkus from attending this meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario. Motion approved by acclamation.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Whit Blanton, Executive Director – Forward Pinellas

Spoke about a Corridor Plan for West Bay drive to Clearwater Largo Road to the Belleair Causeway Bridge. Traffic is increasing on this stretch of road and is becoming difficult for walking and biking. Pinellas County has a road resurfacing project planned for 3-4 years and they would like to do the bike lane improvements at the same time. The median that Belleair Bluffs is looking for grant funds for, could possibly be included in this project. There will be plenty of outreach to the businesses involved. There was some commission discussion and concern over possibly losing some right of way and turn access to the businesses.

Citizens to be heard on non-agenda items – Tom Jenkins spoke to the Commission about his concerns about the Zika Virus.

Mr. Skicewicz, Coldwell Banker Realtor – requested that the Commission consider purchasing the property located at 2726 Bay Way Drive. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

B. Administration/Finance – Vice-Mayor Sofer attended the Mayor’s Meeting with City Clerk Sullivan which promoted the Active Shooter Training. The mural on the wall on city hall is complete and we will have a viewing event in October. Belleair Food Mart is also doing a mural on their wall. Population has increased by 25 people to 2056.

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.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Tentative Proposed Budget approval for public hearing. – D. Sullivan

A motion was made by Commissioner Barkley to tentatively approve the FY 1617 budget in the amount of \$1,967,040 which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario.

The Public hearing dates are: First Hearing September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Final Hearing September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Pedestrian safety area for crosswalk on West Bay Drive – This item was deferred.

Duncan Drive road improvements – D. Sullivan presented the project for approval. The Commission requested the contract which will be provided at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barkley to approve the Duncan Drive Road improvement not to exceed \$10,000.00 which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario.

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

2015 Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy Annual Report – D. Sullivan requested consensus to accept the 2015 LMS Report.

Consensus was given to accept the report.

PCSO Contract for service FY 1617

A motion was made to approve the FY 1617 PCSO contract for service in the amount of \$492,866.34.

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

Dates for November 2016 and March 2017 garage sales

The dates were set for November 5, 2016 and March 4, 2017.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra S. Sullivan

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City Clerk