



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED SESSION
Held in City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, * 6:00 pm
MINUTES

Present was:

Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor
District 1 Commissioner – Ed Gold
District 2 Commissioner – Anthony Carugno
District 5 Commissioner – Rick Miller
District 6 Commissioner – Sue Nielson
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck
District 4 – Open

Also present were City Manager Francis, Chief Houston, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

1. Call to Order

Vice Mayor Partin called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

2. New Business

a. Lobbyist Workshop

Christopher Dawson and Christopher Camody from Gray Robinson opened for an in-depth discussion on understanding the City's needs from a policy perspective and important issues to the City, i.e., environmental projects and lake enforcement. Mr. Dawson briefly explained the Legislative process and the changing course on various policy or policing issues.

The next fiscal year for the Legislative Session will start on July 1. There will be an early start in September for the 2022 Legislative Session. With the beginning of the session underway, their work on behalf of the City must begin to schedule a post-engagement timeline of benchmarks to help position the team to push the City's agenda forward.

The Council discussed,

- Funding for stormwater management, sewer conversion, roads, and parks and recreation.
 - Local government Home Rule
 - Annexation of surrounding areas that border the City limits.
 - Lake:
 - FWC and jurisdiction over the lake.
 - Sandbar patrol and enforcement. Limit capacity based on parking availability at boat ramps.
 - FAA Issues: Noise abatement/MCO Traffic over Belle Isle (restrict times/routes)
 - State/Federal land purchasing
- Police Department Funding:
- Law Enforcement Grants: equipment, marine boat, and building infrastructure
 - Additional Officers to promote public safety initiative
 - Camera enforcement (Statute Revision) and traffic calming devices

b. Budget Discussion

Mayor opened budget discussions.

Council discussed sustainable revenues to include,

- Support hiring additional officers
- Additional staff succession plan
- Continue to pursue Grants
- Raising ad valorem taxes with a progressive increase until the cap is reached
- Continue to pursue annexation efforts
- Increase in rents from CCA and use of City property
- Refinance Bonds by November 2022

3. Adjournment

Mayor Fouraker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.