



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Held in City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue Belle Isle, FL 32809

Tuesday, March 01, 2022, \* 6:30 pm

**MINUTES**

Present was:

Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor  
District 1 Commissioner – Ed Gold  
District 2 Commissioner – Anthony Carugno  
District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck  
District 4 Commissioner – Randy Holihan  
District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell  
District 6 Commissioner – Jim Partin  
District 7 Commissioner – Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

**1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum**

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum. He noted that he would like to rearrange some items on the agenda to allow residents who are currently attending the Orange County meeting to be present.

Also present were City Manager Francis, Attorney Chumley, Chief Houston, Public Works Director Adkins, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

**2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag - Vice Mayor Jim Partin**

Comm Partin gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

**3. Promotion of Officer Wasmund**

Chief Houston introduced Officer Wasmund, recognized as a proven leader and committed to excellence. He was awarded the VFW Post 3287 Officer of the year and promoted to Sergeant.

**4. Consent Items**

Mayor Fouraker requested approval to add a Proclamation for Citizen of the Year as item e to the consent items.

- a. Approval of City Council meeting minutes - January 4, 2022
- b. Approval of City Council meeting minutes - January 27, 2022
- c. Approval of City Council meeting minutes - February 15, 2022
- d. Proclamation: Oak Ridge High School and Jenevieve Jackson
- e. Proclamation: Citizen of the Year awarded to Dave Smith from Total Septic.

Mayor Fouraker presented and read for the record the proclamation for Oak Ridge High School and Jenevieve Jackson and the proclamation for Citizen of the Year to Dave Smith.

**Comm Nielsen moved to approve the consent agenda items as amended.**

**Comm Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**5. Citizen's Comments**

Mayor Fouraker stated that the citizen comments received are directly related to the Lancaster House. He will open citizen comments for that agenda item at the presentation of item 7b. There being no further comment, citizen comments were closed.

## 6. Unfinished Business

- a. **Resolution 22-10:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read Resolution 22-10 by title.

Mr. Francis said the final ARPA Rule allows for additional eligible expenditures of ARPA funds that were not included in the Interim Final Rule. Mr. Francis spoke on the Updated Needs List and stated,

- After further review of the sidewalk replacement needs and potential liability, the staff requests an additional \$100,000 be added to the fund for sidewalk replacement/repairs. A sidewalk repair needs program will be submitted for Council approval later.
- Additional personnel: 2-Police Officers to cover speed/traffic enforcement, 2-Public Work employees, 1-part time admin, and 1-City Planner. Mayor Fouraker spoke in favor of the need for 2-additional police offers and shared his concern about the City's speed/traffic issues.
- Public Works Bucket Truck

City Manager Francis asked for Council consideration to reinstate Bing Grants to the Budget for \$7,000 per District. Since the last Budget approval, the staff has received three requests for a Bing Grant.

Thad Taylor, Chairman of the Budget Committee, spoke in favor of the proposed amendments as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Comm Gold stated that he favors the ARPA coverage and non-recurring items. However, all other items may be harder to approve because of the reoccurring costs.

**Comm Shuck moved to approve Resolution 22-10 with the addition of the Bing Grants of \$7,000 per District. Comm Holihan seconded the motion, which passed 5:2 with Comm Gold and Comm Partin, nay.**

## 7. New Business

- a. **Approval of Bid for Sol Avenue Drainage Project** - Mr. Francis reported that the Bid for Sol Avenue was not added to the packet because the staff was waiting to negotiate a better price. However, a copy of the bid was emailed to all Commissioners before the meeting. In December, the City received 2-bids with a project estimate of \$490,000. The Council rejected the bids to allow staff to create substantial Value Engineering and rebid the project. The City staff received one bid. Under Florida Law and the procurement procedures, we can negotiate with the Bidder. The Contractor revised the quote and resubmitted a bid of \$488,760. The staff recommends approval of DB Civil Construction for \$488,760 for the Sol Avenue project.

Comm Partin asked for clarification on the 15" reinforced concrete pipe, and in the bid, it references a 12" reinforced concrete pipe. Mr. Adkins said in discussions with the Engineer that they proposed a 12" trench drain. The contract had an outstanding unit cost that included a 15" drain. They are in discussions, and it allows for flexibility because the height of the water will determine drain size.

Comm Partin moved to accept the bid of DB Civil Construction for \$480,760 for the Sol Avenue project. Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

- b. **Approval of Bid to Demolish the Lancaster House** – Discussed during the City Manager's report.
- c. **Resolution 22-11: A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.**

City Manager Francis read Resolution 22-11 by title.

**Comm Carugno moved to approve Resolution 22-11 with the proposed correction of the description from Xenyx Recorder to Xenyx Mixer.**

**Comm Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.**

8. **Attorney's Report** – No report.

9. **City Manager's Report**

a. **Issues Log**

City Manager Francis reported on the Issues Log dated March 1, 2022, with the additional notes as follows,

**Traffic Issues/Projects: Comm Nielsen moved to direct staff to draft an ordinance for the prohibition of large trucks on Daetwyler Drive and Judge, change the speed limit on Daetwyler/Judge, add a four-way traffic stop on Via Flora, a rapid flashing beacon along with the raised crosswalk and inroad lighting system as budgeted. Comm Carugno seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 7:0.**

In addition, Mr. Francis opened for discussion on the speed limit reduction on Judge and Daetwyler. Currently, the City cannot go below 25mph, and it is currently at 35mph. Comm Nielsen said it is not reasonable to have residents drive 15mph on Judge and Daetwyler. She believes 25mph is a manageable speed limit at that curve.

CCA Lease Update is closed and will continue with a new item for CCA Expansion Project.

Mayor Fouraker read the Proclamation for Citizen of the Year.

Approval of Bid to Demolish the Lancaster House

City Manager Francis said the Council directed the City staff to draft an RFP to demolish the Lancaster House. On February 24, 2022, those bids were received from Sky Builders USA LLC for \$25,500 and (2) Aquatic Weeds Inc. for \$30,500.

Comm Carugno spoke on behalf of the residents and said he would like to save the Lancaster House. He proposed that City Council,

1. Move house to Wallace Field, Harney Homestead, and keep the historical value;
2. Use the surplus funds to move the home and make the request of the residents;
3. Staff should contact movers for a new bid to move the home. City Manager Francis said he had received bids from two movers; Modern Movers-\$74,000 includes 32" of stem wall construction and TA Young Blood & Son Movers-\$71,000 including \$19,000 for the foundation. Mr. Francis said he spoke to the CCA Chairman, who said they would like to see their proposed plan. However, if the Lancaster house is moved to Wallace Field, they would like to have the Use Agreement updated to remove any responsibility (maintenance and facility) for the Lancaster House.

Billy Morgan, Chairman of Pine Castle Pioneer Days, residing at 1916 Elizabeth Street Orlando Fl said the Board would like to continue their offer if the home is maintained on the Harvey Homestead.

**After further consideration, Comm Carugno moved to reject the bids to demolish the Lancaster House and use the \$25,500 and an additional \$50,000 surplus reserve to move the Lancaster house to Wallace Field. He further would like Council to direct staff to negotiate an agreement with Pioneer Days for the renovation and use of the Lancaster House that will include the involvement of CCA.**

**Comm Partin seconded the motion.**

Mayor Fouraker said the staff had not submitted the RFP for the move and wondered if Council could move on the motion. Attorney Chumley said Council would need to send out an RFP for solicitation if necessary. The funds can be set aside and submit the bids if required.

Comm Shuck said if the Pioneer Days Board agrees with the motion, are they willing to add to the cost of the move. Mr. Morgan said the Pine Castle Pioneer Days Board has decided to repair and maintain the home if it moved within the Harney Homestead. He said he could go back to the Board and ask for consideration to contribute to the cost of the move. Mayor Fouraker said he would match the Pioneer Days donation up to \$5,000.

Comm Shuck further added that the Council would need to consider several items, including public access, before making a final decision.

Comm Partin said that at a previous discussion with the CCA Chairman, he said he would bring the request back to the CCA Board for a \$20,000 contribution if the home is not a personal residence. Discussion ensued on moving costs.

Council members stated, for the record, that they had received several emails from residents and non-residents in favor of saving the house.

Mayor Fouraker called for citizen comments.

- Bobby Lance residing at 6615 Matchett Road, for the record, apologized to the Council for his actions a few months ago at a previous meeting.
- Billy Morgan residing at 1916 Elizabeth Street Orlando, FL, thanked the Council and Mayor for their partnership and support of the Pine Castle Pioneer Days. He asked for continued support and participation on March 26 at 10 am to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the B52 Crash.

Mr. Morgan further submitted for the record Petitions with 300 signatures in favor of saving the Lancaster House.

There being no further comment, Mayor Fouraker closed public comment.

**After discussion, the motion passed 6:1 with Commissioner Shuck, nay.**

b. Chief's Report

Chief Houston reported on the following,

- Bike Rodeo at CCA – Saturday, March 6. The City of Orlando will provide free bike safety training.
- Chief Houston spoke on the parking issues on Waltham, which have been addressed with CCA and parents.
- Two new officers have been added to the agency and will be introduced to Council at a future meeting.

c. Public Works Report – No report.

**10. Mayor's Report**

- The Board of County Commission voted favorable to the redistricting plan. Comm Mayra Uribe will have all of Belle Isle in her District and half of the airport.
- He and the City Manager spoke with the project's Developers on Daetwyler/Judge to receive and give feedback. They revealed that they have a Development Order in place to allow approximately 463 units. He and the staff will continue dialogue with the City of Orlando and the Developers. The next conf will be held on March 9.

**11. Items from Council**

- Comm Partin announced that he would be on vacation on March 15. He further reminded residents of the March 8th Election.
- Comm Holihan asked the City if they would be able to post how to file a complaint with the ANAC Committee regarding airplane fly-overs. He further asked if staff could adjust the sprinklers at Trimble Park
- Comm Carugno reminded all that the ANAC Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. He would also like the City to send out an alert on Noise complaints and the reporting process.
  - March 19 – Car show to honor Flight Veterans.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.