



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

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

Tuesday, March 29, 2022, * 6:00 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

Absent was:

District 7 Commissioner – OPEN
District 6 Commissioner – OPEN

1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Fouraker called the workshop to order at 6:10 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum.

Also present were City Manager Francis, Chief Houston, Public Works Director Derrek Adkins, Jim Partin, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

3. Presentation by Byron Brooks on Sales Tax Initiative

Byron Brooks, Orange County Administrator, presented the proposed Transportation Funding Initiative set for approval to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Brooks spoke on the Transportation Needs List Plan, Revenue and Allocation, and Transparency and Accountability Provisions. He noted that the decision-making work sessions started in January 2022. On April 26, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance, Resolution, and placing the referendum on the ballot. He further asked for Council consideration to pass a Resolution indicating whether or not the Board of County Commissioners has the support of Belle Isle to place this before the voters on November 8.

After the presentation, the City Council discussed the following and asked the City Manager to forward the following to Mr. Brooks for further clarification.

1. The City is estimated to receive a 10% allocation-\$862,070 annually. The City has \$1.6 million in projects. Once the City does its projects and may not have any additional capital projects, will the City continue to receive the \$862,000 for O&M? Since we cannot "stockpile" this funding, will our allocation be reduced or be stopped before the 20/30 years. If so, what happens to that money? The Council would not want to have residents continue to pay the tax if we are not going to continue to receive it.
2. Will there be an option to vote for the one-cent or a half-cent sales tax for the Ballot measure?
3. Is there a draft of the ordinance available that will set out the allocation and the procedures governing the use of the funds?
4. If we cannot stockpile the funds for a multi-year project, how do we receive funding for the project in the earlier years before completion when bills are due for engineering, design, etc.?
5. If we are five years into the tax period, can we change or add to the number of projects, and what is that process?
6. If revenues come in more (or less) than anticipated, can the County increase (or decrease) our allocation? If the distribution amount is decreased, does the City have to make up that difference?
7. Can a future BCC change the allocation or restrict its eligible uses by adopting a new ordinance?
8. Council asked for a copy of the entire plan submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for review before passing a Resolution as requested.

4. Adjournment

Without further business, Mayor Fouraker concluded the workshop at 8:05 pm.