



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
Budget Advisory Committee Minutes
Special Called Session
April 8, 2021 5:30PM

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The Belle Isle Budget Advisory Committee met in person for a Special Session April 8, 2021, 5:30 PM.

Members Present: Rick Miller, Clay Van Camp, Charlotte Brown, Ralph Yarbrough, Nash Shook, Rick Miller. Also in attendance, City Manager Bob Francis, City Clerk Quiceno.

Call to Order: Chairman Miller at 5:30PM asked City Clerk Quiceno to confirm quorum. Quorum confirmed.

Agenda Items: RDQ 21-03 Lobbying and Intergovernmental Consultant Services

1. The Southern Group

Kelly Cohen—Oscar Anderson—Kate Deloach

Presented presentation.

Board Member Wilson asked group about the decision made for “Isla Marada” Sandbar issue- Kate Deloach and Kelly Cohen discussed the “swimming zone” --to keep boats at specific feet from private property—discussed that FWC enforces rulings—modify behavior of boaters—work with municipalities to comply with ordinance--

City Manager Francis asked: How would you bring on Council -to educate what lobbyist do?

Kelly Cohen responded—not one size fits all---get to know clients---what is happening here in Belle Isle---challenges---history---how did Belle Isle get to where we are---what solutions is Belle Isle seeking---how to reach goals—Communication--Discuss how things are going--

Invest in City’s needs.

Board Member Shook – asked how to manage shift of power when new Governor and Senators are elected?

Kelly Cohen responded: lot of shifts—team members---strategically and calculated to work with leadership

Board Member Wilson asked- have you dealt with speed limit issues on lakes?

Kelly Cohen responded: not on Lakes---we would research—local and State side of issues.

Board Member Shook asked: aside from Pandemic—what were Big Issues?

Oscar Anderson responded: Vacation Rentals—Workers Compensation- Insurance- “Speaker Changes”--so specific issues associated with leadership change dynamics--

2. Ballard Partners - Christy Brodeur

Presented presentation.

Board Member Wilson asked: since South Fl is where most of your work is performed—any concerns with location of Belle Isle?

Christy Brodeur responded: No Concern---

Board Member Van Camp asked: FWC issues—Ruling on City of Marathon regarding anchoring distance requirements--

Christy Brodeur responded: Worked very closely with legislative and FWC---"Carve City of marathon out"---due to unique makeup of communities--

City Manager Francis asked: not only need to work with FWC---being close to Airport—trying to ensure Metroplex Operation going on at Airport---Planes not suppose to fly over Belle Isle—however--found out only "hand-shake" agreement—so very unsettling—Explain how you would bring Council together to work with lobbyist---

Christy Brodeur responded: Workshop---"One on One" interact with legislatures---get out in community---formulate core issues---and articulate those issues---Understanding comfort levels of members---

Board Member Miller asked about concerns with being based in Tallahassee-- not local---

Christy Brodeur responded: Travels back and forth regularly—just based out of Tallahassee--

3. Gray Robinson

Chris Dawson-----Chris Carmody

Presented presentation.

Board Member Wilson asked: how do you go about protecting Lake Conway?

Chris Dawson responded: FWC—water management—Environmental protection—statewide conversation--

City Manager Francis asked: Does Kissimmee have their own dispatch?

Chris Dawson responded: he would find out--

City Manager Francis stated: when calling dispatch—Belle Isle residents feel they are not being heard—Orlando Police won't dispatch for Belle Isle---get Belle Isle own funding for dispatch services--How would you bring Council together when they have never worked with lobbyist?

Chris Dawson responded: Sitting down---getting to know each other—Communication---or when Belle Isle says—don't text so much—or don't need to talk every day—whatever Belle Isle needs to develop comfort level---more they understand what Belle Isle needs are---the more they can accomplish for the City.

Adjournment

Presentations complete. There being no further business- meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.