



city council minutes

MINUTES CC Regular Session and Workshop March 18th, 2020 CC Regular Session 6:30 pm

The Belle Isle City Council met in a Regular Session on ~~February~~ March 18th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:

- Mayor Nicholas Fouraker
- Commissioner Ed Gold
- Commissioner Anthony Carugno
- Commissioner Mike Sims
- Commissioner Karl Shuck
- Commissioner Harv Readey
- Commissioner Jim Partin
- Commissioner Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

Also present were Attorney Langley, City Manager Francis, Deputy Chief ~~Houston~~ Grimm, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Comm Shuck led the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Mayor Fouraker and Council congratulated Comm Nielsen on winning the ~~reappointment to District 7~~ election to continue to represent District 7. Ed Gold was unopposed and automatically reappointed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to approve Consent items,

- a) Approval of City Council minutes – February 18th, 2020
- b) February 2020 Monthly Reports: Finance, Code Enforcement, Fire and PD

**Comm Nielsen motioned to approve consent items as presented.
Comm Sims seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Fouraker opened for citizen comments.
There being no citizen comment, he closed citizen comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion/Review issues with Lancaster House

City Manager Francis clarified a statement he made previously regarding the Lancaster House losing its historical significance if it ~~did not stay~~ at its ~~original~~ current location. That statement was based on the assumption that the Pine Castle Historical Society (PCHS) ~~intended proposal~~ to renovate the building and leave it at its current location. They were also going to speak with the Cornerstone Charter Academy School Board (CCA) and ~~asked~~ if the house was renovated will they use it again. He found, after speaking with CCA, that was not done. As it turns out, CCA is not interested in occupying the house and said they would assist with some of the funding to have ~~it~~ the home moved.

After further research, Mr. Francis said losing the historical significance may not be the case. He called the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and they said in most circumstances if a home is moved, it will not be considered, only under certain circumstances. He reported that SHPO said if an application is not submitted, a determination cannot be made. He explained the findings to PCHS, ~~but~~ and an application has not been submitted to date. ~~He provided criteria consideration for the record provided by SHPO.~~

Mr. Francis said he had had some discussion with Mr. Waber from the Pine Castle Urban Preservation District, who believes there are other variables to be considered to determine eligibility, and he eligible and provided documents for the record. After discussion, Mr. Francis recommended the following for consideration,

1. Require PCHS to submit the SHPO application by April 30th;
2. Develop a plan for moving the Lancaster House, cost, source of funds, project leader and moving date;
3. Provide the application and moving plans to the City by May 12th, 2020;
4. Provide a funding plan for the rehabilitation by June 1st, 2020;
5. Stipulate PCHS cannot transfer, sell, or deed the Lancaster House.

Mr. Mark Line residing at 548 S Hyer Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801 representing the Orange Preservation Trust, said the Trust advocates for the renovation of historical buildings and cultural heritage of communities. He strongly believes the Lancaster House has historical value and may be open for grants and should be restored. He said having CCA lease the property has not been very helpful for the City in preserving the historical buildings on this property. Mr. Line asked for any consideration to have the Lancaster House remain at its location, and to work closely with the school to save the Lancaster House would be much appreciated. Discussion ensued on grant opportunities and the current challenges with the PCHS Board.

Mayor Fouraker said CCA has a current lease until 2040, and the Lancaster house has no practical use for the school and its students. He shared his concern with the delay of the move of the Lancaster house and the existing security and safety challenges with having this structure in its current condition on City/school property. He further shared his concern with the process and the time given to the Historical Society.

Council discussed the safety and health hazards of due to the current condition of the Lancaster House.

After discussion, Comm Carugno moved to approve the City Manager's recommendation and request PCHS to submit a funding and moving plan no later than June 1st, 2020.

Comm Sims seconded the motion for discussion.

Comm Gold said he would like Council to allow another organization to move the Lancaster House.

Comm Partin said he would like Council to include an exact date to move the Lancaster House.

The motion failed 3:4 with Comm Partin, Comm Gold, Comm Readey, and Comm Shuck, nay.

Comm Partin motioned to reconsider Comm Carugno's motion ~~to~~ but include a hard date for plans to move ~~of~~ the Lancaster House to be completed no later than July 1st, 2020.

Comm Sims seconded the motion which passed 5:2 with Comm Gold and Comm Readey, nay.

Approval of Red Light Camera Bid

City Manager Francis presented the Traffic Camera Safety System bids submitted as follows,

1. NovoaGlobal - \$3,500/month per system
2. Sensys Gatso Group - \$3,250/month per system
3. Verra Mobility - \$3,500/month per system

The City staff reviewed the proposals, and they are all good companies. The advantages of NovoaGlobal are that they are headquartered in Orlando and stated in their bid that they do not have any current litigation pending. The contract is a turnkey operation and can be terminated, with no penalty at any time if the City is losing income. Staff is recommending NovoaGlobal and will need to hire a part-time person to review the data. The part-time person cost is included in the budgeted amount.

Comm Sims moved to accept the bid of NovoaGlobal for the traffic camera system for \$3,500 per month per system and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Council consensus was to have the City Manager execute the contract after final review by the City Attorney. The City Manager said the cameras will be placed on Hansel at Fairlane, and Oakridge.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed 6:1 with Comm Readey, nay.

Discuss draft ordinance for the use of pavers

City Manager Francis presented a draft Ordinance of Use of Pavers for Sidewalks. At the February 16th City Council meeting, the Council heard testimony from several residents about the advantages of pavers and request Council review of the current code. The ordinance has been revised to include the following:

- Sets specifications for concrete sidewalks;
- Allows the use of pavers on a case-by-case basis;
- Makes property owners who install pavers responsible for maintenance;
- Sets specifications for pavers and installation of pavers;
- Grandfather existing pavers, but when repaved or removed, must comply with these code changes.

Mr. Francis noted that the revisions remove the language from the Subdivision Section of the Code and place it in its section in the code. He asked for approval of First Reading at the April 21th City Council meeting.

Comm Sims moved to approve the staff recommendations and read the proposed ordinance for the first time on April 21st, 2020, City Council meeting.

Comm Readey seconded the motion, which passed 6:1 with Comm Carugno, nay.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 20-02 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR; ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS PREPARATION FOR AND MITIGATION OF COVID-19; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, NON-CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm Sims motioned to approve Ordinance 20-02 as presented

Comm Carugno seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call.

Approval of BING Grant for LC Estates for ~~ramp-dock~~ repair

Comm Nielsen presented the Lake Conway Estate request of \$5,000 in BING funding to rebuild the boat dock that is in disrepair. The total of the repair is \$20,000 and asked Comm Gold if he will agree to submit his Districts allotted amount of \$5,000 for a combined total of \$10,000. Comm Gold agreed to the request.

Comm Nielsen moved to approve the BING Grant for Lake Conway Estates to restore the boat dock.

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

Demolish Single Family Residence at 1604 Swann Avenue

City Manager Francis gave an overview of the cited property ~~and public nuisance~~ at 1604 Swann. With the condition of the house and property, the City has consulted with the City Attorney and determined the home a public health and safety issue. The City has a quote to demolish the house. The City Manager said he would work with the parties that have ~~invested-expressed~~ interest in the property if it is foreclosed and see what can be done for the City to recoup its costs, including having the property turned over to the City.

Comm Sims moved to declare the property located at 1604 Swann Avenue to be a public nuisance and public health and safety hazard and further direct the City Manager to remedy the condition. I further move that we accept the proposal of Cathcart Construction Company to demolish the residence located at 16704 Swann Avenue for \$33,845.00 and direct that this amount be placed as a lien on the property.

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

ATTORNEY REPORT – Attorney Langley said many jurisdictions have asked if the Governor has addressed how the City should conduct public meetings moving forward. He has not received any information to date but will keep everyone posted.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Francis reported on the following Issues Log update,

- Gene Polk Park – Near completion and on budget.
- Street paving – Will present a projected new budget on the street paving without the franchise fees.
- Derine/Chiswick projects ~~are-is~~ completed.
- St. Partin – Research an easement possibility.
- Transportation Plan – MetroPlan completed data collection and may present it to Council on May 5th.

- Wallace Field – CCA approved the Use Agreement ~~Purchase of Property for Wallace Park~~. A memo was forwarded to the CCA Board to schedule a Joint meeting.
 - o BOA Contract – Reviewing the contract ~~of~~. We will discuss ATM concerns.
 - o Cross Lake Purchase – Wired initial funds to the State to start the process of the contract. Once executed by the State, the remainder of the funds will be forwarded.
- Strategic Plan – Discussion on April 7th if approved adoption scheduled for April 21st.
- Speed Trailer Data – Provided data from the Speed Trailer located on Hoffner. This report will be provided monthly with other reports.

Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Grimm reported on the following,

- PD working closely with the State and other Agencies on the COVID-19.

Appointment of Special Events Committee members Maggie Burette and Craig Huff

City Manager Francis presented two applications for the Special Events Committee Board for consideration from Maggie Burdette and Craig Huff.

Comm Readey moved to appoint Maggie Burdett and Craig Huff to the Special Events Committee.

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

Spring Fling – Save the Date Flyer

Chairman Bobrowski said some of the State vendors have canceled due to the current events with the Coronavirus. She recommended postponing the event to the Fall. Council consensus was ~~to~~ cancel the Spring Fling and the Easter Egg Hunt.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fouraker said the City would continue to be vigilant on the Federal/State updates on the Coronavirus.

COUNCIL REPORT

Comm Carugno

- Comm Carugno asked for an update on Annexation. City Manager Francis said the City Planner is working on some reports for review.
- Comm Carugno further urges residents to continue contacting the Airport Noise Aviation Committee on any questions on airport noise.

Comm Gold

- Comm Gold asked if the Council would like to add a reconsideration of waiving veteran fees on the next agenda. Council consensus was to not ~~open additional discussion~~ reconsider.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously at 8:45 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC, City Clerk