



## city council minutes

**MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2019**  
**Workshop Session 5:30 pm**

The Belle Isle City Council met in a City Council Workshop on April 9, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:

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

Absent was:

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fouraker called the City Council Workshop Session to order at 5:30 pm and confirmed quorum.

Mayor Fouraker led the Pledge to the flag.

City Clerk informed the Council that Commissioner Ed Gold might not be present for the workshop due to a previous engagement.

**BELLE ISLE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION**

City Manager Francis introduced Jim Watson from Nelson Nygaard who presented the findings from the Stakeholders meeting, existing traffic conditions and proposed recommendations.

Mr. Watson presented a power point presentation and stated that as part of their research they reached out to the community with a kick-off meeting last spring, a stakeholder meeting in November and a City Council presentation on November 13, 2018. Also he reached out to Orange County and FDOT for further feedback on the proposed master plan.

Mr. Watson presented an overview of the following:

Community Goals

- Transportation is safe for all residents
- Minimal traffic congestion
- Comfortable areas to walk/bike/shop
- Attractive streets to contribute to the community

Community Highlights/Comments

- Safety and Traffic congestion on Hoffner and Nela
- Additional safety on Daetwyler, Judge, Perkins, and Gondola

Existing Congestion Conditions

- Hoffner Avenue
- North/South Connectivity is limited
- East/West needs improvement
- Cut through traffic

#### Policy-Oriented Recommendations

- Provide a complete policy showing how the streets are used
- Safe/Accessible
- Robust network for bicycle traffic and effective transit connectivity
- Provide for safe and efficient flow of private vehicles

#### Physical Recommendations and Improvements (maps provided)

- Roadway, Bicycle and Pedestrian network
- Proposed 18 foot shared used paths along Hoffner Avenue (North), Daetwyler (w), Judge (s), Gondola and Perkins
- Prioritize the installation of Flashing Beacons on heavy travel streets
- Cost Elements; development fees, annexation, and Regional Coordination Funding to help fund improvements

#### Other items for consideration

- The use of Golf Carts limited to subdivisions and bike lanes on the south side of the City
- Beach Line ramp tolling mechanisms

Council addressed the following concerns,

- Tighten up the curb radius on Seminole and Nela, Daetwyler and Judge with additional signage and speed humps
- Widen the shared used path on Judge Road next to the wall or add a 2-3 foot buffer
- Highlight/Mark the pedestrian crosswalks/medians on areas like Hoffner and Nela
- Add pedestrian improvements and have the County re-assess the speed limits on City/County roads
- Have Belle Isle representation with the Orange Avenue corridor planning groups to discourage cut-through traffic
- Research and provide documentation on ownership of surrounding roads
- Add raised crosswalks by Nela intersection, Orange Avenue and Matchett to slow traffic
- Coordinate with the County and commission a study to install crosswalks on the north side of Hoffner at Darden or Pelleport
- Add annexed subdivision Brighton Park to the research and proposed maps
- Widen McCoy Road and improve traffic flow by removing some of the rights-of-way and prioritizing the timing of the traffic lights
- Tighten enforcement on the boundary roads with interlocal/mutual aid agreements
- Request a compilation of all the trouble spots and concerns identified to move forward with County Officials

City Manager Francis reported that the County is in the process of transferring the roads to the south and the east which include Seminole from Nela to Daetwyler, Judge Road from Conway to Daetwyler, Daetwyler from Judge Road to McCoy frontage and McCoy from Daetwyler to Gondola. The roads, when transferred, will be upgraded to the current State standards and allow for the Belle Isle Police enforcement.

After discussion, Council consensus was to schedule additional public forum workshops and allow the residents to provide additional feedback before moving forward. Also, the Council would like to see further discussion on how the City can reduce traffic on the roads and create a better flow of existing traffic.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Mayor Fouraker opened for citizen comment.

- Richard Weinsier shared his concerns with the traffic on Seminole/Nela Avenue. He would like to see speed humps installed.
- John Tremblay would like to see flashing beacons on the streets by the school and recommends crosswalks are well marked.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously at 7:30 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC, City Clerk