



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED SESSION - 2ND BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 * 6:30 PM
MINUTES

Present was:

Mayor – Jason Carson
District 1 Commissioner – Frank Vertolli
District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck
District 4 Commissioner – Bobby Lance
District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell
District 6 Commissioner – Stan Smith
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

District 2 Commissioner – Holly Bobrowski

1. Call to Order

Mayor Carson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and the Clerk confirmed the presence of a quorum. City Manager Rudometkin, Chief Grimm, Attorney Langley, Public Works Director Phil Price, Finance Director Tracey Richardson, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno were also present.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag

Comm Lowell gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Second Public Budget Hearing – FY 2025/2026

Mayor Carson called for a motion to open the Second Budget Public Hearing.

Comm Partin moved to open the Second Budget Public Hearing.

Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

City Manager Rick Rudometkin presented the FY 2025-2026 tentative budget, Version 5.091625. He stated the rollback millage rate of 4.1618 mills with the percentage increase over the rollback rate of 14.96%, and the final adopted millage rate of 4.7845 mills.

Mayor Carson called for public comment; there being none, he closed citizen comments.

After the discussion, Mayor Carson called for approval of Resolutions 25-12, 25-13, and 25-14.

City Manager Rudometkin read Resolution 25-12 by title.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm Shuck moved to adopt Resolution 25-12 as presented.

Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5:1 upon roll call with Comm Vertolli, nay.

City Manager Rudometkin read Resolution 25-13 by title.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm Smith moved to adopt Resolution 25-13 as presented.

Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed 5:1 upon roll call with Comm Vertolli, nay.

City Manager Rudometkin read Resolution 25-14 by title.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm Smith moved to adopt Resolution 25-14 as presented.

Comm Lance seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0 upon roll call.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Carson called for a motion to adjourn the budget hearing.

Comm Partin moved to close the Second Budget Public Hearing.

Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

Mayor Carson called for a motion to excuse Comm Bobrowski from this evening's session.

Comm Lance moved to excuse Comm Bobrowski.

Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

3. Public Comments & Announcements

Mayor Carson opened for public comment.

- Mr. Justin Story, running as a Republican for Florida's 9th Congressional District, addressed the Council and the community. With no further comments, Mayor Carson closed the public comments.

5. Consent Items

- A. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2025
- B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Orange County for Cost-sharing of Aerial Photography Acquisition (GIS)
- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-15** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHSTATE BANK TO EXTEND THE \$750,000 REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- D. Approval of the Orange County Non-Ad Valorem Admin Assessment Agreement FY25-26

Mayor Carson called for a motion to approve the consent items

Comm Lance moved to approve items A, C, and D as presented.

Comm Lowell seconded the motion.

Comm Vertolli moved to pull item B for discussion.

The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

6. Unfinished Business - na

7. New Business

- a. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Orange County for Cost-sharing of Aerial Photography Acquisition (GIS)
Comm Vertolli asked for clarification on the purpose of the agreement. Mr. Rudometkin said the agreement is a yearly approval with Orange County and the GIS program. Comm Vertolli shared his concern with the “no fee” agreement and asked if there would be a cost in the future. CM Rudometkin stated that the agreement will be brought to the Council for approval annually, and the Council will receive updates should the agreement's language change.
Comm Vertolli moved to approve item B as presented.
Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

- b. Approval of Resolution 25-11

City Manager Rudometkin read Resolution 25-11 by title.

Approval of RESOLUTION NO. 25-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PRIVATE PROVIDER INSPECTION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE BY ADDING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Rudometkin presented the Resolution for adopting a policy for Private Provider Inspections (PPI).

Attorney Langley stated that the policy appears to be in line with what other cities have in place and does not have any concerns with the staff proposal.

Comm Vertolli asked for clarification on the reduction of 100% of the total plan review fee. Attorney Langley said the city is unique in that it contracts with a third party for building permits, and other cities have staff and overhead. This is a statutory mandate that the legislature adopted to allow developers/owners to hire their own inspections without government review. There is no liability on the part of the government if a homeowner's buildout is not completed correctly.

The third party provided the proposed fee and stated that it aligns with the current contract. There are no additional salary expenses to be paid. A discussion ensued regarding the permitting and inspection process, as well as the reasons why someone might opt to hire a PPI.

After discussion, Comm Lowell moved to adopt Resolution 25-11 as presented.

Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

c. Approval of the FY2025-2026 Fee Schedule

Comm Smith moved to adopt the FY2025/2026 Fee Schedule as presented.

Comm Lance seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Carson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously at 7:05 pm.