



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MINUTES

Present was:

Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor
District 1 Commissioner – Ed Gold
District 2 Commissioners – Anthony Carugno
District 4 Commissioner – Randy Holihan
District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell
District 6 Commissioner – Stan Smith
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum.

Also present were City Manager Francis, Attorney Langley, Chief Houston, Public Works Director Adkins, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

Mayor Fouraker announced that Comm Gold would join the meeting late due to other scheduled meetings.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag – Commissioner Stan Smith, District 6

Comm Smith gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to excuse Comm Shuck from tonight's meeting.

Comm Lowell moved to excuse Comm Shuck from the meeting.

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

3. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the September 20, 2022, City Council meeting minutes
- b. Approval of the September 28, 2022, Special Called Session

Comm Holihan moved to approve the consent items as presented.

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

4. Citizen's Comments

Mayor Fouraker called for citizen comments. There being none, he closed citizen comments.

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

a. Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services

City Manager Francis presented the Attorney Contract Amendment. He stated that the City Attorney's Office has not requested a cost increase for the past five years and is requesting a supplement to the contract for an increase in fees.

After a brief discussion, Comm Carugno moved to approve the contract amendment as presented.

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

- b. Approval of RESOLUTION 22-29 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF BELLE ISLE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read Resolution 22-29 by title.

There being no further discussion, Comm Smith moved to approve Resolution 22-29 as presented.

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

- c. Bing Grant for Landscaping Daetwyler Shores

City Manager Francis presented the Daetwyler Shores (District 4) HOA Bing Grant for new landscaping for \$5,145. The maximum funding is 50% of the total project totaling \$2600.

Comm Holihan moved to approve the Bing Grant for Daetwyler Shores HOA for the landscaping project in the grant amount of \$2,600.

Comm Gold joined the meeting.

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

d. Discussion on Hurricane Ian

City Council discussed post-Hurricane Ian's updates.

City Manager Francis said the City had local flooding (13 inches of rain) and a large number of yard debris, primarily on the City's north side. One of the significant problems the City experience is the Orange County lift station shut down, causing some sewer backups in some homes. Orange County did reach out to the City staff and stated that they were aware of the issue and provided a number for resident assistance.

Staff reported the following.

1. He asks residents to be patient during the debris pick-up.
2. The City has contracted with Pete Madison and will stage at the Park & Fly
3. Staff is involved with the debris monitoring as required by FEMA.
4. The FEMA Contractors will go through the City and pick up all Hurricane Debris: yard, and construction debris.
5. The Tree Removal Contractor is also working throughout the City, removing yard debris and tree trimming as necessary.
6. The City has applied for FEMA assistance in Category A and B.
7. The City facilities are in good shape.
8. Issue on Overlook is being addressed.
9. Ramps will remain closed until lake levels are down and all loose objects are removed from the lake.
10. Duke Energy has most of the power restored. The City will address a few challenges with Duke with residents on Nela Avenue.
11. The City has contacted Orange County EPD for sweeping street services.
12. City staff and first responders were staged at City Hall overnight.
13. Sandy Rifle, Acting City Clerk, stayed at the EOC and communicated updates with the City.

City Council discussed some of the pros/cons during this event as follows,

- Preparation by Duke was part of the recovery for most of the City.
- Encourage residents to sign up for the elert system.
- Officers were on patrol and very visible during and after the storm
- Staff should send out a postcard to promote MyBellelsle – GoGov.

- Complaints on communication for the garbage pick up
- People on the lake after the storm after the closing of the ramps.
- Research installing underground wiring for electricity throughout the City.
- Weir should be ready sooner; better communication with/by Orange County
- Remind residents not to drain pools into the street
- Indian Drive was hit hard with yard debris

7. Attorney's Report – na

8. City Manager's Report

a. Issues Log

City Manager Francis reported briefly on his Issues Log dated October 4, 2022.

b. Chief's Report

- Chief noted that overall, the cleanup has been very positive. There are a few that are not very respectful to the Police. However, they are working through some of the negativity.
- A1 septic was instrumental during the hurricane prep and donated sand and sandbags for residents.

c. Public Works Report

- Conway Isle's turbidity barrier broke away and created issues on Cove and Sol, which have been addressed.

- Overlook Road issues were due to a large amount of water from the hurricane, and staff would have to wait until the water receded to address.
- There are a lot of Bees displaced; please avoid any hives.
- Avoid placing yard debris in a plastic bag. Dump a pile of Hurricane Debris. JJ's will service all yard debris in cans, and yard debris in plastic bags will be picked up by JJ's with the garbage waste.

9. Mayor's Report

10. Items from Council

- ANAC meeting – October 21 at 10 am at the Airport
- Boat Parade Dec 16, 17, and 18.
- Comm Parton said Charlene Cross called and asked if the City could paint the intersection by the school, which is fading and hard to see.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn.
The motion passed unanimously at 7:45 pm.