



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**  
Held in City Hall Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue

Tuesday, November 30, 2021, \* 6:30 pm  
**MINUTES**

Present was:

Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor  
District 1 Commissioner – Ed Gold  
District 2 Commissioner – Anthony Carugno  
District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck  
District 4 Commissioner – Randy Holihan  
District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell  
District 6 Commissioner – Jim Partin  
District 7 Commissioner – Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

**1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum**

Mayor Fouraker called the workshop to order at 6:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum.  
Also present were City Manager Francis and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

**2. Acquisition of Property**

City Manager Francis presented a list of properties the City may be interested in for expanding the City's park space and Police Department facility and school use. The current Police Department building, if expanded, is not adequate in the long term. He noted that some are private residents, and the homeowners have expressed interest in speaking with the City.

There are currently 13-parks in the City. We do not have any parks with playground equipment, and he believes the City needs to change its philosophy and add playground equipment in some areas for the young families making our City their home. Discussion ensued on the properties list, eminent domain vs. friendly condemnation, strategic location, and use.

Comm Holihan said he and Mr. Francis agree on most of the locations. Comm Holihan clarified that the City could obtain property by eminent domain within and out of the city limits. Comm Holihan spoke on a couple of properties for municipal use, (1) Masonic Lodge, property to the east and the little house in between on Hoffner, and (2) McCoy Federal on Sand Lake Road/Lindos (8½ acres); McCoy Bank can keep the frontage, and a drive-through and the City can use the remainder of the land, and (3) Add to the Public Works maintenance building and annex the entire block that includes Casa Vieja; and (4) the undeveloped property at the northwest corner of Daetwyler and McCoy. Comm Holihan said the City would need to determine their needs and consult with an Architect/Engineer to develop a Space Needs Analysis. Discussion ensued on the staff/police department office space, parking, and parks requirements.

City Manager Francis asked if Council would like to move forward with a Space needs Analysis before moving forward with available properties to acquire.

After discussion, the Council consensus was to hold a quarterly workshop to continue discussions and move forward as follows,

- Open discussion with the Church regarding the Oasis Building
- Staff to engage with an Engineer/Consultant on a Space Needs Analysis for municipal complex/PD facility
- Possibility of creating a CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency)
- Creating Parks utilizing ARPA Funds

**3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.