



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 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 meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum.
Also present were Attorney Ardaman City Manager Francis, Chief Houston, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag - Commissioner Lowell, District 5

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

3. Presentations

- a. Belle Isle Police Department Life-Saving Award: Officer Roman Watkins
Chief Houston presented Officer Roman Watkins with a Life-Saving Award. Mr. Lawrence and his family were present to thank Officer Watkins for going beyond his call for service.
- b. Oak Ridge High School Partnership
Ms. Vanessa, MS ORHS student, spoke on a couple of ideas for the City in developing a partnership with ORHS. She asked for consideration to partner in donating food, blankets, and pillows for Oak Ridge High School families.
- c. CFX 2045 Master Plan – Will Hawthorne, Central Florida Expressway - Director of Engineering presented the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) 2045 Master Plan. THE CFX Master Plan is a long-range regional planning study that identifies potential transportation projects over the next 25 years. CFX's Master Plan guides future operations and capital investment decisions and serves as the basis for the agency's Five-Year Work Plans.

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes - October 19, 2021
- b. Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes - November 2, 2021
- c. Monthly Reports: October - PD Case Log, NAV Board Report, Marine Patrol, and Fire Unit Responses
- d. Proclamation - Servant's Heart - Action Hunger Month

Mayor Fouraker read and presented Servant's heart with a Proclamation – Action Hunger Month.

City Manager Francis said he would like to pull the NAV Board report for a correction. He stated that he would like to remove item EPD(b) on Page 32 of the packet because Tara Urbanick noted that the minutes were inaccurate. However, Mr. Francis said in the September 2021 NAV Board meeting, Mr. Evertsen wrote a couple of comments to the public and stated that cost-sharing agreements should be in place with property owners on the canal. Mr. Francis said if residents have any concerns, they should contact their NAV Board representatives, Bobby Lance and John Evertsen.

Comm Holihan said he was in attendance at the last NAV Board meeting and believed Mr. Francis's comment was correct.

**There being no further discussion, Comm Gold moved to approve the Consent Items as discussed.
Comm Holihan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.**

5. Citizen's Comments

Mayor Fouraker called for Citizen Comments.

Adam McGinnis spoke on the garbage can placement on the ROW around his home. Due to the overgrown vegetation on the ROW, the garbage has not been picked regularly. He has had several conversations with the waste haulers and has asked the City for some assistance. He showed pictures of the progression of the bushes and the hedges in the past year. In addition, he asked about paving the road, as discussed in previous meetings. Mr. Francis said he would have staff respond to the request on the overgrown vegetation. Mr. Francis noted that the staff is in the process of putting together a plan for fixing the paving and drainage in this year's budget.

Mr. McGinnis further shared his concern with the placement of the bollards and the ingress/egress of emergence vehicles. The bollards may be a legal obligation and should be moved to allow a 15-foot egress. Discussion ensued. Mr. Francis stated that the removal or repositioning of the bollards would be considered part of the paving plan.

There being no further comment, the Mayor closed citizen comments.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Ordinance 21-14 Amending Districts (Second Reading and Adoption) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read Ordinance 21-14 by title.

Commissioner Gold moved to adopt Ordinance 21-14

Commissioner Holihan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call.

City Manager Francis said upon adoption, the staff will send out a mail-out showing the new districts.

7. New Business

- a. Resolution 21-24 Piggyback on Paving Contracts - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO VENDORS APPROVED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY FOR PAVING AND RELATED SERVICES, PIGGYBACKING PALM BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT ITB NO. #20C-46V AND ORANGE COUNTY BID Y20-1031-RM; AND PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read Resolution 21-24 by title.

City Manager Francis said the entities listed allow the City to piggyback off of their contract, and vendors will provide the prices in the agreement. He said that he had researched a few companies and the contract is providing the best competitive prices.

Commissioner Gold moved to adopt Resolution 21-24.

Commissioner Holihan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call.

- b. Discussion on establishing a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program in Belle Isle
City Manager Francis said he had had a few calls from residents interested in the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) to fund renovations in their homes that have to do with energy efficiency. Over 200 cities and towns in Florida have a Pace Program, including Apopka, Orlando, Winter Garden, and Winter Park. It is not a City program and not subsidized by City funds. If used by residents, the program is repaid by the homeowner as a special assessment on their tax bill and has no prepayment fees. Mr. Francis showed a PowerPoint presentation on some of the program highlights.

Ryan Batkus, Pace Director-Economic Development through Conduit Bond Finance, and Devesh Nirmul from Hannon Armstrong were present and gave an overview of the program's Commercial and Residential products available. Mr. Batkus spoke on contractual/underwriting agreements if approved to move forward. The program is voluntary, a turnkey district program, and at no cost to the City. A presentation was provided of the program.

Discussion ensued. City Council asked the following questions,

- Are different districts offering different products/financing? Yes,
- How do residents find out about the program if the Pace Program is adopted? Through their Contractors and City website.
- How do residents pay for the product? Through their taxes.
- Is it tax-deductible? Each resident should refer to their accountant for tax questions.
- What is the loan rate? Between 5-8% - for the product's useful life and will not pull credit rating for loan approval.
- What type of education is provided for residents before applying for the program? Consumer protection information is available for research – (i.e., Confirmed terms and Certificate of completion before paying).
- Right to cancel? There is a three-day right to cancel with the contractor. On the finance side, it will be open until the day of closing.
- What stops the flood of contractors knocking on doors misleading homeowners (Predatory Lending)? This is private capital, and approved contractors are trained extensively and vetted accordingly.
- What happens in the event the new tax bill cannot be paid? A lien will be placed on the property, and the collection process will begin after delinquency. If available due to circumstances, they will work with property owners to spread out payments.
- Does the District that provides the loans has any rights on first right of refusal? It will depend on the underwriting overlay. They would rather have the property owner make the payment.
- What is the rate of foreclosure? They are in line with traditional mortgage foreclosure rates; nationally, delinquency rates are way below the prime mortgage rate of less than 25%, typically. At this time, he does not have current data available.

Discussion ensued. Council agreed to have the staff bring forward a contract agreement and program information for review and consideration. Council further agreed that staff should include more information about the Pace Program on the City's web page for resident reference.

After Discussion, Commissioner Carugno moved to move the Discussion forward with Pace and draft a resolution for review at the next City Council meeting.

Commissioner Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

- c. CCA PTSA Festival of Trees Sponsorship
Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the Festival of Trees sponsorship of \$150.00.
Commissioner Carugno seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

8. Attorney's Report – No report.

9. City Manager's Report

- a. Issues Log
City Manager Francis gave an over of the Issues Log dated November 16, 2021. In addition, the Council spoke on the following,

City Council discussed the move of the Lancaster House. Comm Nielsen said Billy Morgan stated that he would favor renovating the home and would like to speak with staff and present a plan of action to City Council at the next meeting. Discussion ensued on prior events and deadline challenges.

Council discussed stop signs at Cullen Lake Shore. Comm Gold said the residents have been pushing for stop signs and dread speed humps due to safety and health concerns. He further said the speed humps impede first responders from traveling to their destination. City Manager Francis said the staff would work on a plan and bring it forward for Council consideration.

City Manager Francis said the staff is working on getting the word out regarding the new Districts.

b. Chief's Report

Chief Houston gave an update on the following.

- Dec. 6th – BOA Vaccine Event
- Dec 7th – PAB appointments
- Collection food/supplies for Oakridge and Servant's Heart
- Code Enforcement moving forward – Both new officers in training.
- Since the start of the year: 2,645 Traffic stops: 35% on Hoffner. Since the City has jurisdiction on Judge/Daetwyler: 1,774 traffic stops.

c. Public Works

Derreck Adkins gave an update on the following.

- The pre-bid meeting for Swan Beach Deck – October 20th
- The crew is working on the City's southwest side, identifying sidewalks that require repair.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fouraker said he was pleased to see the NAV Board meeting at City Hall – Positive partnership.

11. Items from Council

- Comm Partin spoke on the crosswalk at Seminole/Daetwyler. There have been several accidents, and he would like to see if the City could add a light at Hoffner to avoid further safety issues. He asked if the City would partner with Orange County and the City of Orlando.

He asked if the City would place decoy vehicles on Judge/Daetwyler as a safety measure.

- Comm Holihan asked if the City could look at the intersection of McCoy and Via Flora.
- Comm Shuck spoke about the Lancaster House and shared his concern with prolonging the issue. He would like to make sure the Council agrees to a deadline and holds firm.
- Comm Carugno shared his concerns with the high-speed motorcycles on Hoffner Avenue. Comm Carugno gave an update on the ANAC Committee meeting and said the new procedure with Metroplex is positive for the most part and continues to be negotiated. He encourages residents to call the hotline with any concerns.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.