



## city council minutes

### MINUTES September 4, 2018 \* 5:30 p.m. City Council Budget Workshop

The Belle Isle City Council met in a City Council Workshop on September 4, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present:

Mayor Pisano  
Commissioner Gold  
Commissioner Carugno  
Commissioner Weinsier  
Vice Mayor/Commissioner Readey  
Commissioner Sims  
Commissioner Partin  
Commissioner Nielsen

Absent:

Also present: City Manager Bob Francis, Finance Manager Tracey Richardson, Chief Houston, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

Meeting audio is available on the City's website at [www.cityofbelleislefl.org](http://www.cityofbelleislefl.org) and at City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pisano called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

City Manager Francis presented the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Preliminary Operating Budget and Budget Message in accordance with the Charter. He provided and gave a brief overview of the significant changes and highlights of the budget as follows,

**001 GENERAL FUND**

**REVENUES**

Millage to remain at 4.4018

Restructured accounts:

FROM		TO	
001-323-400	Franchise Fees – Gas	001-314-800	Utility Service Tax - Propane
001-232-200	Franchise Fees – Telecommunications	001-315-000	Communications Services Taxes

**EXPENDITURES**

**511 LEGISLATIVE**

- ✓ Election Expense (001-511-00-3150)
  - Renamed: was Elections – Professional Service
  - Zeroed out other elections lines (printing & binding and other current charges). All election expenses will be charged to Election Expense.
- ✓ Auditing & Accounting (001-511-00-3200)
  - \$28,135 Decrease (Due to forensic audit that was budgeted in FY 1718)
- ✓ Added Contractual Services (001-511-00-3400)
  - \$3,000 for strategic plan expenses

- ✓ Travel & Per Diem (001-511-00-400x)
  - Decreased from \$1,500/district to \$1,000/district

**512 EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

- ✓ Travel & Per Diem (001-512-00-4000)
  - Decreased from \$1,500 to \$1,000

**513 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- ✓ Regular Salaries & Wages (001-513-00-1200)
  - 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
  - 2% Merit
- ✓ Retirement (001-513-00-2200)
  - Increase from 9.5% to 11%

**519 GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

- ✓ Contractual Services (001-519-00-3400)
  - Decreased from \$80,000 to \$64,000 (due to \$15k for marketing budgeted in FY 1718)
- ✓ Landscaping Services (001-519-00-3420)
  - Moved to Public Works (Department 541)
- ✓ Urban Forestry (001-519-00-6490)
  - Moved to Public Works (Department 541)
- ✓ Neighborhood Grant Program (001-519-00-8310)
  - Remains at \$49,000 (\$7,000/district)

**521 POLICE**

- ✓ Regular Salaries & Wages (001-521-00-1200)
  - 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
  - 2% Merit
  - 4% Additional Increase for Chief and Deputy Chief
  - 1% Additional Increase for Officers
- ✓ Retirement Contributions (001-521-00-2200)
  - Increase from 12.5% to 15% for non-civilian
  - Increase from 9.5% to 11% for civilian

**541 PUBLIC WORKS**

- ✓ Regular Salaries & Wages (001-541-00-1200)
  - 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
  - 2% Merit
- ✓ Retirement Contributions (001-541-00-2200)
  - Increase from 9.5% to 11%
- ✓ Landscaping Services (001-541-00-3420)
  - Transferred from General Government (Department 519)
- ✓ Repairs & Maintenance – Parks (001-541-00-4670) – New Expense Line
- ✓ Repairs & Maintenance – Boat Ramps (001-541-00-4675) – New Expense Line
- ✓ Repairs & Maintenance – Roads (001-541-00-4680) – New Expense Line
- ✓ Urban Forestry (001-541-00-4690)
  - Transferred from General Government (Department 519)

## **NON-DEPARTMENTAL**

- ✓ Transfer to Capital Equipment Replacement Fund – establishes new fund 301
- ✓ Transfer to Charter Debt Service Fund - first transfer for Wallace Field

### **201 CHARTER DEBT SERVICE FUND**

#### REVENUES

- ✓ Transfer in from General Fund \$150,000 (first transfer for Wallace Field)

#### EXPENDITURES

- ✓ Principal (201-569-00-7100)
  - Increase to repay Line of Credit utilized in FY 1718
- ✓ Interest (201-569-00-7200)
  - Increase to repay Line of Credit utilized in FY 1718

### **301 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND**

- ✓ \*New Fund\*

Mr. Francis spoke on Stormwater Fund and said the City has raised the fee an additional \$10.00. Stormwater issues in the City have been going on for many years and he has not seen any major projects that have been completed to accumulate a reserve. The last major project was the installation of the Baffle Boxes at Belle Vista which is currently having issues and creating a type of “sinkhole”. He spoke of the significant stormwater issues on Wind Drift, Nela, St. Partin and Seminole/Daetwyler and said we experience at least a pipe collapse once every 2-3 months.

In addition, he spoke about the different funding proposals as follows,

- Increase in non-advalorem for stormwater and garbage. He reminded Council that the garbage services fee will remain for one more year and a new RFP will be sent out in 2019 for continued services. The recycling market has bottomed out causing an increase per month per resident.
- Increase School Resource Officer grant for one additional year to support Pine Castle Elementary
- Health insurance increased 5%
- Reduction in Engineering fees due to the completion of the overdue NPDES reporting
- Increase in Fire services –This fee will increase every year due to the properties assessed value.
- Additional personnel was increased by two for Marine Patrol Officers
- HVAC replacement at the Charter School will occur during the Christmas break per contract.
- Street resurfacing and paving will be scheduled in the Nela area.
- Trentwood chicane will be completed later in the year.

Comm Weinsier asked for clarification on the two park projects. Mr. Francis said there are two projects to be completed this year; installation of the Cross Lake fence and parking and replacement of the Swann Beach benches.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Pisano called for a motion to adjourn the Budget Workshop, unanimously approved at 6:07 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno  
CMC-City Clerk