



## CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, \* 6:30 pm

### MINUTES

Present was:

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

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 the quorum. Also present were Attorney Langley, Acting Chief Millis, Public Works Director Phil Price, Planner Raquel Lozano, and Heidi Peacock, Administrative Assistant.

#### 2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag

Vice Mayor Lowell gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag. Mayor Fouraker announced that Comm Partin and Comm Holihan would attend the meeting via Zoom, and Comm Shuck would not attend.

#### 3. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2023  
**Page 2, the third bullet reads, "Comm Carugno said he was surprised by the proposed dock on Venetian Beach."**  
**Should read, "Comm Carugno said he was surprised by the proposed dock on Peninsular Venetian Beach."**

**Comm Lowell moved to approve the consent item as amended.  
Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.**

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to excuse Comm Shuck from the meeting.

**Comm Gold moved for an excused absence for Comm Shuck for the meeting.  
Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### 4. Citizen's Comments

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

#### 5. Unfinished Business

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 23-03 – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 2-82 CONCERNING THE HIRING AND CONFIRMATION OF AN ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
**Mayor Fouraker read Ordinance 23-03 by Title.  
Without discussion, Comm Smith motioned to adopt Ordinance 23-03.  
Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call 6:0.**

#### 6. New Business

- a. Discussion and Selection of City Manager Finalists

Mayor Fouraker opened for selection of City Manager candidates. He asked Council to submit their choice to the Clerk for an announcement of no more than five selected candidates.

The selection by Council was as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Council Member</u>								<i>Total</i>
	Carugno	Fouraker	Gold	Holihan	Lowell	Shuck	Smith	Partin	
<b>Giardino</b>	1	na	1	0	1	0	1	1	5
<b>Kifole</b>	0		0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Martin</b>	1		0	1	1	1	1	1	6
<b>Molgaard</b>	1		0	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Rooney</b>	1		0	1	1	1	1	1	6
<b>Rudometkin</b>	0		0	1	1	1	1	1	5
<b>Strohl</b>	1		0	1	1	0	1	1	5
<b>Total</b>	5	0	1	5	5	5	5	5	31

Lynelle Klein from Colin Baenziger said candidate Martin is unavailable on July 14 and asked if Council was open to having the interviews on July 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

After further discussion, Council agreed to schedule the interviews and Meet and Greet.

- Friday, July 14 - Tour of the City, Candidate Interviews, and Meet and Greet
- Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 5 pm. Interviews (Individual interviews in the morning and panel discussion in the afternoon).

The Council briefly discussed travel reimbursement. Ms. Klein recommended providing the City's Travel Policy to the candidates to submit for reasonable expenses.

Comm Smith moved to invite the candidates Giardino, Martin, Rooney, Rudometkin, and Strohl to visit on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and the City will reimburse reasonable travel expenses per the City's policy.

Comm Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## 7. Other Business

- Phil Price announced that the two City clocks had been updated with the new logo at the CVS Shopping Center and City Hall.
- Comm Carugno announced the ANAC meeting (365 Rickenbacker Way) on July 21, 2023.
- Mayor Fouraker asked for an update on the Artificial Turf Moratorium and an application submitted for Cove Drive. Ms. Lozano said the homeowner was informed of the moratorium. Her original driveway and artificial turf application was permitted for the front yard and abutting the right-of-way and approved two years ago and has since closed. Her new request to add more turf to her yard will have to wait until the City decides to move forward with Artificial Turf in the coming months. At that time, she will be notified if she can continue with the additional installation. Mayor Fouraker said the process seems punitive because they have already started it.

Ms. Lozano stated that permits are valid six months after zoning approval; her original permit scope was approved two years ago. If a permit is not ready for inspection in 6 months, they can request an extension from the City Manager; if not, they will have to reapply. Ms. Armstrong sought to add new turf

and was cited for not having a valid permit by Code Enforcement. We consider ensuring it is not installed in the right-of-way and swale areas. Ms. Lozano further noted that her fence permit was approved and finalized and is now closed; any other additions to a fence or turf must be made under a new permit. Comm Gold asked if the staff could research if the initial permit were inspected and closed.

Ms. Lozano said she had received requests from 2-3 residents, and they were also informed of the moratorium.

- Comm Smith said he attended the Metro Plan meeting at the Mayor's request, and they are requesting a letter from the City appointing an alternate member. Mr. Francis was the alternate and will need to be updated. **Comm Carugno moved to nominate Comm Smith as the alternate for MetroPlan. Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously and approved 6:0.**

## **8. Adjournment**

With no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously at 7:33 pm.