



city council minutes

MINUTES
November 5, 2019
CC Regular Session 6:30 pm

The Belle Isle City Council met in a Regular Session on November 5, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:

Mayor Nicholas Fouraker
Commissioner Ed Gold
Commissioner Anthony Carugno
Commissioner Karl Shuck
Commissioner Jim Partin
Commissioner Mike Sims
Commissioner Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

Commissioner Harv Readey
City Manager Bob Francis

Also present were Attorney Ardaman, Chief Houston, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Comm Sims led the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to excuse Comm Readey for tonight's meeting. Comm Sims motioned to excuse Comm Readey for the Nov 5, 2019 meeting.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Investment Consultants

Mayor Fouraker opened the public hearing and welcomed Hilltop Securities and PFM Financial Services.

Matthew Sansbury and Alex Bugullo spoke for Hilltop Securities to serve as the City's Financial Advisor. Mr. Sansbury provided a summary presentation on their experience, qualifications, and approach to pricing bond issues.

David Moore and Nick Rocca spoke for PFM Financial to serve as the City's Financial Advisor. They provided a summary presentation on their experience, qualifications, commitment to existing clients, and approach to pricing bond issues.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Fouraker called for approval of the October 1, 2019 minutes.

Comm Sims moved to approve the October 1, 2019 minutes.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion.

Comm Shuck asked for a correction as follows.

Page 5 reads, "Comm Nielsen motioned to donate ~~\$500~~ to the Ductoberfest."

Should read, "Comm Nielsen motioned to donate \$750 to the Ductoberfest."

Comm Sims amended the motion to include the correction to the minutes, as discussed.

Motion passed unanimously 6:0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Fouraker opened for citizen comments.

- Carly Starr residing on 4685 Darwood Drive shared her concerns and opposition with the proposed apartments on Hoffner Avenue due to the enhancement of the already existing heavy traffic. She added that she has also collected over 400 signatures in opposition to the application and asked the Council for their support at the Nov 19th City of Orlando public hearing.
- Anthony Soto spoke in opposition of the **proposed** Single Family Homes
- Vicki Brotus shared her concerns with the proposed apartment complex and asked the City Council for their support to oppose the application to the City of Orlando.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider the offer of Bank of America

Scott Lloyd provided a summary of the City's efforts to acquire the Bank of America (BOA) Building. He provided a brief background of the property and current zoning uses for the property. The BOA has obtained LaSalle as their agent to review and accept incoming offers. To avoid the uncertainty of a bidding war, he proposed a direct approach to the Landlord of \$1.5 million. As of October 28, 2019, the City received a counteroffer of \$2,000,000 with the rights to operate the existing ATM on the property for free for the next ten years.

After the presentation, the City Council addressed the following,

- Comm Nielsen spoke on how critical it is to have the City own the properties that the school can occupy.
- Comm Partin said he would like to incorporate the purchase of the Oasis building. Council consensus was to open discussion at a later date.
- Comm Shuck shared his concern with the market value price and the open inspections that need to be completed before purchase (i.e., roof), the continued use of an ATM on the property, and the safety of the students. Mayor Fouraker expanded on the value of the property and leasing options.
- Comm Gold said the property sat empty for two years, and the City and the School need to be a united front in the purchase of the BOA building. He further shared his concern with the proposed sales price.
- Comm Carugno said the purchase of the BOA will benefit the City, whether it is for the school's use of leasing and will increase the City's financial future. He further added that he did not receive any emails or calls in opposition.
- Mayor Fouraker asked the Council to take into consideration adding to the grey piece of land to the east of the BOA building that the City owns that cannot be developed and is currently used by the school.

After discussion, Comm Sims motioned to instruct the City Manager to pursue the purchase and consider the Council's discussion.

Comm Gold seconded the motion. Discussion ensued on the counter offer. Mr. Lloyd said the bank is probably looking for a decision on their counteroffer to move forward or not. The bank has noted that they do have another offer on the table and further research may delay the process.

Comm Gold withdrew his second. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm Nielsen motioned to accept the offer of Bank of America of \$2,000,000 for the property located at 6300 Hansel Avenue and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the provisions that the City will be able to evaluate the condition of the building and contract terms, -the flexibility of relocating the ATM location and have the contract be presented to Council for final approval.

Comm Sims seconded the motion which passed 4:2 with Comm Gold and Comm Shuck, nay.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of donation request from the Cornerstone Charter Academy (CCA) Drama Club

The CCA Theater Troupe is requesting the City sponsor their group for the upcoming year.

Comm Nielsen motioned to approve the sponsorship for \$250.

Comm Gold seconded the motion which passed 5:1 with Comm Shuck, nay.

Discussion of Orange County Interlocal Agreement for transfer of roads

Attorney Ardaman gave a brief overview and said the staff has previously discussed removing section 2e from the agreement before moving forward.

Comm Carugno motioned to table the discussion and approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Orange County to a future meeting for further research.

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

Approval of Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Ride Budget – Special Event Chairman

Holly Bobrowski gave a summary of the upcoming Holiday events. She provided an official format of the three-day Holiday Events budget for approval. The event will be invited to all age groups and demographics, endeavoring corporate and private sponsors to fray costs. She believes this will become the premier event for surrounding Cities. She further reported that the Committee had scheduled the presentations of the Burchmore Group. Mayor Fouraker said the City streetscape also be getting an upgrade this holiday.

Comm Sims moved to approve the Holiday Events budget as presented.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion.

Comm Shuck shared his concerns with serving alcohol for a children's event and asked for an alcohol license and insurance for the touring bus. Ms. Bobrowksi said she is working on the licenses, and if one is not obtained, they will not have those venues.

After discussion, the motion passed unanimously 6:0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Lake Conway NAV Boaaarrd Jurisdictional Issues Report was provided for review.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - na

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to reorder the agenda items.

Comm Nielsen motion to move item 9a under the Chief's report.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Houston reported on the following,

- Vehicle burglaries in Central Florida are on the rise, and Belle Isle is working closely with other agencies. She reported that Belle Isle is in the process of obtaining a warrant on one of the break-ins.

Approval of the request to surplus PD Panasonic Computers

Effective January 2020, Microsoft will no longer be supporting Windows 7. The Agency is in the process of receiving new computers and will dispose of older computers. She is requesting the old Panasonic computers be surplusd and that each officer is allowed to purchase one of the used computers for \$99.

Comm Gold moved to allow the officers to purchase the surplusd computers at an amount acceptable to the City Manager.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fouraker reported the following,

- Mayor Fouraker thanked the Police department for their efforts during the Halloween events throughout the City.
- He will be implementing a collaborative effort for a Citizen of the month award. He asked the Council for feedback and recommendations.

- Mayor Fouraker said he is reaching out to the City of Orlando and Metro Plan regarding the Hoffner development for more background information.

COUNCIL REPORT

Comm Partin District 6 – Nov 19th – City of Orlando meeting re Hoffner Development

Comm Nielsen District 7 – no report

Comm Sims District 4 - Discipline to keep a schedule is very important.

Comm Carugno – District 3

- Comm Carugno gave an update on upcoming holiday events:
Tree Lighting – Dec 11th
Boat Parade Dec 13th, 14th, and 15th
Santa Ride Dec 18th and 19th

Comm Shuck – District 4

Workshops may be necessary to discuss topics in detail and would like to see them come back on schedule.

Comm Gold – District 1

- Post the Orange County Fire Department event at City Hall
- He commented on the Halloween events around the City and the use of golf carts. He asked for the possibility of having some street closures next year to promote safety.
- Email server update – About 50% complete before submittal

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously at 8:55 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC, City Clerk