



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held in City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue Belle Isle, FL 32809

Wednesday, June 21, 2022, * 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 – Stan Smith
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

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 City Manager Francis, Attorney Chumley, Chief Houston, Public Works Director Adkins, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag – Commissioner Stan Smith, District 6

Comm Smith gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

3. Swearing in of Officers

Deputy Chief Grimm introduced Officer Tapia. Mayor Fouraker swore in Officer Tapia and welcomed him to the City.

4. Consent Items

- a. May 2022 Monthly Reports
Comm Holihan moved to approve Consent items as presented.
Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

City Manager Francis asked John Evertsen if he would like to speak on the NAV Report. Mr. Evertsen said he was not prepared to talk tonight and recommends that the staff contact the NAV Board Chairperson if they should have any questions.

5. Citizen's Comments

Mayor Fouraker opened for citizen comments.

- Jeaneen Hollingsworth residing at 2229 Nela Avenue spoke on and submitted a list of questions for consideration regarding the purchase of new sites for a New City Hall and Police Department.
 - 1. Q1-response - Orange County Commissioners is the only entity that can allow the annexation of the City of Belle Isle. Some challenges include overcoming the obstacles of a voluntary or involuntary annexation, not including the surrounding Pine Castle Preservation District (Matchett to OBT and Sand Lake to Hoffner). The City is bound by State law, and the Pine Castle preservation is a significant hurdle.
 - 2. Q2-response - Yes, as long as it is financially feasible and the total impact to the bottom line is reviewed.
 - 3. Q3 and Q5-response - Yes, as long as it is financially feasible and continues to Lobby for funds and research grants. The City can pledge to sell assets to defray costs or revisit the community's needs. If the Police Department were to stop occupying the building, the City could use the property.
 - 4. Q4-response - To be determined.
 - 5. Q6-response - The City can obtain funds by purchasing and selling excess property, Lobby, and research grants. The Budget Committee recommended starting a Fund in our 2022/23 budget for purchasing real estate.

6. Q7-response - Yes, the City Council will have community meetings during the negotiating process. It was noted that when it comes to acquiring property and signing real estate contracts, it is a timely and sensitive issue with raising interest rates and may not be able to post for discussion with community input for a vote.
7. Q8-response - Orange County School's policy is not to sell its property assets, so the Elementary School is currently not an option.

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

6. Unfinished Business - na

7. New Business

a. **Approval of Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD) School Resource Officer Agreement with Cornerstone Charter Academy for FY2022-2023**

City Manager Francis said the BIPD provides a School Resource Officer to CCA. CCA pays for the SRO expenses for the school year annually. The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement, which is expected to be approved at the next CCA Board meeting on June 22, 2022.

Comm Gold moved to approve the SRO Agreement as presented.

Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

At 7:40 pm, Mayor Fouraker recessed the City Council meeting and opened for Council Workshop to discuss sites for the new City Hall/PD/EOC.

8. Council Actions Resulting from Workshop

At 8:20 pm, Mayor Fouraker opened the City Council meeting and based on the Workshop discussion, the following actions were proposed,

- Create a Committee to include stakeholders with real estate planning and development backgrounds
- City Manager to start negotiations/discussions for Council consideration for the Masonic Lodge, Daetwyler & McCoy, and Vamp Building
- Identify business terms through a letter of intent-not binding for Council consideration
- Multi-optional strategy and substation
- Maintain all departments in one location with ample meeting space to host training and FLC meetings
- Phasing the building-out and creating a step plan

Comm Holihan moved to give the City Manager autonomy to identify, engage and discuss business terms nob-binding for the Masonic Lodge, Daetwyler & McCoy, and Vamp Building or any other property to the Council and City Attorney for review and consideration.

Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7:0.

Council discussed rescheduling the July 5 meeting to July 13 and having an additional session on July 19, if needed.

Comm Smith moved to reschedule July 5 to July 13.

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

9. Reports

- Public Works Director updated open projects, including Sol and Trentwood Park.
- Mr. Francis said he and Comm Carugno met with the GOAA Executive Director to discuss air traffic patterns. Mr. Francis said they recommended that the City send a detailed letter to the FAA regarding the challenges the Belle Isle residents are experiencing – specifically, east of Conway. If this effort is unsuccessful, we can have our Lobbyist go to the Regional FAA Board.

10. Adjournment

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

The motion passed unanimously at 8:50 pm.