



## CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 \* 6:30 PM  
**MINUTES**

**Present was:**

Mayor – Jason Carson  
District 1 Commissioner – Frank Vertolli  
District 2 Commissioner – Holly Bobrowski  
District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck  
District 4 Commissioner – Bobby Lance  
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 Carson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and the Clerk confirmed the presence of a quorum. City Manager Rick Rudometkin, Attorney Pownall, Chief Grimm, Public Works Director Phil Price, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno were also present.

**2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag**

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

**3. Public Comments & Announcements**

Mayor Carson opened public comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carson closed the public comment section.

Comm Smith moved to excuse Comm Partin's absence for today's session.

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

For the record, the motion was pulled. Comm Partin arrived at 6:35 pm.

**4. Presentations**

**a. Appeal of Citation P0002045 – Violation of Park/Ramp Rules**

Mayor Carson opened the hearing for the Appeal of Citation P0002045.

Chief Grimm clarified that the violation is for \$150. Chief Grimm stated that the agency has received numerous concerns from residents about ramp use and has issued 20 citations for parking and ramp violations this year. He noted that the rule of the ramp is that it closes the gate at sunset, which was 8:22 pm. Dispatch received the call at 8:42, and the officer arrived at 9:40, where they dealt with the situation. Chief Grimm further noted that the code officer notified his supervisor and informed him that a car was parked at the ramp after sunset.

Officer Trendafilov confirmed that the ramp is closed at sunset, and the call was received. The call was received 20 minutes after closing and arrived at 9:40 pm. There are two large signs at the entrance of the boat ramp displaying the rules of the ramp, serving as the initial warning.

Joe Conville, residing at 5309 Hawford Circle, said he is asking for some grace with the violation because the gates' closing is not consistent. His boat was on the trailer at 8:30 pm. He is aware of the rules; however, he has been given grace previously. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, he visited City Hall to discuss the ticket and the process with someone. He finally spoke to the City Manager and did not appreciate the way he was treated or the lack of listening. After further discussion, he was allowed to present to the Council.

Comm Partin said he feels that it is essential for residents to be heard during these situations. He heard that the issue was that Mr. Conville was unable to speak with someone immediately, which is why it escalated to the Council.

Comm Bobrowski asked if he had been locked in before. Mr. Conville said yes, twice in five years, and the officers were gracious during that time. Comm Lowell held to the rules and upheld the violation issued by the officer.

After the discussion, the Council decided to uphold the \$150 violation and waive the \$50 appeal fee.

**Comm Vertolli waived the \$50 appearance fee and upheld the \$150 violation to be paid by July 11, 2025.**  
**Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed 6:1 with Comm Lowell, nay.**

**5. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025

**Mayor Carson called for a motion to approve the consent items**

**Comm Smith moved to approve item A as presented.**

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

**6. Unfinished Business - na**

**7. New Business**

- a. 2025 Annual Conference Voting Delegate

City Manager Rudometkin stated that the Florida League of Cities (FLC) will be holding a conference on August 14, 2016, and on Saturday, they will have a business meeting. If the Council will not be attending, he is recommending that he be appointed as the designee to vote on the official business brought before the League members.

**After the discussion, Comm Smith moved to appoint City Manager Rick Rudometkin to serve as the Belle Isle Voting Delegate and cast the municipality's votes at the Annual FLC Business Meeting.**

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

- b. Budget Calendar FY25/26 Options

City Manager Rudometkin provided the Budget Calendar for FY25/26.

Council consensus is to accept the schedule as presented.

- c. Schedule Special Called Session July 29, 2025, to Establish Max Millage Rate 2025/26

City Manager Rudometkin asked for a motion to schedule a special-called session on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to establish the maximum millage rate for FY 25/26 per the TRIM requirements.

**Comm Partin moved to schedule a special-called session on July 29, 2025, at 6:30 pm, to establish the maximum millage rate for FY25/26.**

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

- d. Resolution 25-07: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE PLATS AND REPLATS PURSUANT TO SECTION 177.071, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Comm Lowell moved to adopt Resolution 25-07 as presented.**

**Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed 6:1 with Comm Vertolli, nay.**

Comm Lowell announced that she will not be in town on July 29<sup>th</sup> for the special meeting; however, she is available via telephone.

**8. Attorney's Report - na**

**9. City Manager's Report**

- a. City Manager's Report

The City Manager presented the Task List for review. He reported on the following,

- 3904 Arajo Condemnation - Update will be on the agenda for July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Lancaster House – He, staff, Billy Morgan & Contractor, and Comm Lance met at the home for a walk-through. The staff is waiting for the CCA staff to remove the items stored in the building. Mr. Morgan and his group would like to start with the outside before updating the inside. Mr. Rudometkin noted that they will also be responsible for the fence, and no amount had been discussed to date. After the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, staff will submit a draft lease for Council review. Comm Partin asked if the City currently has liability insurance on the home; CM said the city does have insurance to cover city facilities; once leased, it will be the responsibility of the lessee.
- CM reported that the Legislature vetoed the City's request for Concept & Design for a new facility.

- b. Chief's Report

Chief Grimm reported on the following,

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend – High traffic and Belle Isle boat patrol, CE, FWC, and OC will be out in full force to maintain order. The City was made aware of a large birthday bash, and the agency is ready to ensure the safety of lake visitors.
- Attended the Chief Conference and made beneficial connections – great event.

c. Public Works Report

Phil Price reported the following,

- Canopy trimming throughout the City in preparation for the storm season. Brief lane closures may occur.
- 3904 Arajo has not made any progress.
- Orange County staff at Sol Avenue are working on repairs. Temporary 90-day patch until the contractor can repair.
- The crosswalk at Hoffner and Monet was damaged. The vendor has been contacted for replacement items.
- Boat dock ribbon cutting schedule for July 16 at 10 am

**10. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Carson thanked the staff and wished them a safe holiday. He announced that it is extremely important that children learn how to swim and be empowered to be safe around water. He also announced that they had seen Bats "in the tons" in the neighborhood.

**11. Commissioners' Report**

- Council thanked staff, PD, and its officers – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Chief Grimm said Fireworks should follow the noise ordinance. Fireworks are allowed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and New Year's Day & Eve. Comm Lowell also noted that pets should be kept safe and mindful that they may be scared due to the loud fireworks.
- Comm Lance said to be aware of the amoebas during the warm waters in Florida.
- Comm Bobrowski asked if anyone assembling an advertised event needs an event permit. Chief Grimm said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event is a gathering and doesn't meet the standards of an "event." Comm Bobrowski asked if the Council would revisit the City Manager's request for contract changes.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Carson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously at 7:40 pm.