



city council minutes

MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2018
City Council Regular Session:
Regular Session 6:30pm

The Belle Isle City Council met in a regular session on March 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:

Mayor Lydia Pisano
Vice Mayor/Commissioner Harvey Readey
Commissioner Gold
Commissioner Anthony Carugno
Commissioner Jeremy Weinsier
Commissioner Mike Sims
Commissioner Alexa Dowlen
Commissioner Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

N/A

Also present was City Manager Bob Francis, Attorney Kurt Ardaman, Deputy Chief Travis Grimm and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pisano called the regular session to order at 6:50pm and the City Clerk confirmed quorum. Comm Dowlen gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the flag.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes for February 6, 2018
- b. Certificate of Appreciation to Conner Bradley for his transformation of Lesser Park.

Mayor Pisano presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Conner Bradley and thanked him for his Eagle Scout Project. Comm Weinsier motioned to approve the Consent Items as presented. Comm Sims seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Pisano opened for citizen comments.

- Cindy Lance residing at 6615 Matchett Road asked for an update on the social media open position.
- Pam Lowe residing at 3543 Country Lake Drive spoke in favor of Airbnb short term rentals. She spoke of her most recent visitors and the great experiences she has had since the start of her business.
- Peter Kovachev residing at 5120 St. Germain Avenue spoke in favor of Airbnb short term rentals.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – no report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Rezoning of Wallace field to Open Space – Mr. Francis said Council has expressed that this parcel be added to the City's inventory as Open Space and asked if City Council would like him to move forward with the application to change the zoning from residential to open space designation.

Comm Nielsen motioned to have the City Manager proceed with the rezoning process from residential to open space. There being no further discussion, Comm Sims seconded the motion which was unanimously approved 7:0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Ardaman spoke briefly in respect to the Florida Wild Life Commission (FWC) Administrative Proceedings. He provided the draft Complaint, if approved, that will be filed with the court. The Complaint will be a judicial challenge to the FWC denial of the City's request to designate the City as a Bird Sanctuary/Restricted Hunting Forum. The draft complaint will give the City the basis to challenge the actual rule that the FWC is using to grant and deny the bird sanctuary status and as they have applied it to the City. The Complaint will also ask for an injunction to require that the City obtain the designation. Attorney Ardaman stated that he will hold on filing with the Court until it is delivered to FWC to allow them time to consider reversal and or respond to the Complaint. He stated if the City does not approve to file the Complaint it will give FWC time to dismiss the administrative proceeding and their decision will remain in effect.

Attorney Ardaman asked for Council approval to move forward.

Comm Nielsen motioned to move forward with the filing of the Complaint to the Florida Wildlife Commission as presented by Attorney Ardaman.

After discussion, Vice Mayor Readey seconded the motion made by Comm Nielsen which passed 6:1 with Comm Gold, nay.

Comm Gold motioned to table the motion to allow Council additional time to review the document. After discussion, Comm Gold withdrew his motion.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Red Coach – Mr. Francis reported that he will be meeting with representatives from Red Coach to address concerns he has received on lighting, major mechanical work on premises and operating beyond the hours of operation. He will be requesting that Red Coach fall in line with the conditions that were approved for the location.
- b. Wallace Fence - Mr. Francis spoke on previous discussion to fence the Wallace property. He requested a motion to approve the purchase of the fence due to the newly passed tariffs on steel and aluminum and avoid the 25% surcharge. The cost of the fence will be approximately \$40,000 and will include a gate that will allow vehicle access.
Comm Nielsen motioned to approve the purchase of the Wallace fence as discussed.
Comm Sims seconded the motion which passed 6:1 with Vice-Mayor Readey, nay.
- c. Request for Proposal: Traffic Management Plan – Mr. Francis reported that tomorrow is the deadline for the Traffic Management Plan. Upon review of the submittals he will bring forward a recommendation at the April meeting.
- d. Social media Position - On March 27, 2018 he will be interviewing two candidates for the social media position.
- e. Issues Log – Mr. Francis provided an updated issues log. City Manager Francis asked Council if there are any projects that Council would like to track on the log. After discussion, Council consensus was to add; (1) Airbnb research; and (2) monitor the possible purchase of 2635 McCoy Road. Mayor Pisano asked if the City can relax code enforcement on the existing Airbnb rentals. Mr. Francis stated no, in his opinion, it is against the ordinance and until the City changes the ordinance the current Airbnb owners shall discontinue the service.
- f. Charter Board – Comm Dowlen asked for an update on the joint meeting between the City and the Cornerstone Charter Board. Mr. Francis said he has not received a response to date on a proposed joint meeting. Mr. Francis said he will follow up with a call and an email.
Attorney Ardaman stated that he has not provided an update to Mr. Francis, however, he has received a response and the Board has communicated a few dates for consideration.
- g. Chief's Report - Deputy Chief Grimm reported on the following
 - i. The Agency has completed a full day of Active Shooter Training. He reported that the Agency will train with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Firefighters and other Law Enforcement agencies to be certified on responding to Active Shooter Training.
 - ii. The City has received their first disposition and cost recovery.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Legislative Update - Mayor Pisano said the Legislative Session is closed and reported that Proposition 39 from the CRC passed.
- b. NAV Meeting Update – Mayor Pisano gave a brief overview of the last NAV Board meeting where discussion took place on continued funding for the Belle Isle Marine Patrol. In addition, they spoke on current open seats on the NAV Board.
- c. Gondola Thru-Traffic Discussion – Mayor Pisano said a resident has reached out to her sharing his concerns with the traffic issues on Gondola specifically after the new development is completed. Council discussed annexing options and/or engaging Comm Pete Clarke with the traffic concerns on Gondola. Mr. Francis reported that he will share the emails from the resident and the traffic count response from Orange County to Council for review.
- d. Mayor Pisano congratulated the Belle Isle Police Department for making 28 hoagies at the Wawa Grand Opening, and won \$1,000 for the Explorers. She also reminded everyone about the O'Reilly Auto Parts Grand Opening, on Friday, March 23rd, from 4pm-6pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Comm Nielsen - District 7

Comm Nielsen shared her concerns with the comments made on Facebook posts and stated that the comments do not represent all of the residents.

Comm Dowlen – District 6

Comm Dowlen said she previously has taken a poll on Airbnb rentals in her District and the resounding answer from the residents was no. She further added that she contacted an Airbnb representative and found that their background checks are not as detailed as they say.

Comm Sims – District 4

Comm Sims said he followed up on the S-curve in his neighborhood and found that many of the residents are happy with the s-curve and which has slowed down on the cut thru traffic.

Comm Sims said for the record he will not be in attendance at the April 17th Council meeting.

Comm Readey – District 5

Comm Readey stated that he is very happy that the 13 Amendments were passed by the voters in the March 13th election.

Comm Weinsier – District 3

Comm Weinsier thanked Conner Bradley for the renovation to Lesser Park.

Comm Carugno – District 2

Comm Carugno thanked the Belle Isle Police Department for their exposure on traffic control throughout the City. He further thanked the Orange County Marine Patrol for their marine patrol on the lakes for the past few weekends.

Comm Gold – District 1

Comm Gold said Pete Clarke is a great partner for the City. He would like to continue the good relationship with Orange County for continued solutions in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Pisano called for a motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 8:05 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC, City Clerk