



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Held in City Hall Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, * 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 – Jim Partin
District 7 Commissioner – Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum. Also present were Attorney Langley, City Manager Francis, Chief Houston, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag - Commissioner Holihan, District 4

Comm Carugno gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Consent Items

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes - October 5, 2021
- b. Monthly Reports: Red Light Camera, Marine Patrol, and Fire Unit Responses

Comm Gold moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Comm Holihan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

4. Citizen's Comments

Mayor Fouraker called for Citizen Comments.
Comm Holihan requested item 6d be moved under citizen comments for discussion. Council agreed unanimously.

Comm Holihan introduced Larry Maddox. He said Mr. Maddox is an expert in the water sports industry and is here to provide some advice and possible solutions on some of our lake issues.

Mr. Larry Maddox, residing at 4860 Waterswitch Point Drive, Orlando – a 25 year resident on Lake Gaitlan. He is the Chairman of the Water Sports Association and represents towed water sports and all the equipment used in the sport. He just met with FWC and NASWA on all matters about code water sports. He has monitored activities on the lake for the past couple of years. He has recommended some restrictions to have everyone act responsibly and believes in Education over Regulation through a program called Wake Responsibly. He addressed some of the issues and concerns on lake users and suggested no-wake signs, 45-50mph regulation, and noise control of loud music and unmuffled engines. He recommended that Council only address those issues that they can win when meeting with FWC in Tallahassee. He further added that he will use all of his resources to partner with the City to resolve the ongoing issues.

Comm Holihan said one of the concerns he shared is going to Tallahassee with a wish list. He agrees that he would like Council to decide on specific items and what is the most important.

Mr. Francis shared his concerns and addressed the nuisance riders and the weekend lake users who rent watercraft vehicles. He said he would like to focus on a 50 mph speed limit, Coast Guard vest safety device, and adding a canoe information trail. Discussion ensued on reckless driving, safety issues on the narrows, and enforcement.

Comm Carugno shared his concerns and the push back on the no-wake zone regulation. He added that he would like to see the City partner with other municipalities and meet with FWC. Comm Carugno spoke on the email received by Mr. Tennar. Discussion ensued.

Comm Carugno requested an edit to Page 97-Section 34-36 of the packet.

Should read, The term "watercraft," for purposes of this section, shall include motorboats, ~~seaplanes~~, and any and all other craft which are propelled or powered by any internal or external combustion engine or motor.

Council agreed to the edit of Section 34-36.

After further discussion, the Council agreed on the following talking topics with FWC: slow speed minimum wake at the narrows, wake regulations, use of safety vest, personal watercraft 300ft distance for towing and 100ft distance for anchored vessels. Mr. Francis said he would like to include discussion topics of Sections 39-43 and pond weeds in the lake. Mr. Maddox gave a brief history of the use of safety vests for watercraft professionals.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 21-12 - SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CORNERSTONE CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, NON-CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read Ordinance 21-12 by title.

City Manager Francis said Ordinance 21-12 was read for the first time on October 5' and no changes were made to the Agreement at the time.

Comm Holihan moved to adopt Ordinance 21-12 as presented.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call 7:0.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 21-13 - SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 30-77 TO ARTICLE 30 OF CHAPTER 30 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR WITHHOLDING THE ISSUANCE OF VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION STICKERS FOR OUTSTANDING PARKING VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read Ordinance 21-13 by title.

There being no discussion, Comm Nielsen moved to adopt Ordinance 21-13 as presented.

Comm Holihan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call 7:0.

6. New Business

- a. Approval of Agreement with Cornerstone Charter Academy for the payment of City Services

City Manager Francis said as part of the negotiations between the City and CCA, both parties agreed to develop a separate services agreement for the cost of services. The total payment to the City from CCA will be \$450,000 annually to run concurrently with the Lease and increase accordingly.

Comm Nielsen moved to approve the Agreement with Cornerstone Charter Academy for the payment of City Services.

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

- b. Approval to start the process to annex Sienna Condominiums

City Manager Francis provided the Staff Report and said that staff will need to file a report with the Board of County Commissioners 15-days before starting the annexation process. The City will start the involuntary process with a referendum and a vote from the people.

There being no discussion, Comm Gold moved to approve the Urban Service Report of Sienna Place Condominiums and have the City staff start the annexation process.

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

c. Approve Agreement for the use of Boat Slip

City Manager said before the start of discussion Comm Partin would like to recuse himself due to conflict of interest due to the Agreement being approved with a family member.

City Manager Francis said William Partin agreed to have the Belle Isle Police Department use his boat dock for a rental fee of \$1.00 a year.

Comm Nielsen moved to approve the Agreement with William Partin for the use of the boat dock.

Comm Carugno seconded the motion, which passed 6:0 with Comm Partin's recusal accepted for the record.

d. Discussion on Lake Issues (This is in preparation for the meeting between FWC and City officials)

A discussion was held at the start of the meeting.

e. Appointment of Julia Frey to the Budget Advisory Committee, District 1

Comm Gold moved to appoint Julia Frey to the Budget Advisory Committee.

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

f. Appointment of Jackie Hoevenaar to the Budget Advisory Committee, District 2

Comm Carugno moved to appoint Jackie Hoevenaar to the Budget Advisory Committee.

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

g. Appointment of Thad Taylor to the Budget Committee, District 3

Comm Shuck moved to appoint Thad Taylor to the Budget Advisory Committee.

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

7. Attorney's Report – No report.

8. City Manager's Report

City Manager Francis said he would not be in town on Oct 25-26 due to personal events.

a. Issues Log

Mr. Francis gave an overview of the Issues Log dated October 19, 2021.

Mr. Francis said the staff is working on two applications for Code Enforcement and Public Works, similarly to the 311 System used in Orange County.

b. Chief's Report

Chief Houston reported on the following,

- Uptick on vehicle burglaries – reminded residents to lock car doors and remove all valuables.
- Recruiting for 19 position
- 2-new patrol vehicles have arrived and are on the road
- Handling traffic complaints on Quando.
- Vacancies on the Police Advisory Board have been posted

c. Public Works Report – No report.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fouraker reported on the following,

- Home Coming Golf Cart parade - Thursday. 4 pm
- Home Coming Game – Friday, 7 pm.
- Successful events: CCA Halloween Experience and Fishing with Kids.
- Bob & Ruth Harrell is celebrating their 50th Anniversary – Congratulations.

- Nav Board meeting scheduled for November 8 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

10. Items from Council

- Comm Partin
 - Comm Partin shared concerns from residents with removing the word Christmas from City events and publications. Ms. Bobrowski said the intent is to make all-inclusive and not leave anyone out. Discussion ensued.
 - Comm Partin said he would like clarification if a Councilperson should be required to disclose the reason when he votes for or against an item. Attorney Langley noted that sometimes, Council would express why they would vote a certain way during the discussion. Even after the vote is taken, it is not uncommon for someone to not tell their reason for their point of view. Discussion ensued. Mayor Fouraker said procedurally, after a vote has been made, a discussion should occur during Council reports at the following meeting if anyone is interested in knowing why the vote was made.
- Comm Shuck
 - Comm Shuck asked if the County has offered to pitch in with the move of the Lancaster House. Mr. Francis said he has not asked the County and will follow up with the District Commissioner.
- Comm Carugno
 - Comm Carugno said he would like to see a CCA representative at Council meetings or have them share upcoming events with Council monthly.
 - Recent noise complaints from the north departures and arrivals are being reported.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.