



city council minutes

MINUTES
April 2, 2019
Regular Session 6:30 pm

The Belle Isle City Council met in a regular session on April 2, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:

Mayor Lydia Pisano
Commissioner Gold
Commissioner Anthony Carugno
Commissioner Jeremy Weinsier
Commissioner Mike Sims
Commissioner Harv Readey

Absent was:

Commissioner Jim Partin
Commissioner Sue Nielsen

Also present were City Manager Bob Francis, Attorney Kurt Ardaman, Chief Houston and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pisano called the City Council Regular Session to order at 6:30 pm and the City Clerk confirmed quorum. Mayor Pisano gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the flag.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes – March 19, 2019
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes – March 27, 2019
- c. Proclamation declaring May 2019 Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness month
- d. Proclamation declaring April 6, 2019, as Bohring-Opitz Day

Mayor Pisano called for a motion to approve the consent items as presented.

Comm Weinsier motioned to approve the consent agenda items.

Comm Gold seconded the motion which passed unanimously 5:0.

Mayor Pisano read the Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Proclamation and presented the Proclamation to William Brooks.

Mayor Pisano reported that Comm Nielsen and Comm Partin would not be in attendance today and requested a motion for an excused absence.

Comm Sims motioned to excuse Comm Nielsen and Comm Partin for tonight's meeting.

Comm Readey seconded the motion which passed unanimously 5:0.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mayor Pisano opened for citizen comment.

- Gary Meloon residing at 6101 Matchett Road discussed the no parking signs and no parking at Wallace Road. He said there are still people violating the posted signs. City Manager Francis said it appears some of the signs have been stolen and he will have staff replace the missing signs.
- Lionel Wright residing at 1810 Stafford Drive thanked Mayor Pisano for her encouragement and being an excellent role model for all young people at the Charter School and community groups in the City of Belle Isle.
- Mayor-Elect Nicholas Fouraker expressed his concern with the City Manager's contract and stated that the contract is not legal from several aspects within both the City Charter and State Statute. He asked that Council will address the contract with Mr. Francis to avoid negative implications with the legal ease within the contract. He said he shared his concerns with the City Attorney and asked for some guidance moving forward.

Attorney Ardaman confirmed that Mr. Fouraker contacted him and said the contract does have some inconsistencies between the State Statute and the City Charter. He said he would be happy to look at the contract if the Council so directs.

Comm Gold said he was under the impression that the City Attorney produced the contract. Attorney Ardaman said he did not prepare the document.

- Clayton Van Kamp residing at 4552 Ming Drive shared the same concerns as Mr. Fouraker. The contract was very one-sided and poorly written. He asked that the contract is compared to other City Manager contracts in the surrounding cities. Secondly, he is on the Solid Waste Committee and found a few inconsistencies with the budget and overspending including a 20% increase with Republic Services. He said he contacted the City Manager and the Finance Director within the last 30-days and have not received a response. He asked if the City Attorney approved the increase and asked for the reasoning behind the recommendation.

Attorney Ardaman responded and said he does not have the authority to approve any contracts or business deals. However, he said he would follow up and research his notes and report back to the City Manager.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No report.

NEW BUSINESS - No report.

ATTORNEY REPORT - No report.

Mayor's Report – No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Issues Log update – No report.

Chief's Report - No report.

City Manager Francis gave an update on the following items,

- April 9th – 5:30 pm Transportation Plan Workshop
- April 11th – Comm Uribe Forum regarding ATV and Bike Issues
- April 24th – Staff Sexual Harassment Training
- April 30th – 6:30 pm Council Workshop Alternative Revenue
- Eagle Scout Project is complete and the bike rack installed at City Hall.

Vice Mayor Readey presented an Award of Appreciation to Commissioner Jeremy Weinsier for his dedicated service on the Council.

Vice Mayor Readey presented an Award of Appreciation to Mayor Lydia Pisano for her dedicated service as a Commissioner and Mayor.

City Manager Francis read and presented a Proclamation from the City of Belle Isle staff.

Chief Laura Houston presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mayor for her unwavering support of the Police Department.

Chief Laura Houston presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Commissioner Weinsier for his support of the Police Department.

Mayor Lydia Pisano read the Proclamation declaring April 6, 2019, as Bohring-Opitz Day and presented it to the parents of the recipient.

COUNCIL REPORT

- Council thanked and welcomes old and new Mayors and Commissioners for their service.
- Comm Carugno gave an update of the upcoming Air Traffic Flow meetings and asked that all residents attend. The dates are April 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th.

SWEAR-IN OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

Pastor Brian opened the ceremony with a prayer.
Former Mayor William Brooks welcomed and swore-in Nicholas Fouraker as Mayor.

Mayor Pisano welcomed and swore-in Commissioner Anthony Carugno as Commissioner for District 2.

Mayor Pisano welcomed and swore-in Karl Shuck as Commissioner for District 3.

Mayor Pisano welcomed and swore-in Commissioner Mike Sims as Commissioner for District 4.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Pisano called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously at 7:30 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC, City Clerk

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