



## CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 \* 6:30 PM

### MINUTES

Present was:

Mayor - Nicholas Fouraker  
District 1 – Commissioner – Frank Vertolli  
District 2 – Commissioner – Holly Bobrowski  
District 4 Vice Mayor – Jason Carson  
District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell  
District 6 Commissioner – Stan Smith  
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

District 3 – OPEN

#### 1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum.

City Manager Rick Rudometkin, Attorney Brandon Pownall, Chief Grimm, Public Works Director Phil Price, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno were also present.

#### 2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag – Commissioner Lowell, District 6

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

Mayor Fouraker asked for a motion to forego the second budget workshop on August 22, 2024.

**Comm Bobrowski moved to forego the second budget workshop on August 22, 2024.**

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

Mayor Fouraker asked for consideration in reordering the agenda. The Clerk sent an email regarding an additional candidate for the District 3 seat. He would like to recommend postponing the interviews today and inviting all three candidates to the August 22, 2024, City Council meeting for consideration.

**Comm Smith moved to postpone the discussion today and reschedule all three candidates for August 22, 2023.**

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

#### 3. Citizen Comments

Mayor Fouraker called for citizen comments; without public comment, he closed the citizen comments section.

#### 3. Presentations

- Chris Dawson, Lobbyists: Legislative Updates

Chris Dawson gave a brief overview and presentation on the current Legislative Updates. He spoke on the Governor's, Speaker and President's priorities, the State 2024 Budget breakdown, and the City of Belle Isle projects.

- Stephen Noto, RVi Comp Plan Presentation

Stephen Noto, RVi Comp Plan Consultant, reported that they are making good progress in reporting. No action will be taken tonight; however, the final presentation will be held at the next Council meeting for approval and transmittal to the State. He presented an overview of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Element, which includes Future Land use, Capital Improvement, Infrastructure, Public School Facilities, Transportation, Housing, Intergovernmental Coordination, Conservation and Recreation, and Open Space. He stated that the presentation had been presented to the Planning & Zoning Board, who unanimously recommended approval of the proposed update.

Mr. Noto reported that one of the challenges this year was the septic-to-sewer conversion. He was informed that Orange County would be heading most of this element to assist Belle Isle. He found that the Wekiva B Map is their main focus and that the City of Belle Isle falls under the Okeechobee map, which is not a focused area now.

The Council discussed the following,

**Zoning Density**—Since the zoning density is not changing (slide 10), the Council asked if there is a recommendation to change any zoning areas. Mr. Noto said no; they remained the same. Any changes that may be required will need to be made within the Land Development Code (Page 6-Policy 1.2.8 ). As per Section 1.1.1a in the proposed Comprehensive Plan, there is a description of agricultural land use.

**Live Local**—The Live Local Act density volume must be within the jurisdiction. One benefit for the City is that it does not have enough commercial/industrial land to accomplish a single-use project, and it must be mixed-use and may not allow for Live Local.

**Agriculture**—Can the City require sewer additions to newly developed neighborhoods adjacent to existing sewer systems, e.g., Lake Conway East/Sol? The Comp Plan has policies requiring sewer addition within 1/4 mile of a property if available. If a new site plan is submitted to the City, the City can require it as part of the negotiations; however, this is not part of the Comp Plan.

## 5. Consent Items

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 24-08: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROCLAMATION POLICY FOR REQUESTING CEREMONIAL DOCUMENTS FROM THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE.
- b. RESOLUTION NO. 24-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND REPLACING FEES AND ADOPTING FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.
- c. RESOLUTION NO. 24-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- d. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL SIGNATURES IN THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE AND ADOPTING AN ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL SIGNATURE POLICY.
- e. Credit Card Processing Policy
- f. Approval of Duke Energy Easement Agreement - 906 Waltham and 5903 Randolph Avenue
- g. MetroPlan Funding Agreement FY 2024-2025

Comm Bobrowski asked to pull item e for discussion.

Comm Lowell seconded the motion.

Comm Bobrowski asked if the policy allows for Board members and/or volunteers. CM Rudometkin said it is not a standard policy to avoid using staff due to accountability and fraud safety.

**Comm Bobrowski moved to approve consent items as presented.**

**Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 6:0.**

## 6. Unfinished Business

- a. ORDINANCE 24-02 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 54, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, "ARTICLE III, "ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS," TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 54-85, "GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR LIVE LOCAL ACT DEVELOPMENTS," TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND SUBMITTAL AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR CERTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE LIVE LOCAL ACT, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**The City Clerk read Ordinance 24-02 by Title.**

**Comm Smith moved to adopt Ordinance 24-02.**

**Comm Carson seconded the motion which passed 4:2 upon roll call with Comm Lowell and Comm Vertolli, nay.**

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 24-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, ELECTING TO NOT EXEMPT CERTAIN PROPERTY UNDER SECTION 196.1978(3)(o) AS ENACTED BY CHAPTER 2024-158, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Comm Partin moved to adopt Resolution 24-10 as presented.**

**Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 6:0.**

## **7. New Business**

- a. Appeal of Code Violation 24-0290 Cary Strzepek

Mr. Strzepek spoke on the violation and said most of his frustration was due to not knowing if he was receiving a parking violation or parking on the right of way. He was on vacation during this time and could not comply with the time frame given. Discussion ensued.

Code Enforcement Officer Trendafilov testified that he had issued a few warning notices before issuing the violation. He further noted that the original vehicle was moved a few days later, and a different vehicle was parked in the same location.

Comm Bobrowski discussed foregoing the fine and providing the resident 30 days to comply with improving the prepared surface. Comm Carson was not in agreement and noted that the city could not mandate the installation of a prepared surface. Comm Partin recommended reducing the fine to 50% and returning the \$50 fee for the hearing.

After discussion, the Council agreed that the Code Enforcement Officer did his duties and compromised as follows: **Comm Partin moved to lower the fine from \$150 to \$75 and return the \$50 fee submitted for the hearing. Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.**

- b. Proclamation: 2025 Municipal Election District 2, 3, 4 and Mayor

**Comm Partin approved the Proclamation as presented.**

**Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 6:0.**

Mayor Fouraker read the Proclamation for the record.

- c. Cornerstone Charter Academy (CCA) Board Selection - Appointment April 2025

CM Rudometkin presented consideration to advertise for the CCA Board position with a term ending in April 2025, to be presented to the CCA Board at the Sept 18<sup>th</sup> or Jan 22, 2025, Board meeting.

The Council also discussed having the City representatives on the Board present monthly or quarterly updates to the City regularly.

**Comm Partin moved to advertise for the CCA Board positions.**

**Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 6:0.**

- d. Consideration of City Council District 3 Applicant Chad Rocheford – rescheduled to August 22
- e. Consideration of City Council District 3 Applicant Julie Gillespie – rescheduled to August 22

## **8. Attorney's Report**

Attorney Pownall reported that 3904 Arajo Court had been properly noticed, and the Order for Condemnation will be heard at a Public Hearing at the City Council meeting on October 15, 2024.

## **9. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Rudometkin gave a brief overview and provided a copy of his task list for review.

### **a. Chief's Report**

Chief Grimm reported,

- Officer Mendez has been called for service and will be deployed for a year.
- Officer Mathews has started PT and is working light duty.
- The Agency has received a donation of \$25,000 for a PD Canine Unit
- School starts on Monday, and PD is promoting SCHOOL SAFETY

### **Public Works Report**

Phil Price reported,

- PW has restarted the sidewalk repair schedule.
- The City had received a donation of sand and bags from A1 Septic-Dave Smith.
- Four bids for the Landscape RFP were submitted and will be forwarded to the Council for consideration.
- Hansel and Randolph are now one-way due to the construction – Notices have been posted.
- Orange Count Lift station Repair (Cullen Lake Shore and Jade Circle) will be completed approximately in January 2025.

## **10. Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Fouraker thanked the Council for their service and apologized to Comm Lowell for the events at a prior meeting.

## **11. Commissioners Report**

The Council thanked the support of staff, code enforcement, and the PD for their support.

## **12. Adjournment**

With no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was unanimously approved at 9:00 pm.