



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 * 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Present was:

Mayor Nicholas Fouraker
District 1 Commissioner – Frank Vertolli
District 2 Commissioner – Holly Bobrowski
District 4 Commissioner – 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 workshop to order at 5:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum. City Manager Rick Rudometkin Chief Grimm, Finance Director Tracey Richardson, Public Works Director Phil Price, Budget Committee Board Member Kirk Leff, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno were also present.

2. Budget Discussion FY 2024-2025

City Manager Rudometkin presented the Proposed Budget for FY 2024/2025. He said the budget includes a 6% increase in General Fund revenue and a 14% increase in expenditures, with an ending fund balance of 18.9% of General Fund revenue. Also included in the draft budget is a non-anticipated 35% increase in fire protection due to Orange County's proposed increase. Mr. Rudometkin gave a summary of the Budget Overview on Page 3 of the Agenda Packet and spoke on

- New Expenditure Lines – 7 Items
- Personnel – Deputy City Manager, salary increases and benefit changes
- Capital - PW items, and
- Wish List Items – Capital Projects not included in the proposed budget.
- 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan and the Grant funded monies received for Judge/Daetwyler

Mr. Rudometkin addressed necessary Grant Funding. Revenue Sources and possible Millage increases. A copy of the proposed Amended Fee Schedule was provided for consideration.

CM Rudometkin provided a copy of the budget calendar for reference. He stated that the First Budget Hearing would be on September 5th and Adoption on September 19.

The Council discussed,

- Hold on hiring an Assistant City Manager
- Election Fund increased due to upcoming Election for Districts 2,3,4 and Mayor.
- Salary Compensation Study discussion for the next fiscal year
- Engineering Expenses fees to be reviewed, possible RFP for next fiscal year

The Council urged residents to attend the OC Meetings on September 5th and September 19th to express their concerns about increasing the tax base.

3. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn the workshop, which was unanimously approved at 6:30 p.m.