

Kathy Till, Florida League of Cities Presentation

Mayor Brooks introduced Kathy Till from the Florida League of Cities. She presented Mayor Brooks with a certificate and recognized him for his advocacy on behalf of Belle Isle and the cities around the state. She said he is a true advocate and defender of home rule.

Urban Chicken Pilot Program

Mayor Brooks noted that while we modeled this proposal around the City of Orlando's Pilot Program he informed Council that Orange County denied the same program 4:2.

Vice Mayor Spaulding motioned to pull this item for further discussion.

Mayor Brooks asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items a and b.

Commissioner Pisano motioned to approve consent agenda items a and b.

Vice Mayor Spaulding seconded which passed unanimously.

Mayor Brooks opened for Council discussion.

Commissioner Pisano made edits to the minutes of June 26 - page three, fourth bullet as follows, "He also asked Commissioner Pisano to recuse herself from the vote and said..." Should read, "Commissioner Pisano asked to recuse herself from the vote and said..."

Commissioner Pisano made edits to the minutes of July 2 – page two, under Surplus of 5920 as follows, "Commissioner Pisano stated, as recommended by the City Attorney, to recuse herself from voting on the Surplus of the 5920 Randolph building. Commissioner Pisano submitted Form 8B-Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal; and other local Public Officers". Should read, "Commissioner Pisano asked to recuse herself from voting on the Surplus of the 5920 Randolph building and Attorney Kruppenbacher said she should submit Form 8B-Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal; and other local Public Officers".

Commissioner Ady motioned to approve the agenda items a and b as amended.

Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Spaulding asked, if Council moves forward with the pilot program will it override any HOA regulations and deed restrictions. Mayor Brooks welcomed Attorney Tom Callan representing the Kruppenbacher Law Firm. Attorney Callan said it would not override HOA deed restrictions.

Council opened for public comment.

Patti Hafley residing at 1307 E Wallace said she is for adoption of the pilot program. Ralph Yarborough said he is opposed to this program. If the program moves forward it should clarify the types of chicken allowed.

After board discussion, Vice Mayor Spaulding motioned to table this item for a future workshop to refine the conditions of the program.

Commissioner Pisano seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After discussion Council agreed to keep the millage the same and thanked Tracey Richardson for her support.

Comm Gold motioned to keep the millage the same.

Comm Mosse seconded the motion which passed unanimously with no opposition.

P&Z Board Member – District 3

Comm Weinsier introduced Tom Leftwich as his appointment for the open Planning and Zoning Board seat for his District.

Comm Weinsier motioned to appoint Tom Leftwich for the Planning & Zoning Board District 3 seat.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Anita Sacco residing at 4913 Jinou Avenue addressed two quick comments. She said the agenda's of late do not have the name boxes, and asked that it be placed back on the agenda pages because it makes it easier for her to check off those Council members in attendance. The other comment is, as Council address issues it would be helpful if Council quantifies the number of people they are referring to when saying, "I spoke with a couple of people" when contemplating some decisions

In addition, she shared her concern with the Warren Park proposed dock. It seemed that it would be favorably received by all. She attended a meeting a number of months prior where it was discussed that we will not move forward, and at the time the discussion made sense. She would like to know if permitting is approved and what options the City has on the use of the ramp.

Heather Ramos residing at 7454 Daetwyler Drive, Belle Isle FL and her son Malbec Ramos asked the City to consider allowing chickens and hens as pets. She noted that there are about 40 communities in the State of Florida that allow chickens with specific rules and regulations.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pisano closed the citizen's comments session.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting June 7, 2016 minutes
- b. Approval of City Council Meeting June 21, 2016 minutes
- c. Approval of City Council Meeting July 1 2016 minutes
- d. Approval of City Council Meeting July 5, 2016 minutes

Mayor Pisano called for a motion to approve consent agenda items a-d.

Comm Lance requested the following changes to the minutes of June 7, 2016,

Page 2, Paragraph 10 reads, "He is also proposing installing a key-pad one-arm gate with a single left turn lane for Trentwood residents only. The initial installation cost will be provided by Mattamy homes."

Should read, "He is also proposing installing a key-pad one-arm gate with a single left turn lane for Trentwood residents only. The initial installation cost **and maintenance for one year** will be provided by Mattamy homes."

Page 6, Paragraph 10 reads, "Comm Lance pointed out that at one time the permitting process within the City had been done through Orange County Inter-local Agreement, and then was transferred to Universal Engineering. He would like to bring back inter-local agreements with EPD for environmental issues, and is requesting it be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Should read, "Comm Lance pointed out that at one time the **boat dock/seawall** permitting process within the City had been done through Orange County **EPD** Inter-local Agreement, and then was transferred to Universal



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AGENDA August 2, 2016 * 6:30 p.m. City Council Regular Session

The Belle Isle City Council met in a City Council Regular Session on August 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:

Mayor Pisano
Commissioner Gold
Commissioner McGinnis
Commissioner Weinsier
Vice Mayor Readey
Commissioner Lance
Commissioner Mosse
Commissioner Nielsen

Absent was:

Attorney Kruppenbacher

Also present was Chief Houston and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pisano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Comm Lance gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Pisano announced that Attorney Kruppenbacher is out of the country and introduced Attorney Cherish Benedict fill-in City Attorney for today's session.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Proclamation – 2017 Election
- b. Proclamation – 101st Birthday Celebration Hermann Krueger
- c. Approval of City Council Workshop July 15, 2016 minutes
- d. Surplus of Public Works Vehicle - \$1,000
- e. Surplus of Police Vehicle - \$2,000

Comm Nielsen pulled item c from the consent agenda.

Comm Nielsen requested correction to the word mileage to millage and asked for a review of the approved priority budget items.

Comm Weinsier motioned to pull item c and approve Consent Agenda items a, b, d and e.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion which passed unanimously with no opposition.

Mayor Pisano welcomed Representative Mike Miller.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- Phil Price residing at 7440 Daetwyler Drive, Belle Isle, FL asked if the City had an ordinance on farm animals/chickens as pets and asked if they were allowed. Mayor Pisano said they are not currently allowed in our City. Secondly, he asked if Orange County submitted a permit for the Warren Park paddleboard dock and shared his concerns. After discussion, Mayor Pisano noted that Orange County has not submitted a permit for review as of yet. However, once submitted it will be posted for public comment.

**Bob Francis** <bfrancis@belleislefl.gov>

Chickens

carla stocker <cvs3508@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 9, 2019 at 4:48 PM

To: egold@belleislefl.gov, jpartin@belleislefl.gov, msims@belleislefl.gov, Anthony Carugno <acarugno@belleislefl.gov>, snielsen@belleislefl.gov, bfrancis@belleislefl.gov, district3@belleislefl.gov, hreadey@belleislefl.gov, mayor@belleislefl.gov

Good Day!

We would like to take a quick minute and let you know that I am not in favor of changing the ordinances concerning chickens for the following reasons:

1. Noise. Belle Isle is too contained to not hear the noise. Planes and 528 traffic are bad enough.
2. Salmonella
3. Predators. Raccoons, snakes, owls, hawks, coyote and foxes are the primary predators for chickens in Florida. We do not need to have trapped meals increasing these animal populations.

Attached is a great article on the problems associated with urban chickens.

Please leave farming to farms not Belle Isle.

<http://theconversation.com/a-chicken-in-every-backyard-urban-poultry-needs-more-regulation-to-protect-human-and-animal-health-93113>

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Carla Stocker & Burke Hammond

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Urban Chickens

Holly Bobrowski <hbobrowski@aol.com>

Fri, Jul 5, 2019 at 11:29 AM

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After reading all the posts on social media concerning backyard chickens, I decided to do some research on the subject. The City of Orlando has a very workable ordinance allowing for up to four hens per single family household. (See attached) Backyard chickens have proven to be good therapy for autism, ADHD, memory disorders as well as simple basic companionship. Hens (not roosters) are social and do establish "pecking orders" so it is advisable to have at least three in a coop.

The UF/IFAS extension center offers classes in urban chickens and can offer wonderful guidance on the topic.

Some of the negatives on social media are noise, smell and "we are not a farming community".

Noise: Hens roost at night and only produce nocturnal noise if endangered. They are effective "watchdogs" without the loud barking. Keeping coops at least 20 feet from property lines has been an effective noise barrier for communities already allowing backyard chickens.

Smell: Unkempt coops and chicken yard can be smelly, but then again the same can be said for unkempt dog runs, roaming cats that mark their territory and let's face it, human caused odors like trashcans, improper composting and inadequate septic systems. Hen droppings are a wonderful natural fertilizer and hens themselves will eat kitchen scraps (including meat) and are nature's composters.

Farming: Can a Koi pond be considered fish farming? How about bee hives, wild bird feeders and bunny hutches? All have the same benefits of backyard chickens and seem to be acceptable. Two to three eggs per day from 3-5 hens can hardly be called "farming" and most urban ordinances prohibit backyard slaughtering. If a resident has a litter of dogs or cats does that make them a dog/cat farmer? With a hen- only stipulation in an ordinance, eggs would be sterile and no offspring produced.

I understand that this practice would not be for everyone and HOA's would have the right to prohibit urban chickens. I do believe that certain residents could greatly benefit from having their own their own chicken coop and do so in a manner that would not intrude on their neighbors. The City of Oviedo has free roaming chickens and they are protected. Chickens have been part of their city life for decades and are even part of their city's signage just like the Great Blue Heron is on our City seal.

With an effective ordinance and proper education, I feel that the choice should be allowed and up to the individual homeowner. I urge the commission to allow for urban chickens.

2 attachments

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BACKYARD CHICKENS

The idea of keeping chickens in your backyard is a trend that is growing within our metropolitan areas. While store bought eggs are completely safe and wholesome, backyard chickens are continuing to grow due to a desire for the urban population to become reacquainted with food production. People in an urban environment are constantly trying to determine where and how their food is made. Having chickens in their backyard is an excellent way for them to experience how their food is derived and a great opportunity to discover a walk of life they are less familiar with.

Some of the reasons to keep urban backyard chickens are, but not limited to:

- Have a steady supply of fresh eggs
- Have the knowledge of where your eggs came from
- Keep a “peck”-uliar pet
- An “eggs”-cellent opportunity to help teach kids responsibility
- Produce a valuable manure for composting

To see if a Backyard Chicken Class is scheduled, or to register for a class in Orange or Seminole Counties go to www.ufchickenclass.eventbrite.com.

Here are some of the topics covered in the class:

- Chicken Nutrition
- Local Ordinance Requirements
- Biosecurity (Keeping you and your birds healthy)
- Egg Production
- Proper Coop Construction

See the interactive map below for local ordinance information, places to buy chickens and chicken supplies to help with your backyard chicken needs.

Recently, the nation has seen a sudden increase in the number of *Salmonella* related sicknesses. The thought is that the owners of backyard chickens are not following the recommended safety practices. In the educational class taught by Cooperative Extension Services, we stress the importance of bio-security and hand washing to help prevent the spread of *Salmonella* and other bacteria.

For more information on chicken care go to: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_backyard_flocks

ARTICLE III. - BACKYARD CHICKENS

Sec. 6.19. - General Conditions for the Keeping of Backyard Chickens.

Any person keeping chickens as an accessory to an occupied dwelling shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) Permit Required. A Backyard Chicken permit (hereinafter "permit"), is required for the keeping of chickens. The permit is personal to the permittee and may not be assigned. If the person applying for the permit is not the fee simple owner of the subject property, the fee simple owner must provide owner authorization and consent to the application. The fee for the permit will be set by Resolution of the Orlando City Council.
- (2) Up to four chickens may be kept at an occupied single family residence upon receiving a permit from the City.
- (3) Ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, male chickens/roosters, pigeons, or any other poultry or fowl are not allowed.
- (4) Chickens are not allowed on duplex, triplex, townhomes, multifamily properties, community gardens, or any other uses.
- (5) Chickens must be secured within a covered chicken coop, chicken tractor, or fenced pen/run area at all times and are not allowed to run at large upon any public properties or off the premises of the owner. The coop and pen/run area must be completely secured from predators with hardware cloth or similar material. Chicken wire shall not be used.
- (6) The coop and pen/run area must be cleaned regularly and kept free of insects and rodents. Odors from chickens, chicken manure, or other items associated with the keeping of chickens must not be perceptible at the property boundaries. Chickens must not be permitted to create a nuisance consisting of noise or pests, or contribute to any other nuisance condition.
- (7) No manure may be allowed to accumulate on the floor of the coop or ground. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that are likely to attract or to become infested with rodents or other pests shall be kept in a rodent and pest-proof container.
- (8) Composting of chicken manure is allowed in an enclosed bin. The composting bin shall be kept at least 20 feet away from all property lines.
- (9) Chickens must be kept for personal use only. Selling chickens, eggs, feathers, or chicken manure, or the breeding of chickens is prohibited.
- (10) Chickens may not be slaughtered on premises.

(11) Any person who violates any provision of the article will, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Section 1.08 of this Code. Additionally, the planning official has the sole discretion to revoke the permit and require that the chickens be removed within 10 days if he or she determines that the permittee is in violation of the requirements of the Code.

(Ord. No. 2016-79, § 2, 10-10-2016, #1610101202)