



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - UPDATED**

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 \* 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 - Zoom  
District 6 Commissioner – Stan Smith  
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

NA

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

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the City Clerk confirmed the quorum. Also present were Attorney Langley, Public Works Director Phil Price, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno. Mayor Fouraker announced that the City Manager was not feeling well and would not be in attendance.

**2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag** – Commissioner Smith gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Fouraker welcomed all attendees, said he is grateful to be the Mayor of the City, and apologized for interrupting the Council during their reports. He looks forward to continuing productive meetings.

**3. West Point Sophia Fernandez**

Sophia Fernandez, a Belle Isle resident and second-year cadet at West Point, was selected by West Point Public Relations to speak on behalf of the Thanksgiving Hometown Visit Program at West Point with local communities. The program consists of participating in public relations events with local schools, cities, or other settings to encourage future applicants of West Point.

**4. RVi Planning Comp Plan Update**

Stephen Noto from RVi Planning gave an update on the process of the Comp Plan long-range planning document required by the Community Planning Act (Ch 163 FSS). Mr. Noto said the project is progressing and has completed the Assessment report. They are currently working on the draft text changes and map amendment which should be completed by Feb 2024. They will be holding a public hearing in 2024, with a projected final adoption no later than Sept 2024. The Council consensus was to have further discussions at Council workshops regarding survey results, annexation, and new development standards.

**5. Consent Items**

- a. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes – October 17, 2023
- b. Approval of the Budget Hearing and Council Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023
- c. Pioneer Days Acoustic Stage Sponsorship

Mayor Fouraker called for approval of the consent items.

**Comm Smith moved to approve the Consent Items as presented.**  
**Comm Carson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**6. Citizen's Comments**

Mayor Fouraker opened for citizen comments.

There being no further comments, Mayor Fouraker closed citizen comments.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- a. Resolution 23-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Fouraker read the Resolution by title.

**Comm Smith moved to approve Resolution 23-17 as presented.**

**Comm Shuck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- b. NAV Board Request for Water Quality Project

Mayor Fouraker said Tara Urbanik from the Orange County NAV Board reached out to the City and asked if the City would be in favor of Curb Inlet Baskets (CIB) being installed in the area near Montmart Dr & Alsace Ct subbasin and the Conway MSTU would fund the installation and future maintenance of the baskets.

Comm Smith said this project is requested to improve lake quality and that the MSTU tax would fund the installation and future maintenance. Comm Gold briefly spoke of other baffle boxes installed in the city.

Comm Carugno said he would have preferred to hear from a NAV Board member on the project. He is unsure if other alternatives exist or if the City will have additional fiscal impacts. In addition, the red lines on the map show areas outside of the City limits that are paid out of the MSTU taxes. He agrees with keeping the lakes clean but is unclear about the process presented.

Attorney Langley said the Council could have the Attorney's office contact Orange County to research whether an ordinance was established regarding the red lines outside the city limits because it may raise a jurisdictional issue.

**Comm Shuck moved forward to approve the Curb Inlet Basket project on Montmart Dr and Alsace Ct and have the MSTU tax fund the installation and future maintenance.**

**Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**The Council consensus was to have the staff, City Manager, and City Attorney ask how the NAV Board spends the MSTU tax dollars and clarify the map boundaries for street sweeping. Comm Lowell asked if the staff could request an invitation to the NAV Board at a future meeting to address some of the council's concerns.**

## 8. Attorney Report – No report.

## 9. New Business

- a. Surplus PD Computers, AEDs, and Public Works Equipment

By Section 2-223, If the property has been determined to be surplus to be of some commercial value, but such value does not exceed \$100, the city manager shall dispose of such property in any reasonable manner which the city manager, in the city manager's sole discretion, determines will bring the greatest price. The City Clerk noted because the items may have a greater value, the staff is asking for Council direction on the disposal method to sell the surplus property.

Acting Chief Millis said, per FDLE guidelines, the hard drive must be removed and destroyed before selling or donating any hardware from the Police Department.

**After discussion, Comm Gold moved to offer the computers to the staff or sell them at a minimal price.**

**Comm Gold offered to provide hard drives if needed. In addition, the staff should try to sell the public works items for the best price or dispose of them accordingly after 60 days.**

**Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

b. Election 2024 Districts 5 & 6 Update

The City Clerk announced that the incumbents for Districts 5 & 6 have qualified for another 3-year term. No other applications were submitted. The Clerk is waiting for the Supervisor of Elections Office certification of petitions before a formal announcement.

c. Discuss rescheduling/canceling the Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meetings

**The Council discussed the upcoming events in December. After discussion, Comm Shuck moved to have December 5<sup>th</sup> as a council meeting and canceled the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Comm Carson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Comm Carson moved to cancel the January 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop.**

**Comm Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5:2 with Comm Carugno and Comm Gold, nay.**

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

Acting Chief Milis reported on the recent uptick in vehicle burglaries. The Agency has four ongoing investigations thanks to all the calls they have received. He further reported on stats on citations and arrests for the year.

## **11. Mayor's Report**

Holly Bobrowski, Chairman of the Special Events Committee, announced the following events,

- Light the Way 2024- Dec 6<sup>th</sup>: Sponsors are welcome, and we are looking for auction items.
- Facebook Page: CelebrateBelleIsle
- Santa Ride – Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and Dec 14<sup>th</sup>
- Boat Parade – Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – South, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Middle, and Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - North
- Golf Cart Parage – Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **12. Items from Council**

Comm Gold spoke briefly on the clock tower on Hoffner. He would like the Council to consider placing the clock on a pedestal to avoid being hidden from the palm trees.

## **13. Adjournment**

With no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously at 8:00 pm.