



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 17, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Resolution 21-17 - Zip Code Change

Background: The City Council directed that the City staff look into changing zip codes to try to get a zip code that is unique to the City. Currently the City has two zip codes (32809 and 32812). The areas assigned these zip codes are large and could be affecting several issues that may be affecting some finances of our residents such as auto insurance, home insurance, and Medicare. The process is for the City to write to the District Manager of the Post Office and ask to have a study done to see if a zip code change is warranted. This is a fairly long process and although it could have advantages for Belle Isle residents, it can also have disadvantages for them.

It is recommended by the USPS that if a municipality wants to consider a zip code change, that a public meeting(s) be held prior to submitting the request. It was also suggested that since this would affect every household in Belle Isle, that the Council consider placing a question on the next election ballot asking if residents want the City to pursue a zip code change.

At the August 3 Council meeting, the Council directed that the proposed resolution be finalized and directed that the Mayor sign the letter requesting the USPS start the process for changing the zip code.

Staff Recommendation: Consider holding one or two public meetings to inform residents of the change being sought by the City; explain the process and explain the advantages and disadvantages to residents.

Suggested Motion: I move we adopt Resolution 21-17 and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter to the US Postal Service.

Alternatives: Leave the same zip codes in place.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments: Resolution 21-17
Letter