



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 01, 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 – Commissioner – Danny Otterbacher

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 Dan Langley, Chief Grimm, Public Works Director Phil Price, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno were also present. Comm Lowell is in attendance via telephone conference.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag - Comm Holly Bobrowski, District 2

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

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion for an excused absence for Comm Otterbacher.

Comm Vertolli moved to excused Comm Otterbacher from the meeting.

Comm Carson seconded the motion which passed unanimously 6:0.

3. Public Comments & Announcements - na

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2024
- b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2024
- c. **Approval of Resolution No. 24-20** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHSTATE BANK TO EXTEND THE \$750,000 REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- d. Proclamation Celebrating Menchie's Grand Opening

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion approve the consent items.

Vice Mayor Carson moved to approve the consent items as presented.

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

4. Unfinished Business - na

6. New Business

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 24-04 - FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 50-102 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF FENCES AND WALLS IN FRONT YARDS WITHIN CERTAIN DEFINED OVERLAY AREAS AND CREATING RESTRICTIONS FOR SUCH FENCES AND WALLS: PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk read Ordinance 24-04 by Title.

City Manager Rudometkin gave an overview on the highlights of the ordinance,

- The Ordinance has been reviewed by the P&Z Board who have recommended approval
- Front yard fences will be no taller than 4 feet.
- Chain link and galvanized metal fences are prohibited. Consistent use of materials.
- Intersection fence installation is site/road-visibility

Comm Bobrowski said she would like to see corrugated metal fences w/decorative wood columns and artistic design be allowed by going through the variance process. Comm Carson said it may appear that the Board is being subjective and would prefer to see a hard cut off on what is allowed.

Comm Smith moved to advance Ordinance 24-04 for second reading with the changes as discussed.

Comm Vertolli seconded the motion which passed unanimously 6:0.

7. Attorney's Report - na

8. City Manager's Report

- a. City Manager's Task List was provided for review. CM Rudometkin stated at the next meeting he will ask for discussion on canceling or rescheduling the November 5th meeting to accommodate the use of the Chambers for the Primary Election. Bricksmore continues to work with annexation paperwork however, they are working with Hurricane relief an asking for some more time to provide a response.

He announced the following,

- Orlando Health is the Title sponsor for the Centennial
- The Committee has secured vendors and attractions
- VIP letters will be sent out shortly

b. Chief's Report

Chief Grimm reported the following,

- Chief Grimm thanked the Wyndham Hotel and Wawa for their partnership.
- The City faired well; lots of wind and one down tree on Nela.
- Staff if currently monitoring another storm.
- October the PD will have a DUI event.
- Officer Mattews may come back full duty in a few days.
- Homecoming Parade tomorrow, expect delays.

c. Public Work's Report

Mr. Price reported the following,

- He reported on the storm and said there was one down tree on Nela. Roads were briefly closed for removal.
- Debris pick up – The storm was not declared an emergency by the Governor for this storm and the City will not pick up debris. JJs has been overwhelmed with pick and working to pick up all areas.
- Regal/Montmart Park and Gilbert Park dog fountains have been installed
- Street sweeper will be out in the city and give one pass in all needed areas.
- Parks opened on Friday. Cross Lake was closed for debris clean up and will reopen on Monday.
- Boat ramps remained opened.
- PD Boat Dock should be installed by the end of the year – awaiting permitting approvals.
- AT&T reporting technical outages. City has not control on the outages but will keep the residents updated if AT&T sends updates.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fouraker announced,

- Mayor Fouraker thanked the City staff, PW and PD for all the hard work.
- CCA Golf Cart Homecoming Parade – Oct 2 at 3pm.
- Attended the CCA 1st Building Topping Ceremony for their expansion plan
- CM spear heading discussion on the weed overgrowth and looking for Federal funding with Darren Sot's office.

10. Items from Council

- Comm Smith asked if the FEMA debris location site has been approved by FEMA. Mr. Rudometkin said it has been submitted however he has not received a confirmation.
- Comm Partin said Comm Nielsen contacted him regarding the Comp Plan regarding the historical language. He hopes that the Council who approved the change will take the time to speak with her and their concerns.
- Comm Bobrowski commented that Orange County had sprayed for cat tails at the Cove. They ascertained that all the floating weeds did not cause a navigational problem and wouldn't be able to anything further.

Council thanked staff, PD and PW for all their efforts during the storm.

11. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was unanimously approved at 7:15 pm.