



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Held in City Hall Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, * 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 6 Commissioner – Jim Partin
District 7 Commissioner – Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum.
Also present were Attorney Chumley, City Manager Francis, Chief Houston, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag - Commissioner Holihan, District 4

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

3. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the Workshop minutes - August 25, 2021
- b. Approval of the Workshop minutes - August 31, 2021
- c. Approval of the City Council Budget Hearing minutes - September 21, 2021
- d. Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes - September 21, 2021
- e. Proclamation declaring October 15, 2021, as "Blind Americans Equality Day" in the Orlando Metropolitan Area

Comm Holihan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Comm Carugno seconded the motion for discussion and asked that the item e be read for the record.

Mayor Fouraker read the Proclamation for the record.

Comm Gold moved to approve the Proclamation declaring October 15, 2021, as "Blind Americans Equality Day" in the Orlando Metropolitan Area.

Comm Holihan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

Comm Holihan moved to approve the consent agenda items a-d as presented.

Comm Shuck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

4. Citizen's Comments

Mayor Fouraker called for Citizen Comments. There being none, he closed citizen comments.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 21-11 - SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 2-54 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DISALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM BEING APPOINTED TO OR REMAINING ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND ADDRESSING COUNCIL AUTHORITY FOR THE REMOVAL OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk read Ordinance 21-11 by title.

Comm Nielsen moved to adopt Ordinance 21-11

Comm Holihan seconded the motion, which passed 5:1 upon roll call with Comm Gold, nay.

Mayor Fouraker asked Council for a motion to excuse Comm Lowell from tonight's meeting. He stated that she contacted him and the City Manager several days ago and asked for an excuse from a family event.

Comm Nielsen moved to excuse Comm Lowell from tonight's meeting.

Comm Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

6. New Business

- a. Approval of Resolution 21-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF BELLE ISLE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read the Resolution by Title.

City Manager Francis said the Resolution amends the defined contributions for staff (uniformed- no change-remains at 17 ½% and non-uniformed 14% to 15%) per the approved Budget.

Comm Carugno moved to approve Resolution 21-21 as presented.

Comm Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 21-12 - FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CORNERSTONE CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, NON-CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read the Resolution by Title.

City Manager Francis said changes to the highlighted passages (37, 38, 42, and 43) were made by staff after the Council discussion at the last meeting. The CCA Board approved the changes and agreed to move forward. To approve, the CCA Lease Council must pass and adopt by Ordinance with two readings.

Comm Holihan moved to approve the Ordinance and move to second reading and adoption.

Comm Carugno seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 21-13 - FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 30-77 TO ARTICLE 30 OF CHAPTER 30 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR WITHHOLDING THE ISSUANCE OF VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION STICKERS FOR OUTSTANDING PARKING VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Francis read the Resolution by Title.

City Manager Francis said the Belle Isle Police Department made the change to ensure compliance with the Code.

Comm Gold moved Ordinance 21-13 to second reading and adoption on October 19, 2021.

Comm Holihan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

Mayor Fouraker reordered the agenda items and called for a discussion of Item e.

- e. Reappointment of Kathy McCoy to the Special Events Committee

Comm Partin moved to reappointment Kathy McCoy to the Special Events Committee.

Comm Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

- d. Special Events - Approval of the 2021 Holiday Events Budget

Holly Bobrowski presented the 2021 Holiday Budget, including the 2-Night Santa Ride and Holiday Event at City Hall. She stated that the Committee is requesting a total budget of 27,660 consisting of In-Kind Expenditures and Actual Costs. The toys were re-negotiated and will be available at no cost to the City (-3,000). Ms. Bobrowski said that sales tax would not be added to the price.

Council shared their concern with the availability and sale of alcohol. Ms. Bobrowski said the alcoholic drinks were donated to the City and were not sold at the event. The City only accepted tips that covered some of the cost of the

event. Discussion ensued on logistics and event attractions. Comm Nielsen said she received concerns from some residents and said she would prefer not to have alcohol at the event.

Council discussed the Budgeted amount for Holiday Events of \$10,000 and shared their concern with resident attendance due to COVID. Ms. Bobrowski said that the actual costs may be between \$12-15,000 and is confident that she will raise a large part of the proposed Budget through donations. Ms. Bobrowski said she can request a quote for one slide and one Elf and only add the additional items when the contributions are received.

Mayor Fouraker said this celebration could have a high participation yield due to the past year's challenges with COVID. He would like to see the event move forward with the proposed attractions.

Comm Carugno moved to move forward with the proposed Light-The-Way holiday event as proposed.

Comm Gold seconded the motion for discussion.

After discussion, the motion failed 4:2 with Comm Nielsen. Comm Partin, Comm Shuck, and Comm Gold, nay.

Comm Gold moved to approve the plan as presented and approve the nonrefundable and refundable deposits not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$10,000. The Committee can come back for a budget amendment, if necessary.

Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed 5:1 with Comm Shuck, nay.

7. Attorney's Report – No report.

8. City Manager's Report

City Manager Francis provided a memo, under the Code, to declare surplus items for disposal. The surplus items were either damaged through a lightning strike or no longer functional.

Comm Nielsen moved to accept the surplus items as listed.

Comm Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

As part of the Strategic Plan, City Manager Francis announced that Mari Rains would be calling each Council member for a brief interview before the meeting.

a. Issues Log

Mr. Francis gave an overview of the Issues Log dated October 5, 2021.

b. Chief's Report

Chief Houston reported on the following,

- October is Domestic Violence awareness month – She asked if anyone is aware of any concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Police Department for assistance.
- As of October 1, Code Enforcement is under the Police Department umbrella.
- Agency received a small grant that will be allocated for the purchase of toolboxes for the Marine Patrol.
- Walk/Bike to School Event- October 6, 2021
- The Traffic Calming device on Daetwyler and Hoffner has been vandalized and scheduled for repair.
- CE Officer Winter's last day was on September 30. Mr. Francis thanked her for her years of service.

c. Public Works Report – No report.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fouraker reported on the following,

- He spoke of the Lake Conway East Sol Project and asked Comm Partin to notify the neighborhood.
- Mayor Fouraker gave an update of the FAA change to move the air traffic north toward the City. He said he is opposed to the change and will continue to update Council with any changes. He would like to send a letter to GOAA and FAA to meet and open dialogue with the City to address the concerns.
- NAV Board update regarding the Lake Study finalized September 2020. He addressed some of the continued concerns on the accumulating soot and the responsibility of the dredging on the canals.

10. Items from Council

- Comm Nielsen reported severe flooding issues on Delia north of Stockbridge. She would like the City to evaluate the situation and consider drainage repairs before paving. City Manager Francis said he would look into the concern.
- Comm Partin said he would like to meet with the City Manager to discuss the Sol project and Street Sweeping in Gated/HOA Communities.
- Comm Holihan said he resigned from the Police Advisory Board because of the recently passed Resolution. However, after further review, the Resolution does not cover advisory boards reporting to a staff person, not the Council. He would like to request reappointment by Council to the Police Advisory Board.

Comm Carugno moved to reappoint Randy Holihan to the Police Advisory Board.

Comm Shuck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.

- Comm Shuck reported on a growing concern of mailbox theft. He encourages all residents to contact the Police Department non-emergency number with any concerns. Facebook is not monitored and is not a reporting vehicle for the Department.
- Comm Carugno gave an update on the ANAC committee meeting.
- Comm Gold announced the Historical Society BBQ Blues Event on October 23, 2021 – 6-9 pm to sponsor the Crawford House.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.