



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 * 6:30 PM
MINUTES

Present was:

Mayor – Jason Carson
District 1 Commissioner – Frank Vertolli
District 2 – Holly Bobrowski
District 3 – Karl Shuck
District 4 – Bobby Lance
District 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell
District 6 Commissioner – Stan Smith
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Mayor Carson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed quorum.
City Manager Rick Rudometkin, Attorney Langley, Chief Grimm, Public Works Director Phil Price, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno were also present.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag

Comm Lance gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Public Comments & Announcements

Mayor Carson opened public comments.
There being no comments, Mayor Carson closed the public comment section.

4. Presentations – n/a

5. Consent Items

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2025
- B. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2025
- C. May 2025 Monthly Reports

Mayor Carson called for a motion to approve the consent items
Comm Vertolli requested to remove item A for discussion.

Comm Shuck moved to approve items B & C
Comm Lance seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

Comm Vertolli requested a correction to the May 20, 2025 minutes as follows,
Page 1, Item 4B reads, "... The current ordinance also does not allow the width of the lot to be greater than the minimum lot size, with more than 20 feet from the right-of-way, unless the Council agrees to a deed restriction. Since the Council is the reviewing authority, it allows the resident the opportunity for a public hearing".

Should read, "...The current ordinance also does not allow the width of the lot to be ~~greater~~ less than the minimum lot size, with more than 20 feet from the right-of-way, unless the Council agrees to a deed restriction. Since the Council is the reviewing authority, it allows the resident the opportunity for a public hearing".

Comm Bobrowski moved to approve item A with the proposed changes.
Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7:0.

6. Unfinished Business

a. 3904 Arajo Court Condemnation Update

City Manager Rudometkin reported that staff have been visiting the home to view the progress. The staff had noticed that the lawn had not been mowed. The contractor stated that they had some issues; however, the grass will be mowed on Thursday. CM Rudometkin noted that he was further informed that the homeowner is having trouble with funding for remodeling the home. In light of this, the contractor stated that they will have volunteers ready to paint the outside of the house and repair the eaves. CM Rudometkin said he will continue to provide monthly updates.

Comm Lowell shared her concern that the Council had not placed a finite date for repairs and maintenance. CM Rudometkin stated that the contractor did provide a schedule; however, he will contact the homeowner directly to confirm the scheduled dates for repair. Council consensus to have the City Manager contact the homeowner for schedule confirmation.

7. New Business

Budget Calendar Fiscal Year 2025-2026

City Manager Rudometkin provided the Budget calendar for FY 2025/26.

Comm Smith asked if the staff is pushing the dates too close to the public hearing dates. Comm Smith, what was the drop date to report to the Property Appraiser's office? CM Rudometkin said we have scheduled August 1st; however, he will confirm with the Finance Director.

Comm Lowell said she will not attend the July 29th Special meeting; however, she will be available via conference.

Comm Bobrowski said she will not be out of pocket for September and will not be in attendance for the two Council meetings. Comm Partin said he will not be in attendance for the meetings in July.

Adopt non-ad valorem assessment rates for stormwater – RESOLUTION NO. 25-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM STORMWATER ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CM Rudometkin said there will not be a rate increase this year until the final stormwater study is completed. A five-year plan will be presented for approval during next year's budget; ERU will remain the same for this budget year.

Comm Smith moved to adopt Resolution 25-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM STORMWATER ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE of June 17, 2025. The annual non-ad valorem stormwater assessment for each applicable property is \$140.00 per ERU, to be effective beginning with and included on the 2025 property tax bills.

Comm Lowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call 7:0.

Adopt non-ad valorem assessment rates for solid waste - RESOLUTION NO. 25-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm Lowell moved to adopt Resolution 25-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE of June 17, 2025. The annual non-ad valorem solid waste collection assessment for each developed residential property is \$305.40 per residence, to be effective beginning with and included on the 2025 property tax bills.

Comm Partin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously upon roll call 7:0.

8. Attorney's Report - na

9. City Manager's Report

a. City Manager's Report

The City Manager presented the Task List for review. He reported on the following,

- Billy Morgan will be meeting with staff for an initial assessment of the Lancaster House. Comm Bobrowski said she would like to be present for the initial walk-through. CM Rudometkin stated that he would be able to schedule walk-throughs with all commissioners (individually) at a later date and record a video of the first walk-through for Council review. A discussion ensued regarding the use of property and repairs.
- Hurricane Ian – Staff has uploaded a new outline totaling approximately \$770,000 based on the information available in response to the agency's reporting questions, KPMG. Once he receives confirmation on the total that will be reimbursed, he will report back to the Council.

b. Chief's Report

DC Millis presented the Chief's report in the packet. He reported the following,

- He highlighted: 79-Boating citations, 54-new Code Enforcement citations, and spoke briefly on some arrests for May.
- The Agency thanked the Partin Family for hosting the PD at their boat dock.

c. Public Works Report

Phil Price reported the following,

- Mr. Price said the PD Boat Dock has received its final inspection and is in use. Staff will schedule a grand opening ceremony to get everyone together.
- Status quo on open projects, hurricane preparedness, and maintenance

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Carson thanked the staff and the PD for all their efforts for the city and its residents.

11. Commissioners' Report

- Council thanked staff, PD, and its officers.
- Comm Shuck said there are numerous calls for service at the Hotels in McCoy and was wondering if an additional fee could be charged for those areas. DC said that it would be a Council decision. There are hotels and apartment complexes on McCoy that draw more attention than others.
- Comm Lance asked if the City would place a driveway and a fence on both sides of the boat dock area. Mr. Price said he will speak with the neighboring residents; however, there is no plan scheduled at this time. Funding options need to be discussed.
- Comm Smith gave a summary of the PRM Conference.
- Comm Lowell said she would like to make sure staff continue to work with Orange County on the weir. Mr. Price gave a brief update on Orange County's reporting to St John. At this time, there is no approved operation plan to lift the boards. Comm Lowell asked if the Council agrees to have the Mayor reach out to Comm Uribe to discuss this further.
- Comm Bobrowski reported that she attended the Budget Committee and said it was enlightening. Comm Bobrowski asked if the City can schedule a sandbag event before hurricane season starts. She attended the NAV Board meeting and reported that they had sent a letter to the County regarding the issues surrounding the Randolph ramp, along with the closing times. She asked if the City could send a letter to the County in support of the NAV Board's concerns. Comm Bobrowski said she would like to open discussions on the resident-to-commissioner ratio and bring the Council down from 7 to 5 districts. Council consensus was to have the City Manager and Attorney bring some information forward for discussion on a possible charter amendment.

Comm Bobrowski moved to set an agenda item for a meeting in August to bring information forward for discussion on a possible charter amendment and elections by district.

Comm Shuck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Carson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously at 7:45 pm.