



city council minutes

AGENDA November 15, 2016 * 6:30 p.m. City Council Regular Session

The Belle Isle City Council met in a City Council Regular Session on November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Present was:

Mayor Pisano
Vice Mayor Readey
Commissioner Gold
Commissioner Carugno
Commissioner Weinsier
Commissioner Lance
Commissioner Nielsen

Absent was:

Commissioner Mosse

Also present was Attorney Kruppenbacher, Interim City Manager April Fisher, Chief Houston and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno. Meeting audio is available on the City's website and at City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pisano called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Comm Nielsen led the invocation and the pledge to the flag.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER JESSICA GARCIA

Mayor Pisano swore in Officer Jessica Garcia. Chief Houston welcomed her to the agency.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICERS

- Officer Gargano was presented with the Award of Merit for demonstrating great courage, bravery and, tenacity during the Pulse Night Club incident resulting in the saving of the lives of many.
- Officer Cornwell was presented with the Award of Valor for entering the Pulse Night Club with clear and pleasant danger. This is the highest honor an officer can receive for demonstrating courage, bravery and selflessness resulting in the saving of the lives of many.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Approval of City Council Regular Session minutes – October 18, 2016
- b) Approval of City Council Regular Session minutes – November 1, 2016
- c) Proclamation: Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

**Vice Mayor Readey moved to approve consent agenda items as presented.
Comm Lance seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION NO. 16-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR A DONATION RECEIVED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING RENOVATION, REMODELING AND REHABILITATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolution 16-17 and Resolution 16-18 have been pulled by the Interim City Manager from the agenda and will be revisited at the next scheduled meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Pisano opened for public comment.

- Phil Price residing at 7440 Daetwyler Drive, Belle Isle shared his concerns with the Warren Park Canoe Launch and reported that the application was denied by the P&Z Board. He asked if Orange County was still allowed to have canoes and kayaks launch from the park without the Boat Dock approval and if the City of Belle Isle Police Department will be able to patrol the park.

April Fisher said the City did take note of the concerns shared by the residents at the P&Z meeting on safety, signage and access to Warren Park. One of the items Orange County indicated was that in other City Parks there are similar issues with respect to jurisdiction. Ms. Fisher said the City will be working with the Orange County Sheriffs office to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding to avoid liability issues for the City.

It is permitted if someone wants to launch from the lake shore, however the safety rules and signage is still in force. Orange County does not have an approval to make any modifications to the park at this time.

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- Attorney Kruppenbacher provided a draft of the Resident Guide Rules of Procedure handout that will be made available to all residents. He said any substantive changes should be addressed to him for correcting.
- Given the transition from the current archiving of emails he will be asking for an opinion from the Attorney General before moving forward with the new Google application.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Pisano asked Council if there was consensus to cancel the Dec 20 meeting due to the holidays.

Comm Lance moved to cancel the December 20th, 2016 City Council meeting.

Comm Gold seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Mayor Pisano announced and confirmed the following holiday events,

- Toy Drive November 23-December 23, 2016
- Tree Lighting and Snow Day December 7, 2016
- Santa Ride December 22, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

April Fisher reported on the following items,

- Ms. Fisher announced the staff closings as far as the holidays for City Hall. City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Mon, December 26th for Christmas. Also, Monday, Jan 2 for New Year's Day. Staff has agreed to have the floating holiday as Good Friday, April 14, 2017.
- Ms. Fisher handed out a draft Belle Isle Project Priority List for review and ask for comment or changes before the next meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

District 4

- Comm Lance thanked staff for taking care of the hanging branches on Daetwyler. He further reported another tree covering the sidewalk south of Daetwyler that require trimming.
- He reported the concerns of some residents regarding the mischief and upkeep of Warren Park. He asked for clarification, most importantly, on the police department jurisdiction of law enforcement.
Chief Houston stated that the jurisdiction belongs to the Orange County Sheriff's Office and she is working on the possibility of obtaining a MOU.
- He reported on the continued problem with the sunken sidewalk on Daetwyler. Chief Houston said that the sidewalk belongs to the County and they have been notified.

District 5

- Vice Mayor Readey reported that the City Manager has reviewed his concern on the use of solid waste roll off bins. He stated that Ms. Fisher has sent a letter confirming action and code amendment where necessary.
- He addressed the work order process for Council to use to report sidewalks, etc in an orderly manner to the City Manager

District 2

- Comm Carugno asked if the City can look into making the City sidewalks wider for safety reasons specifically on Hoffner and Conway Landings. He further added that he has received complaints on the upkeep of the Belle Isle signs throughout the City.
- He asked if there was a grant available for placing a buffer alongside the residents of the Venetian boat ramp.
- Comm Carugno shared his concern with the communication between Council and the events of a Planning & Zoning meeting. Attorney Kruppenbacher noted that Council sits in a quasi judicial role and attending a P&Z meeting may create an appellate lawsuit. Due to that fact, Attorney Kruppenbacher legally advised Council not to attend a P&Z Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

District 1

- Comm Gold reported that he has repaired the audio system wires and asked if Council was happy with the audio system setup.

**Vice Mayor Readey motioned to not pursue an outside company to look at the audio system.
Comm Lance seconded the motion for discussion.**

Comm Nielsen said she feels it is a good idea to pursue to see how much it will take to bring the current system to modern day standards. Comm Gold asked Vice Mayor Readey to withdraw his motion for a few weeks to see how well the repair works. Vice Mayor Readey withdrew his motion.

Council consensus was to give it several more meetings before pursuing further options.

- Comm Gold asked for consideration to place on the next agenda discussion to have a voluntary HOA handle the opening and closing of the boat ramp gate.

Debra Donham residing at 6904 Seminole Drive asked if she will need to call Orange County on the lighting and the crime at Warren Park. Mayor Pisano said yes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pisano called for a motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 7:40p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno
CMC-City Clerk