



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, * 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 5 Commissioner – Beth Lowell
District 6 Commissioner – Stan Smith
District 7 Commissioner – Jim Partin

Absent was:

District 4 Commissioner – Randy Holihan

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Vice Mayor Partin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and the Clerk confirmed the quorum. Also present were City Manager Francis, Attorney Chumley, Deputy Chief Grimm, Public Works Director Phil Price, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag – Commissioner Jim Partin, District 7

Comm Partin gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

3. Presentations

Chief Houston introduced and recognized Corporal Oscar Lugo and Corporal Andrew Clarke. Deputy Chief Grimm spoke briefly on new initiatives of DUI Saturation and concentrated on Hoffner Avenue.

4. Consent Items

Approval of City Council meeting minutes – January 3, 2023

Comm Carugno moved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Citizen's Comments

Vice Mayor Partin opened for Citizen Comments. There being no comments, Vice Mayor Partin closed citizen comments.

Mayor Fouraker joined the meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 23-01 - First Reading and Consideration: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF SEPTAGE HAULERS AND TRANSPORTERS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk read Ordinance 23-01 by Title.

There being no discussion, Comm Smith moved to place Ordinance 23-01 on February 7, 2023, Council Agenda for a second reading and possible adoption.

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

7. New Business

a. Surplus of City Equipment

Mayor Fouraker read the summary provided by the City Manager to declare the attached list as City surplus under Section 2-221 of the Belle Isle Municipal Code (BIMC).

There being no discussion, Comm Gold moved to declare the iPhones and iPads to be surplus and to direct the City Manager to dispose of the surplus according to the BIMC.

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to excuse Comm Holihan from the meeting.

Comm Gold moved to excuse Comm Holihan from tonight's meeting.

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

b. Discuss the Decision of the Lake Conway Navigation District Advisory Board to Raise the MSTU Millage Rate

Council shared its concerns and spoke on the following,

- The process of the meeting/etiquette and the limited public comment.
- They noted that the previous meeting minutes are in disarray and do not address the explanation for the significant increase in administrative costs.
- The results of the feasibility lake study were not shared and provided to the City.
- The budget was unclear and was addressed with guestimates; there is no accountability.

Mayor Fouraker stated that he believes the Board has good intentions. He said in speaking with Mr. Francis, he agrees and supports creating a restricted fund with a time restraint to be used specifically for Lake Conway projects. Mayor Fouraker said he would like to lead the discussion with the Board of County Commissioners and address some of the City's challenges with how the increase in the MSTU Tax is spent and where they will find additional funding.

After discussion, the Mayor suggested the following to be offered to the NAV Board,

- Add a Non-voting member added to the NAV Board from this Council to run their meetings, i.e., timekeeper.
- Communicate with the Belle Isle representatives on the NAV Board and submit requests to them for agenda items to be addressed.
- Start a dialogue by narrowing down the agenda items and pairing them with projects that the County will start first.
- Create a restricted fund with a time restraint to be used with the MSTU Taxes collected.

8. Attorney's Report - na

9. City Manager's Report

a. Issues Log

- City Manager Francis provided a copy of the Issues Log dated January 17, 2023. Council did not give any comments.

b. Chief's Report

Chief Houston reported on the following,

- Disabled residents can schedule door-to-door mail delivery by contacting the Post Master.
- Offered meeting with Council members to discuss Hoffer Stats report.

c. Public Works Report

Phil Price gave updates on closing the Sol Project, commencing CCTV storm drain projects, and the Cross Lake Bid project. Mayor Fouraker asked if the Public Works staff could fix the post of the mirror on Cove Drive that was damaged during the last storm.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fouraker reported on the following,

- Mayor Fouraker gave an update on the ANAC meeting and Comm Carugno's efforts on behalf of the City. The next meeting will be towards the end of February.
- He shared positive feedback on the CCA Expansion. He noted that Traffic Studies are being done.
- He met with Congressman Soto and noted that he would like to partner with the City and will visit three local businesses for a short story.

11. Items from Council

- Comm Partin announced that the area of St Moritz will be under construction and be closed to thru traffic.
- Comm Shuck said speeding and motorcycle traffic on Orange Avenue has increased and asked if Orange County can add more officers on the weekend.
- Comm Carugno asked if the Council can schedule a workshop with the CCA Board on the CCA Expansion. He also asked if the ordinance on recreational vehicle parking be on the next agenda for discussion.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously at 8:30 pm.