

**CITY CLERK REPORT
FEBRUARY 2024**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (BOC) MEETINGS

Commission Chambers, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Regularly scheduled meetings are held (Dates and Times subject to change):

Regular Meeting	2 nd Wednesday @ 6 p.m.
Budget Workshop Meeting	4 th Wednesday @ 4 p.m. (May through August)
Regular Workshop Meeting	4 th Wednesday @ 6 p.m.

February 2024 BOC Meetings

Regular Meeting	Wednesday, February 14, 2024 @ 6 p.m.
Regular Workshop	Wednesday, February 28, 2024 @ 6 p.m.

March 2024 BOC Meetings

Regular Meeting	Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 2 p.m.
Special Meeting	Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
Regular Workshop Meeting	Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 6 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Madeira Beach is seeking applications to fill one expired term on the Civil Service Commission.

Civil Service Commission – Three-Year Term expiring on October 30, 2026

- Civil Service Commission – 5-member board – regular meetings held quarterly. Additional meetings are held for special projects and employee grievance/appeal hearings. Dates and times vary.
- Members must be City of Madeira Beach citizens eligible to vote in the City elections.
- Appointments are made consistent with the Charter based on demonstrated experience or interest in the subject matter.

For additional information, please contact City Clerk Clara VanBlargan at 727-391-9951, ext. 231 or 232; cvanblargan@madeirabeachfl.gov

Boards, Commissions, and Committees are valuable to the local government process. The members are volunteers and provide a great service to the City and to the community. Duties and responsibilities include reviewing the City’s policies and procedures, Code of Ordinances, and the City Charter and making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Members of the Civil Service Commission serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for training, travel, mileage, and per diem expenses provided by law.

Interested persons must submit an application to the City Clerk no later than Wednesday, April 3, 2024, to be considered for appointment at the 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held in the Commission Chambers, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

Applications may be obtained

- City Clerk’s Office - City Hall, 2nd Floor, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, 33708
- Email - City Clerk @ cvanblargan@madeirabeachfl.gov
- City’s website @ <https://madeirabeachfl.gov/advisory-boards/>

Submit completed and signed applications to:

City Clerk
City of Madeira Beach
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MARCH 19, 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

An Election shall be held in the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, for the purpose of voting on one charter amendment.

The Pinellas County Canvassing Board serves as the Canvassing Board for the City of Madeira Beach. The actions of the Canvassing Board shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners at its next meeting following the election. The Board of Commissioners shall meet following the certification for the purpose of declaring the results of said election.

The polling locations for City of Madeira Beach voters to vote in the March 19, 2024 Municipal Election are as follows:

- Precinct 415 - Madeira Beach Municipal Building, City Centre Room, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida;
- Precinct 301 – Calvary Church Seminole (Combined), 6155 113 Street, Seminole, Florida 33772.

Charter Amendment question on the March 19, 2024 Municipal Election Ballot:

**City of Madeira Beach
Charter Amendment**

Amend Qualifying Period to the first full week in December.

This charter amendment would amend Section 3.3(A) of the Charter to change the Candidate Qualifying Period to the first full week in December instead of the first two full weeks in December. Should the Charter be amended?

Yes
No

If the voters approve the charter amendment at the March 19, 2024 Municipal Election, it will take effect for the candidate qualifying period beginning in December 2024 for the March 2025 Municipal Election.

There will not be a race for Commissioner District 1 and Commissioner District 2 on the March 19, 2024 Municipal Ballot. Incumbents David Tagliarini (Commissioner District 1) and Ray Kerr (Commissioner District 2) were the only candidates who qualified during the qualifying period in December 2023 to have their names placed on the March 19, 2024 Municipal Election Ballot. No one else applied during the qualifying period. They will be sworn into office at a Special Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., to begin a new two-year term as District Commissioner. A light reception begins at 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. The Board of Commissioners Regular Workshop Meeting is at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Commissioners David Tagliarini and Ray Kerr!!!!

CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH HISTORY

Report of “History Notes” prepared by Charles J. Gallagher who served 37 years at the Madeira Beach Police Department from February 1951 through October 3, 1987.

More history to follow!

This report of "History Notes" was prepared by Charles J. Gallagher who served on the Madeira Beach Police Department from February, 1951 through October 3rd, 1987, serving almost 37 years.

During this tenure, Gallagher served as patrolman, sergeant, (skipped lieutenant), captain, chief and his last 13 years with the City, served as Police Superintendent and aide to the City Manager.

1947

MADEIRA BEACH HISTORY NOTES

- 5-14-47 ● First Town Councilmen meeting held at the Real Estate office of George Gaines at 141st Ave and Gulf Blvd.
- Richard Maduro sworn in as first Town Clerk and Fred Rockwell as Town Marshall. Ross Welhof elected President of the Council.
- 10-28-47 ● Representatives of South Madeira asked about joining Madeira Beach.
- 8-12-47 ● Approved contact with Florida Power for 15 street lights on Gulf Blvd and 4 on Welch Causeway (150th Ave). John Robbins appointed Fire Marshall.
- 9-21-47 ● Appointed Larry Childs as Town Attorney for \$25.00 per meeting.

1948

MADEIRA BEACH HISTORY NOTES

- 1-7-48 ● Council advised that fire truck enroute from Youngstown, Ohio. Freight charges a little less than \$400.00.
● Police Chief Fairley Sullivan salary approved at \$50.00 per week plus \$15.00 car allowance.
- 1-13-48 ● Town Clerks salary raised to \$75.00 a month.
● Town has collected \$455.00 in fines.
- 2-3-48 ● Approved installation of fire hydrant bwtween 145th Avenue and 150th for \$235.00 installed.
- 3-30-48 ● Resolution to purchase Soft Water Blvd at 14509 Gulf Blvd, for \$7,000 which became the first Town Hall owned by the Town.
● Discussed two-way radio for police car.
- 7-6-48 ● Approved purchase of uniforms for police.
- 9-28-48 ● Approved police salary at \$65.00 per week and \$15.00 to buy uniforms.
● Approved fire siren for the Town at \$275.00.

1949

MADEIRA BEACH HISTORY NOTES

- 2-8-49 ● Approved Town Clerk to ring fire siren at Noon.
- 3-22-49 ● Report on bank balance \$ 1,647.09.
- 4-12-49 ● Approved two-way radio in police car. Dispatching was by St.Petersburg Police. Madeira car was car 86.
● Approved \$600.00 for fire hydrants.
- 4-26-49 ● Resolution to "hard surface" certain streets.
- 5-24-49 ● Carl Schneider became Police Chief.
● John Robbins appointed Fire Chief.
- 12-14-49 ● Charles Sullivan appointed police officer (in the 50's became Chief.)

1950

MADEIRA BEACH HISTORY NOTES

- 1-25-50
 - Approved of payment of \$2,355.00 for new fire hydrants.
 - Approved purchase of Chief Schneiders car for police car.
- 2-8-50
 - 100 street name signs ordered.
- 4-12-50
 - Approved American Legion Club House at 14700 Gulf Blvd.
- 5-10-50
 - Approved pay raise for Officer Charles Sullivan to \$54.00 per week.
- 5-15-50
 - Special meeting to discuss annexing South Madeira.
- 9-13-50
 - Accepted bid on American La France fire truck for \$7,598.91.
- 10-25-50
 - John Robbins appointed fireman at \$60.00 per week (he became Chief in early 50's).
 - Discussion on purchase of police car. Bids were; Ford \$1,458.69, Chev \$1,477.37 and Ply \$1,479.19. Tabled.
- 11-22-50
 - Approved fire contract with Redington Bch for \$500.00, 11-1-50 to 11-1-51. South Madeira 8-21-50 to 8-20-51 for \$300.00.
 - Approved \$200.00 for Christmas Lights in center of Town. Discussion on dog ordinance and dredge operation noise late at night (this was the period of time that developers were dredging the bay making "fills" or fingers of land for residential areas.

DATE	ITEM
1-5-51	● Special meeting to purge list of freeholders.
1-9-51	● Election for sewer bonds \$325,000 at 6%.
2-26-51	● Representations of both Madeira Beach and South Madeira Beach on proposed charter for merger of both Towns.
2-28-51	● Approved hiring 3rd full time Police Officer (Gallagher)
3-14-51	● Approved permit for Wilgelm-Booth funeral homes to operate ambulance service at 14809 Gulf Blvd.
3-28-51	● Approved purchase of Police Crusier for \$2,363.17.
4-25-51	● City Attorney authorized to present Madeira Beach Charter to State Legislature for approval.
3-9-51	● Delivery of new fire truck, fully equipted for \$8,565.76.
6-27-51	● Discussions on proposed merger of Madeira Beach and South Madeira Beach (Madeira Beach boundries were 155th Avenue South to 140th Ave. South Madeira Beach South from 140th Ave to John's Pass.
7-11-51	● Approved sewer lateral bid.
8-8-51	● Merger of Madeira Beach and South Madeira Beach becoming the City of Madeira Beach. City Attorny Larry Childs gave oath of office to first Commission; Emil Martin, Claude Miller, Thomas Huff, Sherill Clabo, Everett Siederburg, R.H. Noble, Ed Logan, Dave Campfield, Ed Herring, and James Tuttle (absent). Siedenbug nominated first Ma yor for the new City.
9-21-51	● First election for City of Madeira Beach.
10-23-51	● Approved City budget;
	Police - \$ 18,789.56.....(Salaries \$13,520.00)
	Fire - 14,643.24 (" 9,340.00
	Admin 12,272.94 (" 4,920.00)

1952

MADEIRA BEACH HISTORY NOTES

- 1-21-52 ● Special meeting to open sewer line bids.
- 2-12-52 ● Approved to allow Sunshine Beach (now Treasure Island in the John's Pass area) to use Madeira Beach Jail for Sunshine Beach prisoners at \$1.00 per day.
- 2-26-52 ● Approved sewer bond bid to Goodbody & Co., Herbert J. Sims & Co., Inc. and Sullivan, Nelson & Gross, Inc. for \$773,000.00.
● Approved purchase of first Public Works truck for \$3,440.95, a 1½ ton stake body Dodge.
- 4-22-52 ● Approved for City to take over Library on 140th Avenue from the Gulf Beach Womens Club for \$2,500 per year as of June 1st, 1952 but Commission to work in conjunction with the Womens Club.
● Approved the use of parking meters.
- 6-10-52 ● Doug Rodenbaugh appointed Chief of Police. He had been Sergeant.
- 8-12-52 ● Approved the purchase of 65 additional street lights at \$20.00 each.
- 10-28-52 ● Installed fire sirens, one at 132nd Avenue and Gulf Blvd, the second on the water tank on 150th Avenue.
- 11-10-52 ● Installation of parking meters to start on Madeira Way. Straw vote on proposed City Manager form of government; 592 for 314 against. 12 votes voided.

1953

MADEIRA BEACH HISTORY NOTES

- 1-27-53
 - Approved purchase of Air Conditioner for City Hall, a 5-ton GE used only 8 months for \$1,500.00 with (1) year warranty.
 - Carl Parker appointed associate Judge.

- 2-10-53
 - Recommended man be hired to enforce, repair and collect money from parking meters now at both north and south ends of the City.
 - Sewer plant dedication.

- 3-3-53
 - Approved papers for new City Charter to be presented to Legislator reference City Manager Government.

- 3-24-53
 - Approved purchase of police dog for Police Dept.
 - Approved hiring man for parking meters.

MAJOR EVENTS
MADEIRA BEACH

- 1848 ● Hurrican that lashed Tampa Bay made a cut through the existing islands forming "John's Pass". John's Pass was named after John Lewick, an early pioneer who used the area to catch sea turtles.
 - 1913 ● A realtor named Walter Fuller bought Treasure Island for \$800.00. He formed a development company and sold shares for \$1,000.00. Albert Archibald contiued with development until he owned most of Treasure Island. Later he formed the Madeira Holding Company.
 - 1927 ● Welch Causeway and bridge built (now known as Tom Stuart Causeway) Madeira Beach Causeway and 150th Avenue.
 - 1927 ● John's Pass bridge built.
 - 1953 ● E.C.Brandon named Madeira Beach first City Manager.
 - 1953 ● Sanitary sewer system and treatment plant put into operation.
 - 1955 ● Police Department installed their own radio station, dispatching their own units. The station was based in Madeira Beach City Hall where the Police and Fire Departments were located, 14509 Gulf Blvd.
 - 1961 ● Started construction on 4-laning 150th Avenue and new Madeira Causeway bridge.
 - 1964 ● Construction of new Madeira Beach City Hall including facilities for Police and Fire also land for future development of recreational facilities.
 - 1957 ● Completion of Madeira Beach Shopping Center (Publix Market).
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