



## city council minutes

### **MINUTES** **June 1, 2017 \* 9:00 a.m.** **City Council Workshop Session**

The Belle Isle City Council met in a City Council Workshop Session on June 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Hall Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Attorney Kruppenbacher

Also present: City Manager Bob Francis, Chief Houston, Deputy Chief Grimm, Finance Manager Tracey Richardson and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno. Meeting audio is available on the City's website at [www.cityofbelleislefl.org](http://www.cityofbelleislefl.org) and at City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pisano called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pisano opened the discussion and said a representative from the Orange County Appraisers office will make a presentation and provide information on property values, revenue and the top ten businesses. He will also give a brief overview of the homestead exemption legislation that will be on the ballot for 2018.

Council discussed a few options on having all parcels in the City changed to the same zip code to increase revenue. Karl Shuck gave a brief summary of his previous efforts on zip code changes and said the City can start by sending a letter to the Post Office Regional Office in Tampa stating the City's intent to start the process.

City Manager Francis gave a brief summary of the budget and said at the current time the City does have a healthy reserve and he will recommend having the mileage stay the same despite the fact that the proposed homestead exemption may affect the revenue.

Mr. Francis spoke on the following,

- Removing all the equipment costs on the CIP and create an equipment replacement fund that will include all equipment purchases for the City over \$5,000. In addition, Council can add a percentage of the unappropriated ending fund balance to the fund every year.
- Mr. Francis requested having three to four additional workshops to allow Council to have more input on the budget before it is approved in September. He suggested the following tentative dates,
  - July 25<sup>th</sup> budget presentation by staff from 6-8pm
  - August 1st budget workshop from 6-7pm and follow with the City Council regular session
  - August 15<sup>th</sup> budget workshop from 6-7pm and follow with the City Council regular session
  - If needed, August 29<sup>th</sup> can be scheduled from 6-7pm
  - September 5<sup>th</sup> First Public Budget Hearing
  - September 19<sup>th</sup> Second Public Hearing and Adoption
    - Alternative date August 8<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Pisano presented a letter from Rick Singh, Orange County Property Appraiser listing the City's 2017 Estimate of Taxable Value for Real and Tangible Personal Property at \$684,175,783. Discussion ensued on possible revenue sources for the coming year.

Mayor Pisano introduced Mark Webster, Manager of Tax Roll Administration and Customer Service and Minnie DeLuca, Constituent Services Representative for the Orange County Appraisers Office. Mr. Webster provided a brief presentation and reported on the,

- Florida's Property Tax System
- Orange County / Belle Isle at a Glance
- HJR 7105, Additional Homestead

Discussion ensued on reasons why the City of Belle Isle is the preferred place to live, annexation possibilities and mileage rollback or increase options. Council further discussed on-going drainage issues throughout the City. Mr. Francis stated that he would be working on a much-needed Capital Facilities Plan to address funding for priority areas and a storm water management master plan moving forward.

Council spoke on the ongoing partnership with the Orange County NAV Board and the projects that maybe funded by the NAV Board to alleviate some of the current problems. Comm Lance spoke on some of the NAV Board's priorities that directly affect the City and protect Lake Conway. After discussion, Mr. Francis stated he will continue communication with the NAV Board on an ongoing basis to bridge the partnership between the City and the residents.

Mr. Francis spoke on the open and carryover CIP projects for 2016-2021 as follows,

- Replacement of the Code Enforcement Car
- City Hall Improvements which will probably be used for computer hardware
- Swan Beach Beautification will be completed next year
- Police Vehicles will be rotated in next year's budget
- Sidewalk repair and street resurfacing cost will be revisited and will include (overlook, Nela, Perkins, Idaho, Swann, Conway Circle, Nevada, Lake Drive, Gondola and Nela to Perkins. In addition, the City will be resurfacing Stockbridge, Gibson, Cay Circle and Delia. For 2016-2017 the City will revisit Delia Beach and McCawley Street. Council discussed having the drainage completed prior to the paving.
- Perkins Boat Dock repair will include fencing, dock and paving.
- Allocation of \$15,000 from the Bing Grant Fund (\$10,000 from District 5 and \$5,000 from District 3) to change the flower bed to a fountain at the roundabout on Nela Avenue.

Council discussed ideas that they would like to put forth as goals for next year. Discussion ensued and the following items were discussed.

- Traffic Study for the entire City
- Cameras at the four entry points into the City that would assist with public safety
- Widening of sidewalks for bike riders and walkers throughout the City
- Replacement of the Duke Energy wood street lighting poles and CRA possibilities
- Stripping or reflective lights on the road on the Nela Bridge
- Placement of a split rail fence at Venetian Park and at the Wallace property
- Uniformed signage in all City parks
- Installation of bollards at Cross lake
- Curb replacement throughout the City
- Windsor Place paving and drainage repair
- Clean up and maintenance of the "black muck" accumulating at the Lake Conway lake front properties
- Coordinate the Lake Conway MSTU street sweeping with the garbage pickup days to improve the quality of work
- Purchase of a Marine Patrol boat
- Replacement of Police Officer radios, computers and vehicles

- Install and use of environmental improvements such as solar energy
- Greener initiative with the City open space such as a community garden or compost bin give-away
- Council spoke of funding options for private HOA seawalls and boat docks
- Unique street signs, beautification and light poles at the City entrances
- City tree give-away program and Tree assessment of all trees in the City's major thorough fares
- Provide public education on lawn fertilizer usage and lake weeding
- Annexation of McCoy Road - 100 yards towards Regal Marine
- Coordination of Citizen Advisory Groups for City projects
- Creation of a city phone application
- Increase of the event budget which will include the Police Department events

Mayor Pisano reported that she is working on coordinating a town hall meeting with Congresswoman Demings for July 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss stronger laws on the Lake. She further reported that she has the opportunity to submit for a Mayors Grant and opened discussion. Council agreed to have the Mayor submit for an electronic board that will advertise City meetings and events.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Pisano called for a motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 12:15pm.

Yolanda Quiceno  
CMC-City Clerk