



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held in City Hall Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL
Held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of Every Month
Tuesday, January 19, 2021, * 6:30 pm

MINUTES

City Council Commissioners

Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor

District 1 Commissioner – Ed Gold | District 2 Commissioner – Anthony Carugno | District 3 Commissioner – Karl Shuck
District 4 Commissioner – Mike Sims | District 5 Commissioner – Harvey Readey | District 6 Commissioner – Jim Partin
District 7 Commissioner – Sue Nielsen

Also present was Attorney Ardaman, City Manager Francis, Chief Houston and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno

Absent was: Comm Harv Readey

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Mayor Fouraker called the meeting to order, and the City Clerk confirmed quorum.

2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag

Comm Nielsen gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. BIPD Awards

Chief Houston presented the following Life Saving awards,

- Life-Saving Awards-Narcan: Officers - Bausch, DelCastillo, Watkin, Ferraiuolo, and Wasmund
- Life-Saving Award-CPR/Narcan: Officer Hernandez
- Life-Saving Awards-CPR: Officers Clark and Lugo

Mayor Fouraker postponed recognition of Dave Smith with A-1 Septic until his health is better to attend and accept the award.

4. Consent Items – n/a

Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to approve Consent Items.

- a) Approval of the November 17, 2020, City Council minutes
- b) Approval of the December 1, 2020, City Council minutes
- c) December Monthly Reports: Finance Report, Police Department, Code Enforcement, and OC Fire

Comm Gold had a correction to November 17. 2021 minutes as follows,

Page 6, Paragraph 4 reads,

"Comm Gold said he approved the initial purchase of the field for an open space never to be developed. The green space was to comply with the required open space mandated by the Land Development Code. Artificial turf will create environmental harm in the future. He does not want to go back to the original Council decision for open space."

Comm Gold moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2020, and correct the minutes of November 17, 2020, as follows,

"Comm Gold said he approved the initial purchase of the field for an open space never to be developed. The green space was to comply with the required open space mandated by the Land Development Code. Artificial turf will create environmental harm in the future. ~~He does not want to go back to the original Council decision for open space.~~"

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

Comm Partin pulled item c for discussion.

Comm Partin asked for clarification on the following items,

- Page 31-Vehicle Maintenance Repairs
Mr. Francis said the cost includes Code Enforcement and is covering a recent accident.
- Page 32-Other Current Charges/Solid Waste
Mr. Francis said he would have to research and get back to Council.
- Page 34-Urban Forestry

However, Mr. Francis said he would have to research further; some of the cost may be due to the contractor not submitting timely invoices. Also, there have been a couple of emergencies with down trees on the right-of-way. If the down tree is on

private property, the resident is invoiced for the service.

**Comm Partin moved to approve the December reports as presented.
Comm Gold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 6:0.**

5. Citizen's Comments

Mayor Fouraker called for citizen's comments.

Anita Sacco, residing at 4913 Jinou Avenue, shared her concerns and spoke on 1) audio for BICC meetings on Facebook is not very clear and impossible to hear, 2) when will the website be ADA compliant and minutes be posted, 3) the need for city council workshops to address critical issues and 4) expressed her opposition to the proposed Dog Park specifically lawn maintenance.

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

6. Unfinished Business – N/A

7. New Business

Discuss/Approve RFP for Lobbying and Intergovernmental Consulting Services

City Manager Francis said he discussed briefly hiring a lobbyist to assist the City with issues at the State and Federal level that could affect the City. They can also identify resources and grants that could benefit the City. He has drafted the proposed RFP for consideration.

Comm Partin asked in what area of the budget this will come out of. Mr. Francis said it would come out of the City Attorney Line Item, and a budget amendment will need to be drafted and approved.

Comm Nielsen moved to have the City Manager move forward with the Lobbying and Intergovernmental Consultant Services RFQ.

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

Discuss Results of Dog Park Survey

City Manager Francis provided the survey results said the City had received many requests for a dog park. The City conducted a survey over the past month. There were 213 responses (96% were City residents). Many suggested a dog park at Warren Park, which is a County facility. If Council is interested, he can communicate the request to Orange County for consideration.

Mayor Fouraker opened for Council discussion – 3 minutes each member.

Comm Partin said it is a good idea and noted that Ms. Sacco's concerns should be considered. He further asked if the Kuck Family is in favor of the City changing the name of Regal Park. Mr. Francis said he reached out to a former Mayor and found that it was the City that put forth the effort to name the park after the family's philanthropic and outreach efforts. Anita Sacco said the property was donated to the City by the Skurky Family, who resided at 2825 Montmart at the time.

Comm Shuck said he would like to see the City reach out to Orange County to use Warren Park as a dog park. They have established parking, a large park area that can be divided, and it is accessible to Orange County and Belle Isle residents.

Comm Gold and Comm Carugno both agreed that it might be beneficial to have the City reach out to Orange County. Comm Gold said he does not believe Regal Park is big enough to accommodate a dog park. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Francis said this might be a good opportunity for a workshop to discuss further options moving forward.

8. Attorney Report

Attorney Ardaman spoke on the Lake Conway regulatory matter. He heard back from the Sheriff's office and General Counsel. They do not want to have a separate agreement with respect to just lake enforcement. At this time, there is an existing Mutual Aid Agreement in effect. The Sheriff said he is committed to working with the City to ensure that our objectives are met. Chief Houston said communication is key moving forward.

9. City Manager Report

City Manager Francis reported that the ten-year Census had been completed. As required by the Charter, the City will be looking at redistricting once the results are certified. The last time the City went through this process, there was a committee of 8-residents appointed. He will send out an Elert calling for volunteers to gather applications and start the process.

Issues Log

- Storm Drainage – The staff had positive conversations with the NAV Board regarding partnering on some open projects.
- Traffic Study – Delayed presentation to allow Council further review of the program documents.
- Crosswalk – Working with the County on an In-Road Lighting System. County said the City must draft an MOU for approval. The next crosswalk on schedule for review will be on Pleasure Island/Hoffner.
- Wallace Field – The City scheduled the Public Hearing on February 2 and advertised accordingly.
- CCA – The person who appraised the BOA building is an MAI appraiser and gave us a cost estimate of \$1,700 to prepare a rent fee report.
- MuniCode Update – P&Z Board will be looking at a change to the temporary sign code.
- Orlando Realtors Association – Staff is making some changes to the After-the-Fact permits. Fines will not change. However, the procedural issues will be taken out and become policy. I will bring it forward to the following Council meeting.
- Annexation – Publix is interested in annexing into Belle Isle. Staff to schedule a meeting. We are awaiting a response from Sienna Condos.
- Lancaster House – Still waiting for the County's response.

Chief's Report

Chief reported on the following,

- Most surrounding municipalities will have extra coverage for Inauguration day.
- Traffic details: Hoffner, Seminole, and Daetwyler – over 100 citations.
- Golf Cart inspection has started.
- Since January 1, there have been 129 red light violations to date. Chief spoke briefly on the administrative process.
- Police Advisory Board meeting on January 26 at 3 pm.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor reported on the following,

- The Mayor said he was pleased to see staff and residents at the community event: house clean up.
- Mayor Fouraker gave his condolences to the Meiner Family for their loss and prayers for Kevin Cleary and a quick recovery.
- Mayor Fouraker announced that the City is looking to schedule another Council Strategic Workshop. He apologized for the events of the previous meeting.
- Mayor recognized Lily Ann Brooks recently announced as the National Ambassador of the NF Foundation. May 16 is NF Awareness Day and urges all residents to recognize the cause.

11. Items from Council

Reappointment of Steve Jackson to the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Steven Jackson was presented for another term on the Solid Waste Committee.

Comm Carugno moved to reappoint Steve Jackson to the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee.

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

Council Reports

Council thanked the PD for their work and commitment to the City and its residents.

Residents should contact the Noise Abatement Committee with all complaints; Facebook is not the vehicle to have your voice heard.

Comm Carugno said he would not be present at the February 2 meeting due to personal commitments.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Fouraker called for a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 7:55 pm.