



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

6:00 PM

Town Hall

Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please wait to be recognized, then step to the podium and state your name and address. We also ask that you please turn-off all cell phones.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor Gary H. Katica presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

JP Murphy stated that Commissioner Shelly was in Tallahassee representing the Town during the legislative session.

Present: 4 - Mayor Gary H. Katica
Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt
Commissioner Michael Wilkinson
Commissioner Tom Kurey

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Tom Shelly

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

(Discussion of items not on the agenda. Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to speak.)

Rodney Vincent-Resident-Spoke on his previous comments and unhappiness with Belleair Bee article; questioned timeline of studies previously discussed.

Mr. Murphy provided comments regarding Indian Rocks Rd. traffic study; process and timeline.

Mayor Katica suggested meeting with Chief of Police and Town Manager.

Lil Cromer-Resident-Requested addressing issue of recycling at next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

[19-0063](#)

Approval of March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Kurey

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

GENERAL AGENDA

[19-0066](#) Resolution 2019-02 Declaring Commission Seats for March 2019-March 2022 Term

Mr. Murphy read Resolution 2019-02 Declaring Commission Seats for March 2019-March 2022 Term into record.

Commission Wilkinson moved approval of Resolution 2019-02. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Kurey

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0068](#) Swearing in of Commissioner Tom Kurey

Judge Farnell commended Commissioner Kurey; provided the oath.

[19-0065](#) Discussion of traffic calming and safety improvements on Pineland Ave, Palm, and Golf View Drive

Mr. Murphy provided introductory remarks.

Rick Doyle-Chief of Police-Discussed previous studies and results; average speed has been 21 and 22 mph on Pineland; 20 and 22 mph on Golfview; limitations on studies; commented on volume of vehicles.

Mr. Murphy discussed national average of residential roads; are within average; potential issue with one study; area being used as a cut through.

Mayor Katica requested resident comments.

Jim Derringer-Resident-Commented on Palm Ave & Pineland traffic; lack of sidewalks in area; would like to see traffic calming to reduce cut throughs and to slow traffic.

Rick Diaz-Resident-Suggested reducing speed on Mehlenbacher to 25; speeding at corner and cut-through; issues with safety at stop sign; no sidewalks in area.

Mr. Derringer stated road improvements on Mehlenbacher will help, but no sidewalks.

Bill Wiseman-Resident-Commented on lowering speed on Pineland; no weight limits; adding speed tables to slow traffic.

Chief Doyle commented on work being done to reduce large trucks in area.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt questioned addition of sidewalks; Mr. Murphy discussed areas

of town having sidewalks; stated costs can be provided and figured into CIP if Commission wishes; discussed lack of lighting and possible conversion to LED.

Female Resident-Commented on speed of vehicles on Pineland and Palm Ave.; suggests addition of speed humps.

Donna Davich-Resident-Spoke on lack of lighting on section of Golfview; supports addition of sidewalk; questioned plan for end of street; would like a dog park. Mr. Murphy stated area is to be a cul-de-sac.

Commission discussion regarding importance of resident petitions and voicing clear opinions of what they want to see; locations of streetlights and ability to add.

Margot Ryder-Resident-Commented on deterioration of roadways in area; speeding on Golfview; against speed bumps.

Skyler Borsch-Resident-Spoke on Pineland being a cut through; supports reduction of speed limit; against addition of speed bumps.

Mr. Murphy discussed process required for reducing speed; state statute requirements; staff suggestions to make area a 4 ways stop and add lighting.

Stella-Resident-Spoke against speed bumps; requests lowering speed limit, adding stop signs or islands.

Jane Lyon-Resident-Questioned if golf course was doing anything with paving Golfview; requests curbs on street; in favor of sidewalks.

Discussion regarding location of stop signs; potential to reduce speed; staff to investigate cost of certified study.

Mayor Katica thanked residents for input; commented on potentially lowering of speed limit.

Holly Grissinger-Resident-Does not feel lowering speed limit will cause impact; would like to see a speed table added at Palm and Pineland; road is a short cut.

Mr. Murphy stated recommendation is to add stop signs; noticing requirements for new signs; certified study could be done later.

Discussion ensued regarding current and potential stop sign locations; Palm and Golfview and other areas.

Mr. Murphy stated it was his recommendation to stay with the 4-way; staff to evaluate conditions around the other intersections and bring back findings; will take up to 60 days before engaging in the studies; pricing of traffic studies.

Discussion ensued regarding potential addition of sidewalk locations in area; right-of-ways; staff will survey right-of-way to help with determining locations; 60-90 days to get study.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved to put a stop sign, a 4-way stop, at Golfview and Pineland along with increasing lighting along those streets as seen fit and necessary. Seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Kurey

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0064](#) Discussion of Advisory Board Appointments

Mr. Murphy stated this is a preliminary look at member terms; attendance provided; two open seats on Recreation Board; staff requests commission advisors to check with their boards to see who wishes to continue to serve.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated he had two openings on the Recreation Board; had a resident come forward that would be a good candidate.

[19-0067](#) Peaceful Avenue Litigation Update

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-Provided update regarding a claim to part of town's right of way; Campbell McLean to file a motion for summary judgement; part of town property conveyed incorrectly in deed; agreement prepared.

Commissioner Wilkinson questioned if town is in lawsuit pertaining to this issue. Mr. Ottinger clarified town will allow resident to use; row use permit to be granted.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No further report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Doyle-Provided spring break crime statistics in area, no burglaries or stolen cars in Town; suspicious individuals being stopped; ordinance violations; directed traffic patrols done, citations issued for trucks.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy commented on upcoming agenda items-Commission advisor members; Saturday, April 6th is free shredding event; Palmetto and Pinellas drainage project to begin.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Kurey-thanked residents and family for coming; commended police department; bluff tour and increase in construction prices; accelerating infrastructure upgrades and bundling projects; Belleair Country Club interest in purchasing section of Hallett Park; would like to see a possible meeting at the bluff for residents and others involved.

Discussion on holding upcoming public meetings regarding area being considered; Mr. Ottinger provided comments on title and process; comments made regarding previous properties.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-Spoke on Joyce Sparkman being employee of the month, commended her service; would like to look into recreation center safety and security.

Discussions regarding security in all areas will be brought to commission for review.

Commissioner Wilkinson-Recreation board met; provided dates for upcoming events; two board openings; congratulations to Commissioner Kurey; kudos to Joyce Sparkman, job well done; thanked police department and officer Daniels.

Commissioner Shelly-Not in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Murphy discussed addition of an Amazon hub or locker to have a location in town next to police department; will continue to explore.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Mayor Katica moved to Adjourn. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Kurey

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR