



# Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

## Meeting Minutes Town Commission

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Tuesday, June 4, 2019

6:00 PM

Town Hall

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**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 6:01 PM with Mayor Gary H. Katica presiding.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Gary H. Katica  
Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt  
Commissioner Michael Wilkinson  
Commissioner Tom Shelly  
Commissioner Tom Kurey

### 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.

**19-0148** Variance for 313 Wood Lawn Ave

No one to be sworn in.

Applicant not present. Mr. Murphy stated that past procedure has been to continue the request to a date certain; continued to the July 16, 2019 commission meeting.

**Commissioner Shelly moved to continue the variance for 313 Woodlawn Ave. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.**

**Commissioner Shelly moved to amend his motion and to continue the variance for 313 Woodlawn Ave. to July 16, 2019. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettsatt.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**19-0150** First Reading of Ord 523 - Fences and Fence Walls

Mr. Murphy read Ordinance No. 523 - Fences and Fence Walls by title only; provided background of revisions; will assist with code enforcement; eliminate green coated chain link fences as well as front yard chain link fences; vegetation coverage and irrigation.

Leslie Rhaney-SPC Public Policy Student-Spoke in support of Ordinance 523; in agreement with the amendments.

Mr. Murphy stated current fences would be grandfathered but once need replacement would need to follow new code

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt thanked the Planning and Zoning Board for all their work done on the ordinance.

Pam Kern-Resident-Spoke on ordinance; concerns with height requirements for uniformity.

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of Ordinance No. 523 on first reading. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

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

Tom Olson-Resident, Finance Board Chair-Spoke regarding finance board discussions; finance board recommended to the commission to not take on any more debt at this time; spoke on reserves, anticipated shortfall; in 2022-2023 will be able to gage new income levels.

Mayor Katica commented on other municipalities in bankruptcy due to borrowing; does not support additional debt.

Commissioner Shelly spoke regarding value increases; infrastructure fund; in agreement at this time not to increase debt.

Commissioner Kurey spoke regarding infrastructure project costs and priorities; new engineer of record; financial stability and strength of the Town and community; only discussions of potential borrowing; needing clarity and a plan of action.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt concurred with Commissioner Kurey.

Mr. Murphy stated the commission had asked staff to identify all of the possible projects over the next 20 years; the 30 million dollars discussed was not needed at this time; no dire emergencies; major projects are coming to a close; look at debt capacity for the future.

Daniel Hartshorne-Resident, Finance Board member- provided history on financial situation and future borrowing; board supports borrowing, but not for a few years.

Larry Simenau-Resident-In agreement with Finance Board; urgent issues that come up can be addressed at that time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

[19-0151](#)

Approval of May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**Wilkinson.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**GENERAL AGENDA**19-0147

Resolution 2019-13, Amendment to the FY 2018-19 Budget

Mr. Murphy stated purpose of amendment; identified various funding sources available; possible tree mediation fund allocations to Tackett Park; capital project fund and park fund; budget amendment to the infrastructure fund; dollars from tree fund could be moved.

Commissioner Wilkinson inquired about the Tackett Park improvements budget; Mr. Murphy explained the funds needed; sources were all appropriate for projects.

Rick Allison-Director of Parks, Recreation, and Public Works-clarified total costs; original amount didn't include tree work; project is getting done with no ad valorem dollars.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Discussed changes to be made to attachment to reflect correct dollar amounts.

Discussion ensued regarding making changes to the budget amendment.

Consensus of the commission to table the item for now and to move on to the next agenda item.

Discussion ensued regarding noticing of meetings and budget.

19-0149

Appointing a Delegate to the Florida League of Cities

Mr. Murphy stated formal action to appoint the Town's delegate to the Florida League of Cities; also announced Commissioner Shelly won Home Rule Hero award.

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved to nominate Commissioner Tom Shelly as our delegate to the Florida League of Cities. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Introduced Phil Lock from McKim and Creed; will be lead engineer for Town; Infrastructure board consultant interviewed as well; received very high score; brings a welcome knowledge for engineering process and projects.

Phil Lock-McKim & Creed-Thanked for opportunity to be of service to the Town; commented on water plant; discussed background and experience; construction costs; infrastructure master plan; spoke about family and hobbies.

Mr. Murphy discussed tax roll values; charts shown to audience; keeping up with trend in the county; property values are increasing; addressed questions.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt requested to see how much vacant land was in the Town and not development.

Mr. Murphy concluded his report by announcing May Employees of the Month..

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt stated Mr. Murphy had received a Home Rule Hero award; Commissioner Shelly stated Mr. Murphy had gone to Tallahassee to fight for budget for the Palmetto roadway project as well as a request from Florida League of Cities.

[19-0147](#)

Resolution 2019-13, Amendment to the FY 2018-19 Budget

Mr. Massol provided a recap of previous budget discussion; discussed revised numbers regarding Tackett Park project; provided updated attachment.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendments.

Mr. Murphy read the specific transfer amounts and accounts for the record.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2019-13 as amended. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

### **TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

### **MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Katica-commented on borrowing and importance of not over borrowing.

Commissioner Wilkinson-Recreation board hasn't met; spoke regarding summer camps.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt stated she had nothing to report.

Commission Shelly-boards didn't meet; fire report will be forthcoming; commented on officer memorial service.

Kurey-commented on debt; welcomed Mr. Lock; having an infrastructure master plan.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Simenau-inquired about a conflict of interest mentioned at a prior meeting.

Mr. Ottinger stated he did not personally see a conflict; seeking a formal ruling or opinion from the Florida Commission on Ethics on the matter; filling next week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly,  
and Commissioner Kurey

**APPROVED:**

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**MAYOR**