



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

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 called to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor 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.

[18-0253](#)

First Budget Hearing - Approval of Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Mr. Murphy stated this was a TRIM hearing; Resolution 2018-37 and 2018-38 were attached to the packet; title should be the tentative approval of Resolution 2018-37 and 2018-38; need to take appropriate action to add the resolutions to the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval for the addition of Resolution 2018-37 for Millage and Resolution 2018-38 for Budget for FY 2018-2019 to the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Mr. Murphy stated that the commission would start with Resolution 2018-37 which was re-titled for the millage portion of discussion for TRIM purposes; the commission previously set the preliminary maximum millage rate at 6.5 which was an increase over the current rate of 5.9257; increases for infrastructure projects, general expenses and decreases in revenues in the future; spoke about tax bill; stated that if Amendment 1 passes, it would save \$2 for average homeowner; staff seeking tentative approval of Resolution 2018-37.

No public comments were made.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of adoption of 2018-37 adopting the millage rate. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[18-0254](#)

First Budget Hearing - Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Town Budget

Mr. Murphy stated this was a required TRIM hearing for budget; briefly reviewed required process of Truth in Millage (TRIM); stated there was a maximum millage rate set at 6.5; discussed rollback rate of 5.6392; however the maximum millage rate was set at 6.5; the percentage increase of the roll back rate is 15.26 percent of the proposed rate; on that rate to be levied at 6.5. Stated that at the September regular meeting the vote would require a super majority vote of 4 out of 5 commissioners present; discussed total taxable value in Town; entertained questions to anyone.

No public comments were made.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2018-38. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

[18-0252](#)

Ordinance 522 - Amending Appendix B - Fee Schedule

Mr. Murphy summarized Ordinance 522; addition of wireless communication fees, special relief permit fees, and correction of missing solid waste commercial schedule; when future updates are needed, would like to amend Appendix B annually in conjunction with budget.

Brief discussion ensued regarding various fees and rates; Mr. Murphy stated the old sewer rates, which are no longer applicable, will also be removed.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Ordinance 522 - Amending Appendix B - Fee Schedule. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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.)

None to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

[18-0251](#)

Approval of August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

GENERAL AGENDA

18-0255

Hallett Park Maintenance Discussion

Mr. Murphy stated that the Town received a letter from Mr. Whiddon and his neighbors; Mr. and Mrs. Cantonis were present and representing Mr. Whiddon; stated they were requesting at their expense the cutting of the a Bluff; provided a brief explanation of the request; maximum of 15 ft. from the grade, removing evasive species and trees smaller than 4 inches and cutting down to a height of 6-12 inches above the grade; spoke about the code and mowing standards passed in 1986; spoke about the stability of the bluff and not being able to utilize a reach mower as previously approved.

George Cantonis-Resident-Provided brief explanation of request; stated the group of residents requesting the trimming would bare the cost of the job; Boen's Tree Service provided a quote to do the trimming; Boen would do the job with the direction and requirements of the Town; spoke about the stability of the Bluff, the lack of trees, and native growth.

Mr. Murphy stated that if the request was to go forward, it would have to be done with the supervision of the Town.

Nancy Hartshorne-Resident-Read a statement in opposition of the request of clear cutting of the Bluff; questioned supervision.

Ricky Allison-Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Works-Addressed questions from the commission regarding company, supervision, cutting method and maintenance standards; stated that it would be better to wait until after the rainy season; discussed vegetation.

Ms. Hartshore requested clarification of cut; Mr. Allison stated it will be 2 ft. down the Bluff above grade.

All residents present in agreement with the proposed 2 ft. cut; Mr. Allison addressed questions related to vines and trees.

Mr. Murphy recommended accepting proposal; specs to be drawn up that would have a trimming no shorter than 2 feet above grade; No further down the bluff than 15 feet; stated that Ricky Allison and staff would manage the project; that it would be made to the Town as a grant.

Commissioner Shelly moved to accept the proposal and Town will trim the project no shorter than two feet from grade and no further down than 15 feet, and Town accept the payment as a grant. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

[18-0257](#)

Approval of Shared Use Agreement between the Town and Pelican Golf LLC, for shared use of Public Works and Golf Maintenance facilities

Mr. Murphy discussed location, aerial image of area shown; building part of previously approved phase III of the golf course construction; town will have 3 of the bays with a shared debris site.

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-Discussed modifications to original agreement relating to cost sharing of ongoing maintenance of gate.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of the Shared Use Agreement between the Town and Belleair Golf, LLC, for shared use of Public Works and Golf Maintenance facilities. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[18-0256](#)

Discussion Logo Ideas

Mr. Murphy discussed background of two past logos being used; issues with image quality; staff has been investigating options and a designer provided services at no charge; looking for feedback.

Cathy DeKarz-Management Analyst-Reviewed multiple logo options; stated the dark green and blue option was the highest ranked by staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed logo options; regarding other color options.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt stated she like the navy blue, yellow and green with the sun; discussed reverse options; designer of logos.

Mr. Murphy stated he would bring back to the commission an approval of the new logo.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Bill Sohl, Chief of Police stated crime has dropped; provided update on a recent auto theft case.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy announced August employee of the month; discussed areas of localized flooding and other areas due to sedimentation.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger commented on code enforcement action relating to a vehicle sign; issue settled in court, not wanting to set a precedent.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Katica-Commented on loss of John McCain; would like a plaque in Veteran's Memorial Park honoring him; consensus to have a plaque made.

Commissioner Wilkinson-Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-Commented on upcoming park dedication; BCF working with rec for yoga in the park.

Commissioner Shelly-Park & Tree board didn't meet; will provide Largo fire statistics; commended Town Attorney on his work regarding shared use agreement.

Commissioner Kurey-Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:01 PM.

Commissioner Kurey moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR