



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall

Zoom Meeting ID: 815 0040 4621

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM with Mayor Wilkinson presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Michael Wilkinson
Deputy Mayor Tom Kurey
Commissioner Coleen Chaney
Commissioner Thomas Nessler

Excused: 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.)

Lissa Dexter-resident-commented on recent merger of Park and Tree and Recreation Boards.

Mayor Wilkinson thanked Ms. Dexter for her service; spoke on reason for merger.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Kurey moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[21-0149](#)

Approval of May 10, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes and May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

GENERAL AGENDA21-0173 Presentation of ABM Performance

JP Murphy-Town Manager-briefly reviewed background of ABM services; facility repairs and energy savings; introduced Sam Giese to provide presentation.

Sam Geise-ABM representative-provided company information for new commissioners; overall savings; discussed statutory requirements of report; reported Year 1 savings breakdown by category; available for questions.

There were no questions.

21-0159 Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Draft Report

Mr. Murphy introduced Chaz Jordan to provide presentation; Kessler has previously provided consulting services for projects; discussed current recycling with City of Clearwater; cost increases; consultant hired to review options.

Chaz Jordan-Kessler Consulting-provided highlights of report findings; discussed current solid waste and recycling collection services; current recycling fees projected to increase annually; provided available options; purchasing of truck to automate trash collection which can be also used for recycling.

Discussion regarding automated truck; can numbers and sizes; primary collection, rear-load truck to pick up yard waste and special pick ups; process of how routes could run.

Mr. Jordan finalized presentation showing how to take on recycling with no additional costs; early capital costs, but savings would provide a return on investment; recommends this as a way to provide services.

Mr. Murphy discussed a part time staff position that could help fill in; not a requirement for this recommended process.

Mr. Jordan spoke on redundancy in trucks to account for any issues; addressed question regarding life span of vehicle.

Mayor Wilkinson questioned Town ability to provide recycling services to neighboring communities; Mr. Murphy stated not addressed in study, unsure of their contract obligations.

Lil Cromer-former resident-questioned where recycling materials are going.

Mr. Murphy provided information, one facility in county which is near capacity; county is looking into. Mr. Jordan addressed processing issues, Kessler is currently conducting feasibility study. Costs discussed.

Mr. Murphy spoke on costs and option to continue curbside.

Karla Rettstatt-resident-commented on costs; getting cities to come together to get Pinellas county to build facility.

Discussions regarding number of residents recycling; estimated numbers; contaminated loads; sorting methods.

Marc Jordan-resident-questioned if items are being recycled; Mr. Jordan addressed question.

Mayor Wilkinson questioned impact of not recycling. Mr. Murphy stated \$96,000 savings, ability to still transition to automated system and expand services elsewhere.

Wilfred Holmes-Director of Solid Waste-spoke on amount of accumulated waste if recycling is cut; total tons of waste disposed of last year.

Mr. Murphy echoed comments; waste stream would increase by 1/4.

Deputy Mayor Kurey questioned second truck redundancy; Mr. Jordan stated it is included in numbers, also addressed question regarding specialized containers, public education would be needed. Deputy Mayor Kurey would like to see a financing option.

Mr. Murphy spoke on borrowing options; can bring back numbers.

[21-0177](#)

Discussion of Town Attorney Solicitation

Mr. Murphy stated item was previously requested by Commission; questioned how to proceed with solicitation; does not believe staff has experience to determine, suggests recruiter or Commission to conduct interviews; questioned time frame; having a third party attorney to oversee process.

Commissioner Chaney questioned use of community based volunteers; Mr. Murphy unaware if there would be interest.

Mayor Wilkinson would like assistance; Commissioner Nessler also feels it should be outsourced; Deputy Mayor Kurey in agreement; Commissioner Chaney in support of a search firm.

Mr. Murphy spoke on potential timeline; if town manager has ability to select firm, can move forward faster.

Karla Rettstatt - Resident - spoke on Commission defining clearly what expectations of an attorney are; will help in process.

Mayor Wilkinson is in agreement to provide authority for Mr. Murphy to select a recruiting firm. Mr. Murphy recommends allowing him to collect 3 quotes and he will make selection if wanting to move up time frame.

Deputy Mayor Kurey move approval to give JP the ability to select a firm not to exceed \$35,000. Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[21-0161](#) Discussion of Advisory Board Term Limits

Deputy Mayor Kurey moved to continue 21-0161 Discussion of Advisory Board Term Limits. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[21-0152](#) 2021-22 Budget Status Update.

Mr. Murphy stated preliminary numbers received from property appraiser; Maximum preliminary millage to be set at July 20th; no projected increases; numbers are still estimates, awaiting state revenues; fairness in taxation act revenue should increase; second in the county regarding new construction; discussed increases in property values.

[21-0162](#) Vehicle Replacements Approval

Mr. Murphy spoke on shortage in automotive industry; prior orders were canceled; seeking other vehicles in interim; Enterprise recommending getting order in as soon as possible to direct from factory instead of waiting for a dealer who has extra stock; longer waiting time, but fleet currently in good shape; resale market is good; seeking ability to either order or purchase previously approved vehicles.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-spoke on limited inventory with dealers, pricing higher than FSA pricing; will continue to pursue government pricing but not expecting; will continue to research best options.

Deputy Mayor Kurey move approval of vehicle replacements and leases of up to five-year terms based on alternative purchasing method of best available price. Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[21-0154](#) Discussion of COVID Policies for Leaves and Payments

Mr. Murphy recommends sunseting the extended leave; spoke on time accrued during COVID, staff unable to use, suggested ways to reduce accruals.

It was the consensus of the Commission to eliminate COVID leave.

Mayor Wilkinson open to suggestions from Commission; Deputy Mayor Kurey suggests a blend, extending ability to use to next September; consensus return to 240 limit; Town Manager to have 360 limit.

Mr. Murphy provided final numbers; \$73,600- employees reduced to 200 plus his reduction to 360 hours.

Deputy Mayor Kurey move to eliminate COVID related leave as of July and extend vacation time to September 2022, reduce to 200 hours vacation accruals to all staff except for our Town Manager to 360 hours by way of buy back. Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

STAFF REPORTS

Chief of Police, Rick Doyle- Nothing to report.

Rachel Hobbs, Special Events Coordinator- Nothing to report

Stefan Massol, Director of Support Services - spoke on Susan Lee's retirement; thanked her for 25-years of service; celebration tomorrow.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger - Nothing to report; reminded Commissioners to submit form 1.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy spoke on upcoming LPGA, questioned whether to have a dedicated board; commission consensus to have another ad hoc committee, will submit names.

Mr. Murphy discussed voter delegate from FLC, Tom Shelly will be reappointed if no concerns.

Discussed date conflict with Supervisor of Elections regarding upcoming election to be held in March; conflicts with charter; options to have an amendment on November ballot; may also include PD ballot question requiring a unanimous vote of Commission and voter referendum.

Ms. Rettstatt spoke on a petition to be brought suggesting ballot language; Discussion regarding referendum ballot and language. Mr. Murphy spoke on procedures and advertising.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Kurey - received state funding, thanks to representatives

Commissioner Nessler - Historic Preservation board will have two properties at next meeting , will discuss fundraising opportunities

Commissioner Chaney - Parks, Recreation and Tree board will have 1st meeting next week

Mayor Wilkinson-Finance board meeting upcoming, thanks to former members, congrats to Susan Lee; review of organizational chart

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

ADJOURNMENT

No further business. Meeting adjourned in due form at 8:05 PM.

Deputy Mayor Kurey moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.

Aye: 4 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR