



# Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

## Meeting Minutes Town Commission

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Tuesday, April 20, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall

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**Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please use the “raise hand” function and wait to be recognized. If you are attending by phone, dial \*9 and you will be called by the last 4 digits of your phone number. Each person will be given 3 minutes to speak, you will need to unmute yourself in order to be heard.**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Deputy Mayor Kurey presiding.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Mayor Wilkinson attended remotely.

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Michael Wilkinson  
Deputy Mayor Tom Kurey  
Commissioner Tom Shelly  
Commissioner Coleen Chaney  
Commissioner Thomas Nessler

### 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.

#### [21-0101](#) Variance Request - 628 Pineland Ave

Deputy Mayor Kurey stated Commission will continue item due to the Planning and Zoning board continuing request until the May 10th meeting and will continue item until the May 18th, Commission meeting.

Mayor Wilkinson recused himself due to remote attendance.

**Commissioner Shelly moved to continue the variance request for 628 Pineland Avenue to May 18, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.**

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

**Recused:** 1 - Mayor Wilkinson

#### [21-0102](#) Variance Request - 1050 Ponce de Leon Blvd

JP Murphy-discussed process of public hearing.

Town Clerk swore in those wishing to speak.

Deputy Mayor Kurey asked if there had been any ex parte communications. There were none.

Mr. Murphy provided background on property and request; read Mr. Cooper's staff report regarding findings; Planning and Zoning board recommended approval based on property layout and request was for a pool of a standard size, currently a fence and pool would be located within.

April Dodge-applicant-nothing additional to add; other side lot properties have received similar variances.

No further public comments; public comments closed.

Deputy Mayor Kurey asked if any plans to add a screen.

Ms. Dodge stated no plans at this time.

Mr. Thompson-applicant-spoke on screen.

Mayor Wilkinson recused due to remote attendance.

**Commissioner Shelly moved to approve the application for variance at 1050 Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.**

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

**Recused:** 1 - Mayor Wilkinson

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

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

No Citizens comments

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Shelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0105](#) Approval of April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

(approved as part of consent agenda)

[21-0098](#) Arbor Day Proclamation

(approved as part of consent agenda)

[21-0103](#) Proclaiming May 3-7, 2021 as Teacher Appreciation Week

(approved as part of consent agenda)

**GENERAL AGENDA**[21-0104](#)

Presentation Thanking Sydney Wahl from Girl Scout Troop 60925

Chief Doyle-Belleair Police Department-stated the police department received girl scout cookies along with a letter from Sydney Wahl.

Sydney Wahl read her letter for the audience; chose the Belleair police department to be their troupe "Hometown Heros."

Chief Doyle presented Ms. Wahl with department challenge coins; thanked her for her support.

***Meeting recessed at 6:15 PM***

***Meeting reconvened at 6:20 PM***

[21-0097](#)

Resolution 2021-09 - Thanking Ms. Mary Griffith

Mr. Murphy read resolution into record;

Mayor Wilkinson commented on Ms. Griffith; thanked her for all her work.

Deputy Mayor Kurey commended Ms. Griffith for her work on the Finance board..

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2021-09 - Thanking Ms. Mary Griffith.  
Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0100](#)

Discussion of Driveways and Pavers

Mr. Murphy stated various requests have been received regarding driveway pavers and allowing them to extend through sidewalk area; previous discussion regarding concerns with ADA maintenance and safety; staff primarily concerned with safety and liability as well as ongoing maintenance required to avoid safety concerns; recommends reviewing indemnification agreements if changes are to be made.

Commissioner Shelly in favor of keeping current policy.

Shelly Gilbert-resident-seeking to install driveway pavers; spoke on no sidewalks on her street so pavement section doesn't make sense; property value.

Mayor Wilkinson-questioned pavers and apron.

Mr. Murphy stated pavers are not allowed in sidewalks so it doesn't apply where there is no sidewalk; clarified that was misinformation.

Nancy Hartshorne-resident-spoke in support of allowing pavers.

Gayle Grady-resident-spoke on potential of need to access utility easements; responsibility in event of pavers replacement.

Mr. Murphy addressed issues; apron not ADA risk.

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-commented on having a remedy procedure if considering to permit; additional costs would be incurred.

Discussion ensued regarding current process, unclear, becomes code enforcement issue; other municipality approaches; litigation concerns; strengthening the indemnification agreement.

Estelle DeMuesy-resident-spoke on potential resident concerns.

Mayor Wilkinson suggested planning and zoning or infrastructure board review item.

Mr. Murphy recapped-will be put to Planning and Zoning board and will provide suggestions of modifications to ordinance and agreement.

[21-0106](#)

Approval of Professional Engineering Services for Indian Rocks Road Phase 1 (from Mehlenbacher Road to north of Poinsettia Road) by RS&H

Mr. Murphy stated item requires approval due to purchasing policy; scope identified by Phil Locke with McKim & Creed; spoke on request in both chambers as of now; project provides final engineering, hope to begin in September/October; larger pedestrian/multi modal path; staff recommends approval; discussed phase two as well.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the professional engineering services for Indian Rocks Road Phase 1 from Mehlenbacher Road to north of Poinsettia Road by RS&H in the amount of \$170,868.38. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0107](#)

Discussion and approval of Purchase of Pedestrian Signage and Beacons from Tapco.

Mr. Murphy spoke on installation of crossings in Town; spoke on potential bill; if approved, would hold off to see what happens with bill; spoke on light options.

Commissioner Chaney questioned costs of retrofit if needed; costs of traffic study.

Mayor Wilkinson questioned color.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of purchase of the 12 RRFB beacons from Tapco in the amount of \$88,356. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0109](#)

Discussion of Advisory Boards

Mr. Murphy spoke on staff time; prior conversations held regarding merging of boards; potential for a general advisory board; open to commission suggestions.

Mayor Wilkinson suggested merging the Park and Tree board with the Recreation board.

Commissioner Chaney stated she is in support of also merging the two boards; Commissioner Shelly agreed.

Mr. Murphy stated staff will draft a resolution to rescind prior 2 board resolutions, create

a new board combining duties of both.

Commission support to include a teen council member.

Mr. Murphy questioned if they should also be a general advisory matters board.

Discussion ensued regarding number; consensus to have 7 member board with one being a teen council member.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Doyle-spoke on National Crime Victims' Rights Week, thanked Commissioner Chaney for her work in this area; speed monitoring ongoing; TRACE and CIT training; successful car show.

Ricky Allison-Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Works-spoke on bluff cut; "Girls on the Run" program interview; Teacher Appreciation Week social media campaign; school bus routes, recreation serves 10 routes; Pinellas County will not give out number of riders on the routes, discussed times.

Chaney questioned safety concerns with those walking from other areas; discussion ensued regarding creating a path for kids.

Karla Rettstatt-resident-spoke on possibility of relocating stop to Public Works building or providing another covered location.

Discussion ensued regarding possible stop at Public Works; Commission supports relocate to Public Works and adding in a path from trail to Public Works.

Mr. Massol - Nothing to report.

Mr. Murphy stated Ponce phase 2 roadway complete; thanked Keith Bodeker for his work; spoke on success of shredding event- kudos to Wilfred Holmes; employee recognition event tomorrow.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Murphy stated we were still in budget for projects; questioned upcoming meetings for summer.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

David Ottinger - Nothing to report

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

Mayor Wilkinson-thanked Deputy Mayor Kurey for chairing meeting; medical procedure will be back at next meeting; thanked staff for support.

Commissioner Shelly-congrats to staff and lobbyist for getting road funding in budget; Planning and Zoning met.

Commissioner Chaney-Nothing to report.

Commissioner Nessler-nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Kurey - nothing to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:39 PM.

**Commissioner Shelly moved to Adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**