



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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 6:01 PM with Deputy Mayor Rettstatt 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.

[20-0130](#)

Second Reading of Ordinance 530 - Authorizing Sale of 0 Manatee Rd

David Ottinger recommended to table the item until the June 2nd meeting due to a title issue; it may effect the other properties as well.

David Phillips called in to speak on behalf of buyer Mr. Gerlach; spoke on the offers submitted by Mr. Gerlach; commented on 0 Manatee title issue, no ingress/egress to public right-of-way; discussed parcel survey and title; easement needed; given Mr. Ottinger's recommendation to postpone the 2nd reading, they would like to resolve this issue.

Mr. Ottinger reiterated title issue; wants to ensure proper contract and feels final approval would be inappropriate; issues are resolvable before next meeting.

Commissioner Shelly moved to table the seconded reading of Ordinance 530 authorizing sale of 0 Manatee Road to the June 2, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[20-0114](#)

First Reading of Ordinance 531 - Authorizing Belleair Country Club Ground Lease

Mr. Ottinger stated draft lease is substantially complete; uncertainty of when lease would commence due to unknown of permitting process; recommends tabling to next meeting

on June 2nd; Commissioner Kurey will not be voting on item due to his membership at the Country Club.

Commissioner Kurey stated he did receive a formal opinion which stated no conflict, but the Ethics Commission still recommends he abstain.

Commissioner Shelly moved to table the First Reading of Ordinance 531 Authorizing Belleair Country Club Ground Lease to June 2, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Kurey

[20-0115](#)

First Reading of Ordinance 532 - Authorizing Sale of 2 Baybrook Place

Mr. Ottinger stated they were ready to proceed with a combine purchase of Baybrook 2 and 7; however the title issue discussed with respect to 0 Manatee Rd. will affect this property as well; recommends postponing first reading on these ordinances for Baybrook 2 and 7 to resolve title issue.

Commissioner Shelly moved to table the First Reading of Ordinance 532 - Authorizing sale of 2 Baybrook Place to June 2, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[20-0119](#)

First Reading of Ordinance 533 - Authorizing Sale of 7 Baybrook Place

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt stated she would entertain a motion to postpone this item as well.

Commissioner Shelly moved to table the First Reading of Ordinance 533 - Authorizing Sale of 7 Baybrook Place to our June 2, 2020 meeting. 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.)

Amy Rosa-Resident- Commented on road closure at trail due to construction; would like to see road remain closed.

JP Murphy-Town Manager- Stated citizens had brought up at a previous meeting; conversation postponed until a conversation can be held with experts providing costs, etc., would like to have community involvement; possibly discuss in July but issue has been put off due to COVID-19.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt questioned fire department; Mr. Murphy stated it would reduce response times however no engineering studies yet; closure done by Largo not the Town; need to have high level conversation before spending dollars on consultants and engineering.

Gail Carroll-Resident-Commented on Hallett Park maintenance; invasive plant species.

Mr. Murphy stated the Town has an interlocal agreement with Clearwater to trim as code allows.; tree trimming.

Ricky Allison-Parks and Recreation & Public Works Director - regular maintenance of large trees is general dead wood removal and maintaining canopy of 8 ft above ground; additional not currently in budget; where Brazilian peppers grow, is in hazardous location don't have equipment or trained staff; when cuts are done, they do grow back quickly.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt inquired about vines and palms; Mr. Allison stated Clearwater did a cut with their mower; Mr. Murphy stated the smaller palm issue will be sent to Park and Tree Board for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt asked to change minutes to reflect her abstention from the Pelican item.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

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

[20-0121](#) Approval of May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
(approved as part of consent agenda)

[20-0122](#) Resolution 2020-06 Appointing Finance Board Members
(approved as part of consent agenda)

[20-0126](#) Resolution 2020-07 Appointing Infrastructure Board Members
(approved as part of consent agenda)

[20-0128](#) Resolution 2020-09 Appointing Park and Tree Board Members
(approved as part of consent agenda)

[20-0124](#) Resolution 2020-11 Appointing Recreation Board Members
(approved as part of consent agenda)

GENERAL AGENDA

[20-0123](#) Resolution 2020-08 Appointing Historic Preservation Board Members
Commissioner Shelly moved to approved the Historic Preservation Board extensions, everyone that was on the board agreed to extend. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[20-0129](#) Resolution 2020-10 Appointing Planning and Zoning Board Members

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt stated there were two candidates which were both qualified; Mr. Murphy stated it would be for the remainder of the 1-year term filling the vacancy of Jerome Ciliento's term.

Commissioner Kurey moved that Peter Kyres be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy stated governor revised orders to allow updated phase 1; discussed town level changes; staff at Town Hall still working partially remotely, open to public Tuesdays and Thursdays; screening measures in place.

Mr. Murphy stated that this week is Public Works week looking to give Public Works staff a half day off on Friday; seeking Commission consensus; it was consensus of commission to allow the half day off.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Allison commented on child care; all available summer camp spots filled; hoping to find extra space; kuddos to rec staff; tomorrow will be Public Works week lunch.

Mr. Murphy stated school system is not providing child care and bus program this summer; spoke on issues countywide regarding CDC guidelines and finding more space for summer camp and child care.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing further; will have things ready to proceed with the property sales at the June 2nd meeting.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Katica-spoke on phone calls regarding closure of Poinsettia; will support what the people want.

Commissioner Wilkinson - nothing to report.

Commissioner Kurey-thanked public works team, recreation and all staff for their diligence.

Commissioner Shelly-thanked staff and Belleair police department.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-commented on graduation parade on Saturday, May 30th at 5 PM; currently 21 grads in parade, encourages participation; thanked Chief Doyle and Commissioner Kurey for resolution of issue with house on Evonaire circle.

OTHER BUSINESS

No further business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in due form at 6:49 PM.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

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

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

DEPUTY MAYOR