



# Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

## Meeting Minutes Town Commission

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Tuesday, January 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall

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**Zoom Meeting ID: 837 0352 1382**

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM with Deputy Mayor Rettstatt presiding.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt  
Commissioner Michael Wilkinson  
Commissioner Tom Shelly  
Commissioner Tom Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Gary H. Katica

### **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.)

No citizens comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Town Manager JP Murphy asked to move item # 21-0022 to the General Agenda.

**Commission Shelly moved to approve the consent agenda. No second.**

**Commissioner Shelly moved to amend the motion to move agenda item 21-0022 to the general agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

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

**Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[21-0009](#) Approval of January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

(approved as part of consent agenda)

[21-0014](#) School District Interagency Agreement

(approved as part of consent agenda)

[21-0020](#) Approval of Cooperative Funding Agreement With Southwest Florida Water Management District for Bluff Erosion and Abatement (Q175)

(approved as part of consent agenda)

**GENERAL AGENDA**

[21-0022](#) Contract Amendment-Time Extension-N688 Pinellas Road Project.

Mr. Murphy discussed cooperative funding agreement with SWFWMD; deliverables still needed, awaiting on engineer to submit remaining items; seeking commission approval to execute extension once received; awaiting extension agreement from SWFWMD.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of contract amendment-time extension-N688 Pinellas Road Project. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[21-0016](#) Proclamation Honoring Mayor Gary H. Katica and Naming January 28 "Mayor Gary H. Katica Day"

Mr. Murphy read proclamation into record.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on the Mayor's legacy; wearing special shirts honoring the Mayor.

Commissioner Wilkinson spoke on the Mayor's legacy.

Commissioner Kurey spoke highly of the Mayor; supports honoring the Mayor.

Mr. Murphy stated a John Land Service Award from the Florida League of Cities will be presented to the Mayor for his years of service.

Discussion of day becoming a Mayor's Day or Town Officials' Day in the future.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of proclamation Honoring Mayor Gary H. Katica and naming January 28 "Mayor Gary H. Katica Day". Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[21-0017](#) Resolution 2021-02 - Setting 2021 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Murphy read by title; discussed Florida League and Suncoast League legislative action agenda; categories are transportation, strengthen home rule, and resiliency; approval allows for advocacy in areas, intend to seek appropriations this year.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2021-02 - Setting 2021 Legislative Priorities. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[21-0012](#) Voice and Internet Services Purchasing Method

Mr. Murphy provided overview; seeking ability to negotiate with companies; will likely extend over multiple budget years, requiring commission approval.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-spoke on opportunities for efficiency on both price and resolving issues when managed by a single entity; Mr. Murphy discussed benefit to residents; redundancy and remote transition capabilities.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the proposed alternate purchasing method for Voice and Internet Services as described above. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[21-0021](#) Continued Discussion of Future Water Supply Options

Mr. Murphy stated item will continue to appear on agenda as more information becomes available; discussed proposed location of new wells; ability to vault below ground to reduce visible infrastructure above ground; Pinellas County CAFR information provided for general discussion, Infrastructure and Finance Boards will discuss item as well; engineer is working on providing visual representation of what water plant area would look like in a demo scenario, still awaiting.

Commissioner Kurey spoke on customer numbers; referenced county CAFR and spoke on financials; no debt at water system level; spoke on average rates.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt spoke on importance of residents knowing a franchise fee will be included.

Commissioner Kurey continued comments regarding Pinellas County's proposed budget; sees increase in capital spending; spoke on reserve spending to keep in mind.

Commissioner Shelly questioned when final calculations are expected from Pinellas County.

Mr. Murphy stated still projecting February; Pinellas County interested in some components of our system such as automatic meter reads and monthly billing; spoke on concerns with a system transfer scenario, especially employee retainment and placement.

Commissioner Wilkinson questioned if others have transferred to Pinellas County; Mr. Murphy is aware of sewer transfers not water service.

Discussion ensued regarding customer base; water use permit.

#### 21-0005

#### Review of Draft Digital ADA Compliance Policy

Mr. Murphy provided background regarding legal suit for online ADA compliance; multiple cities involved throughout state; judge issued consent decree for government entities to make corrections; spoke on challenges of documents and need for remediation to make compliant; policy attempts to lay out how compliance will be achieved or what level of services may be eliminated. Most of policy are federal requirements.

Cathy DeKarz-Management Analyst-open to questions; a lot of work has been done so far; questioned any specific discussion around agendas.

Mr. Murphy spoke on agendas changing; attachments are not ADA compliant; may only post agenda in future to avoid suit; feels it would be a downside prefers transparency; will purchase closed captioning system

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Digital ADA Compliance Policy with the conditions stated. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

#### 21-0010

#### Special Relief Permit; BCF Chillin Chili Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt abstained from voting due to being the president of the Belleair Community Foundation.

Mr. Murphy stated this is the special relief permit for the for Chili Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, February the 6th; portion of road will be closed.

**Commissioner Wilkinson move approval of the Special Relief Permit- BCF Chillin Chili Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament on February 6, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

**Abstain:** 1 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Doyle-Belleair Police-provided crime update; Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commended recovery of theft.

Ms. DeKarz-spoke on t-shirts coming for Mayor's honor; requests Commission send names of those that may need to be included.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Murphy stated agreement with the Belleair Country Club was executed for the 90 day/\$60,000 option. Chevy vehicle order was canceled, will need to bring back other option.

Chief Doyle spoke on communication received from Smith family; boys donated amount to the police department, thankful that they feel safe; group will go over tomorrow with challenge coins and other Belleair items.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

David Ottinger-had nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Kurey-upcoming Infrastructure Board meeting; discussed packet.

Commissioner Shelly- Historic Preservation board did not meet; Park and Tree board met and discussed dogs off leashes and is researching liabilities.

Commissioner Wilkinson - Recreation board didn't meet.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt - Planning and Zoning board didn't meet; Finance board meeting on Thursday at 4:00.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:05 PM.

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

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**TOWN CLERK**

**APPROVED:**

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**DEPUTY MAYOR**