



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, April 7, 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 held at Town Hall as well as virtually via Zoom due to COVID-19 precautions.

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

Mayor Katica and Commissioners Wilkinson and Kurey attended virtually.

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.)

Town Manager JP Murphy provided participation instructions; inquired as to whether there was anyone online that had questions or comments.

Ms. Ashley Bernal stated there were no questions from anyone at that time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[20-0086](#) Approval of 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget Calendar

GENERAL AGENDA

[20-0089](#) Coronavirus Update

Mr. Murphy discussed Town response and County updates; importance of everyone following social distancing guidelines; provided statistics for US, FL, County and Belleair; 33756 zip code has highest number of cases in County; discussed Governor's order 20-91 regarding essential services and activities; no additional restrictions on residents of Belleair; emergency declaration being renewed every 7 days; all buildings closed to public; services still ongoing; parks open but playgrounds and tennis closed; recycling collection suspended. Provided update on infrastructure project; contractor is shutting down for 2 weeks.

Keith Bodeker-Construction Project Supervisor-Commented on project areas.

Mr. Murphy continued by discussing LPGA tournament to be rescheduled to November; public safety has seen increase in civil matters and domestics; other jurisdictions increase in burglaries and auto thefts; unleashed dogs; larger than usual crowds on bluff; officers getting many calls regarding social distancing; officers will be handling as many calls over phone as possible; multiple formats for public communications; importance of following CDC guidance; if CDC guidelines aren't being followed, commission may need to close parks and golf courses; open to recommendations/suggestions for getting communication to public.

Rick Doyle-Chief of Police-Main issues are on Bluff at sunset; many are visitors and not residents; issuing parking tickets for violations; notifying officers to only make contact if it's critical; participates in daily calls with Sheriff's office; doesn't want to close areas, more restrictions may cause greater issues; public communications.

Commission discussions regarding public outreach; regarding families and groups; no dogs off leashes.

Molly Schaffer-Resident-Commented online thanking Chief Doyle.

Mr. Murphy continued update discussing PPE supplies; no emergency overtime pay enacted as of yet; if a shelter in place order comes in or situation worsens, operations may be further scaled back; utilizing current staff for projects; recommends for part time staff that commission allows part time staff to assist other County emergency management operations; estimated \$93,000 revenue loss on recreation side; CARE act funding from state going to County, doesn't anticipate seeing any dollars directly to municipalities.

Commissioner Wilkinson spoke in agreement with keeping officers safe and at a distance; received a request to open tennis courts, hesitant to do so.

Commissioner Shelly and Deputy Mayor Rettstatt both in agreement to keep tennis courts closed; Mr. Murphy suggested once over peak, peak anticipated in next 2 weeks; can look at a tapering out.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt suggested temporary signs on Bluff regarding social distancing; Chief Doyle commented on potential to use brightly colored signs similar to what SO is using; Commission consensus to post several signs on Bluff.

Commissioner Kurey spoke in support of Mr. Murphy's efforts managing situation; thanked first responders and commended Chief as well with handling a life saving situation.

[20-0088](#)

Ahlf Property Offers

Mr. Murphy stated Tom Karpenski and Rock Scaglione were joining in on meeting as acting agent on the open bid process; blind bid process utilized, to be ranked at this meeting; discussed process; three offers have been received.

Mr. Karpenski discussed offers; all 3 willing to close within a reasonable time; available for questions.

Mr Murphy stated properties appraised; recommends accepting offer for 2 Baybrook at \$900,000; 0 Manatee offer is \$175,000; offer for 7 Baybrook made a joint offer which included 0 manatee for \$550,000 -feels low for both; may be able to negotiate or simply sell 0 Manatee.

Commissioner Shelly suggested accepting 2 Baybrook offer of \$900,000; Mayor Katica in agreement with Commissioner Shelly, allow Mr. Murphy to negotiate.

David Phillips-Attorney representing perspective purchaser-reiterating offer is cash offer, 30 days closing and will cover costs, buyer motivated to move forward with 0 Manatee and willing to renegotiate 7 Baybrook.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt stated they would move to 7 Baybrook.

Mr. Murphy introduced 7 Baybrook, Commissioner Shelly feels too low for both, below market; wouldn't normally accept but with corona virus issue may change.

Commissioner Kurey thinks offer for 0 Manatee is good at \$175,000 with buyer paying closing, can discuss what to do with 7 Baybrook.

Mayor Katica wants to be sure Town Manager can negotiate 7 Baybrook.

Town Attorney David Ottinger commented nothing further to negotiate at Manatee; may need to negotiate 7 Baybrook.

Commissioner Shelly move approval of selection of offer # 1for #2 Baybrook of \$900,000. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Commissioner Kurey moved to accept the offer for 0 Manatee at \$175,000 with the buyer paying all closing costs except for the commission. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Rock Scaglione and Tom Karpenski both available for questions; Mr. Scaglione provided options such as counter offer, or lower price to attract broader audience.

Mr. Murphy will work with both; will not accept much less than appraised value.

Estelle DeMusey-commented online regarding Zillow values being confusing.

Mr. Scaglione unsure of date changed, but it was at least 30 days ago; however, made clear from day one that property available together or separate.

Commissioner Shelly moved to have JP Murphy negotiate with David Phillips on 7 Baybrook and if they do not come to an agreement then we will relisted with the same real estate brokers. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[20-0079](#)

Resolution 2020-02 Amending Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget

Mr. Murphy stated the police department was able to get new vehicles, one from Largo for reduced rate, already outfitted, funds came from off duty work done over past two years; spending of dollars recorded.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2020-02. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[20-0087](#)

Resolution 2020-04 - Approval and adoption of the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) 2020 update

Mr. Murphy stated resolution adopts Countywide standards.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2020-04 Approval and adoption of the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) 2020 update. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Nothing further to report

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ottinger thanked Mr. Murphy for staying on top with the pandemic situation; virtual meetings; thanked Chief Doyle on working with residents with social distancing.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Katica - Nothing to report

Commissioner Kurey-Nothing further; confirmed zoning of 7 Baybrook, questioned discussions regarding different zoning.

Murphy commented on prior discussions; possible for R-1 but would need to go through rezoning as whole neighborhood is RE; doesn't believe is big enough to be 2 parcels of R-1 any buyer can request but would be legally nonconforming and require approval.

Commissioner Wilkinson-thanked and commended all staff; thanked commission and all to stay safe.

Commissioner Shelly echoed same comments; thanked staff.

Mr. Murphy commented on residents cleaning their trash cans to help minimize spread; also special needs program underway via recreation coordinating with Publix to deliver to special needs residents.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on recent officer life saving incidents.

Chief Doyle commented on officers Albertson, Torch and himself reviving a baby after near drowning, officers on scene in approximately 1 minute response; also officer Burnum saved someone from overdose utilizing Narcan kit.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt grateful for living in Belleair; hopes residents take things seriously with the virus; be safe and stay home.

OTHER BUSINESS

No further business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:48 PM.

Commissioner Shelly moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR