



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

6:00 PM

Town Hall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Gary H. Katica
Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt
Commissioner Michael Wilkinson
Commissioner Tom Kurey

Absent: 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.

[19-0242](#)

Second Budget Hearing - Approval of Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

JP Murphy-Town Manager- Stated this was the second and final trim hearing; provided high level overview; millage is at 6.50; summarized various funds; available for questions; recommends approving millage rate; discussed increase over rollback rate.

No public comments.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of Resolution 2019-15, adopting the millage rate of 6.5 adopting the millage rate of 6.5000, provided that 6.5000 is greater than the rolled-back rate of 6.2169 by 4.55%. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0243](#)

Second Budget Hearing - Approval of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Town Budget

Mr. Murphy stated staff recommends approval as proposed.

Deputy Mayor Rettsatt moved final approval of Resolution 2019-16 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Town Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

Mr. Murphy stated that there is an additional item that needed to be voted on which was

the approval of the payscales; budget includes a 1.7% COLA increase.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the adjusted payscales. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0245](#)

Second Reading of Ordinance 526-Amending Solid Waste Rates

Mr. Murphy read Ordinance 526-Amending Solid Waste Rates by title only; explained 5% rate increase; discussed increase costs for recycling; staff recommends approval.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of Ordinance 526 as proposed, amending the fees and rates on second reading. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Nancy Hartshorne-Resident-Discussed roundup spraying by Belleair Country Club; requested signage.

CONSENT AGENDA

[19-0258](#)

Approval of September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

GENERAL AGENDA

[19-0257](#)

Request for Lien Reduction - 1703 Cypress Ave

Mr. Murphy provided background of property; discussed request, code violations, and liens; staff recommends accepting offer.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of the reduction of lien amount total to \$15,000 dollars for 1703 Cypress Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0249](#)

Acceptance of the Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Provided overview; Finance Board recommended acceptance.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Seconded by Commissioner Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0250](#)

Discussion and Evaluation of BB&T Revenue Bond Refinance

Mr. Murphy discussed refinancing; original rate of 3.16%; new rate at 2.46% keeping same maturity date; prepayment penalties waived; \$530,000 savings to town; discussed prepayment options; total debt service; new money; funding sources to debt service; will be split into two approvals in October for tax purposes; Finance board recommended approval unanimously.

Mayor Katica thanked staff, members of the Finance Board and others involved for their hard work.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved that the Town accept BBT's offer for 15-year term at 2.46 percent as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0253](#)

Resolution 2019-20: Budget Amendment

Mr. Murphy discussed Resolution 2019-2020 budget amendment; leaves and liabilities reconciled; actuarial payment; outstanding invoices; balanced off with the specific funds.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of Resolution 2019-20 amending the 2019-20 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

[19-0244](#)

Consideration of Health Savings Account Leave Contribution

Mr. Murphy discussed allowing employees to cash out leave by transferring it to HSA to increase contributions.

Mr. Massol discussed maximum contributions; options.

Mr. Murphy stated it could be approved annually; various options; open enrollment, year by year bases.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the new option for HSA enrollees to convert vacation and comp time as a contribution to their HSA. Seconded by Commissioner Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Shelly

19-0246 Discussion of Customer Services at Town of Belleair

Mr. Murphy discussed liabilities regarding calls for police service; not a dispatch center; phone tree; different customer service elements; seeking input on expectations regarding future of customer service.

Neil Palenzuela-Resident-Commented on customer service as a tiered approach; public safety driven and business to business.

Discussion ensued regarding non-emergency calls; 911 calls; customer service; using phone tree primarily.

19-0248 FOP Negotiations Update

Mr. Murphy provided information regarding health insurance stipend for use toward spousal coverage; options regarding benefits for new members which would offset stipend; seeking officers with prior experience with proper training; healthcare is important for attraction and retention; changes would apply to new members not current; discussed pension liabilities; current pension modifier change options; recommends bargaining at age 55, 10 years, 3% pension modifier, and 8% member contribution.

Mr. Murphy stated will bargain with union; will be back for approval; consensus to move forward with negotiations.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Not in attendance.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

No further report.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger not in attendance; acting Attorney Campbell McLean had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Katica - Expressed his pride in residents and civility.

Commissioner Wilkinson - Recreation Board didn't meet.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-Sip & Slide event last week was a success; November 2nd next event to honor vets at Hunter Memorial Park.

Commissioner Kurey - Thanked Finance Board for meeting regarding refinancing; Infrastructure Board to meet 10/7.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Murphy discussed approving proposed agenda; consensus to approve proposed agenda.

Estelle DeMusey-Park & Tree Board Chariman-Park & Tree Board met and discussed potential options regarding potential lease with Belleair Country Club; seeking additional items regarding negotiating.

Mr. Murphy met with Hal Bodley to discuss how to proceed; upcoming meeting with course architect.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:09 PM.

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR