



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall

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 called to order at 6:00 pm with Mayor Wilkinson presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Michael Wilkinson
Deputy Mayor Tom Kurey
Commissioner Tom Shelly
Commissioner Thomas Nessler

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Coleen Chaney

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.

[21-0224](#) Second Reading of Ordinance 535 - Charter Amendment Pertaining to Town Elections

Mr. Murphy read Ordinance 535 by title only; discussed purpose of ordinance.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 535 - Charter Amendment Pertaining to Town Elections. Seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Chaney

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Major Ted Morris-Director of Salvation Army-pastor of church; spoke on those in poverty; team works with those in crisis and poverty; spoke on program Pathway of Hope; available to support community needs.

CONSENT AGENDA

[21-0234](#) Approval of July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

[21-0225](#) Pinellas County Sheriff Department Annual Agreement for FY 21-22

[21-0226](#) Resolution 2021-30 Amending Budget FY 2020-21

[21-0229](#) Park Amenity Replacement Plan Purchase

Kurey seconded to open for discussion; discussion to remove binoculars off of purchase list; Item removed from consent agenda.

Karla Rettstatt-resident-spoke on item; if BCF logos added, it will reduce cost by \$18,000, would be uniform with other benches and fountains throughout town parks. Commission consensus.

Mr. Murphy stated he would bring this discussion back at the next meeting.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that this item will be brought back at next meeting. Mr. Murphy clarified; bring back acceptance of donation from the BCF.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the consent agenda. (without park item). Seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Chaney

GENERAL AGENDA

[21-0231](#) Consideration of BCC Land Lease Amendment for 90 day permitting extension

Deputy Mayor Kurey stated recommendation from Florida Commission on Ethics, no conflict, but abstaining due to membership at the club.

Commissioner Nessler also stated no conflict, but recusing to show impartiality due to his membership at club.

David Phillips-attorney for Belleair Country Club-provided background information; dealing with Florida DEP to get a permit issued, not much data has been received; seeking extension to approval period, not inspection period; still awaiting to see if able to attain permits; had discussions with Mr. Ottinger and Mr. Murphy, requesting to extend 90 days to November; Tracy Webb with McKim and Creed (EOR) on Zoom for questions.

Town Attorney, David Ottinger spoke on quorum present; charter requires affirmative vote of members present.

Discussions regarding amount due, nonrefundable amount, if another extension would be necessary.

Tracy Webb-McKim & Creed-spoke on permitting; waiting on requirements; not anticipating on changes; starting to move forward as soon as practical.

Mr. Murphy spoke on permitting and planning and zoning process; would be a major approval due to acreage. Discussion regarding permitting and planning and zoning process; commitment and due diligence.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the lease amendment as provided. Seconded by Mayor Wilkinson.

Aye: 2 - Mayor Wilkinson, and Commissioner Shelly

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Chaney

Abstain: 2 - Deputy Mayor Kurey, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0232](#) 2021-2022 Budget Discussion

Mr. Murphy spoke on fourth year of program budgeting; beginning strategic plan process with this budget year; for TRIM purposes, already had MMP hearing, announce upcoming budget dates of September 7th and 20th; millage is 3.9% over rollback rate this year which is 6.25; Discussed general fund, noted in September meeting there will be a significant transfer of ARPA funds received from state; discussed revenues, majority is from ad valorem; summarized individual departments, discussed achievements and objectives; staff changes will be addressed later during organizational chart item.

Mr. Murphy next addressed the enterprise funds; water department long term water supply options still being evaluated, current plant must still be maintained; solid waste currently not balanced, but does not believe it can be cut any further, next item will address.

There were no questions from citizens or the Commission.

[21-0223](#) Solid Waste Rate Discussion

Mr. Murphy spoke on operating deficit; have previously employed strategies to avoid reducing rates; discussed cost growth moving steady with CPI; discussed options of upfront versus tiered options, continuation of recycling, provided calculations on a few scenarios; recommended an increase with a reserve spend, and with rate increase options; seeding feedback to bring back to next meeting.

Commissioner Shelly supports the 10%, 6%, 6% increase option.

Deputy Mayor Kurey in agreement with increasing, supports 10%,5%,5% option or the higher at 6%, 6%.

Mr. Murphy spoke on county disposal increase yearly of 6%, other expenses estimated; can make a decision of whether to continue recycling or not, suggests including in citizen satisfaction survey.

All in agreement to go with a multi-year increase.

Mr. Murphy stated this item will be brought back in ordinance form in September.

[21-0233](#)

Discussion of Organizational Chart

Mr. Murphy discussed organizational changes due to staffing changes; took a strategic view of current structure; utilized strategic plan document as a guide for reorganization.

Discussions on positional titles that may change; will utilize pay and salary study to align correctly.

Mayor Wilkinson questioned staff identified as "interim"; Mr. Murphy addressed.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief, Rick Doyle - Nothing to report

Stefan Massol, Director of Support Services - Nothing to Report

Wilford Holmes, Director of Solid Waste - Nothing to report

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Nothing additional to report

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Nessler-spoke on role on Historical Preservation Board and comments regarding vice chair on HPB being future in-law, no conflict

Deputy Mayor Kurey - commended Mayor Katica memorial; infrastructure has not met as there is no update from county with water; thanked BCF for park donation

Commissioner Shelly-boards didn't meet; thanked BCF for donation and Mayor Katica memorial.

Mayor Wilkinson-spoke on Mayor Katica's memorial; finance board meets next week, attending Mayor's luncheon.

JP Murphy announced upcoming/proposed agenda for next meeting; any additions can be added; none requested.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:13 PM.

Commissioner Shelly moved to adjourn. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurey.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Chaney

Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor