



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

6:30 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - 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.

[16-0163](#)

Variance for 1 Country Club Lane

JP Murphy-Assistant Town Manager-Introduced case; applicant requesting signs on three different zoned parcels; Mr. Dave Healey will provide staff analysis.

Town Clerk swore in James White and Dave Healey; Michael Cheezum arrived at 6:35 PM and was sworn in.

Dave Healey-Calvin Giordano and Associates, Town Planning Consultant-Provided background information; joint project between Belleair Country Club and JMC Communities; three proposed signs replace existing country club signs; signs were briefly described as follows:

First sign (1 A & B)-sign A is an additional sign for country club; sign B is an additional and off premise sign for Belleview Place and Inn. Belleview Place will be removed from sign once residences are sold.

Second and thirds signs-brick pillars located at intersection of Indian Rocks Rd. and Belleview Blvd; one for the country club and one for the inn.

Fourth sign (4 A & B) on Alexander Rd and Druid Rd; existing sign at location; property zoned R-1 and requires variance; also an additional off premise sign for

Bellevue Place and Inn.

Fifth sign-located on south side of main entry to Bellevue Place and Inn; country club sign is an additional sign.

Mr. Healey noted three signs are replacing current signs; commented on variance criteria; available for questions.

Mr. Murphy noted the Planning and Zoning Board recommended Commission approval.

No ex parte communications from the Commission.

Public comments heard

Jim White-Resident (3 Seaside Lane)-Spoke in favor of granting variance; also thanked police department for their service.

Michael Cheezum-JMC Communities, Applicant-Commented on project; signs create a gateway to area; bricks from hotel to be used; feels criteria met.

Closed to public comment

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on a Verizon box by one column sign; should move box is possible.

Mayor Katica noted it would be up to Verizon to move; Mr. Cheezum thinks pillar will be ok, not sure it can be relocated.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the variance; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kurey

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Kurt Steinmann-Resident-Requesting Airbnb property rentals be permitted; commented on successful experiences; spoke on code section regarding temporary lodging; seeking Commission approval.

Mayor Katica stated there is a zoning issue and needs to go under advisement. David Ottinger-Town Attorney-Unable to comment at this time; needs to review.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on difference between family and unknown persons; safety concerns.

Dan Hartshorne-Resident-Commented on potential sale of property to Belleair Country

Club; requesting a map that clearly identifies boundaries for Finance Board to review.

Mr. Maxwell noted Finance Board will hear item in August; information can be provided.

Patricia Higgins-Resident-Commented on potential sale; possibility of country club maintaining entire seawall and lift station area; supports town considering sale.

Mayor Katica briefly commented on sea wall maintenance; in favor of the sale.

Ed Shaughnessey-CEO Belleair Country Club-Commented on purchasing additional area; can grant easement for lift station and beautify area.

Jack Gay-Resident-Spoke in support of selling property to the country club.

Laura Hulley-Resident-Commented on problems with trash and noise in park; supports sale of park property.

Nancy Hartshorne-Resident-Spoke on the need to remove dead Washingtonian palms around town; concerned with safety.

Neil Palenzuela-Resident-Commented on golf course sale negotiations and conservation easement; wants public have all information.

Mr. Ottinger stated still in feasibility stage; commented on importance of development to buyer, can walk away if not approved.

Mr. Maxwell spoke with engineer; working through items regarding development proposal; property sale must be done by ordinance; intends to hold three meetings; advisory boards will also hear item.

Mayor Katica stated nothing will happen without easement; Deputy Mayor Rettstatt noted it is a priority, will be brought as a package.

CONSENT AGENDA

[16-0162](#)

Approval of July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the consent agenda; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kurey

GENERAL AGENDA[16-0123](#)

Resolution No. 2016-19: Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Amendment No. 1

Micah Badana-Management Analyst II-Staff requesting first budgetary amendment for FY 2015/2016; \$233,700 for General Fund; \$24,000 for Tree Fund; expenditure increases offset by unappropriated excess revenue or previously assigned reserve dollars.

Mr. Maxwell noted majority is carryover amount from previous year; large amount of Town Hall renovations done this year.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution No. 2016-19 amending fiscal year 2015-2016 budget; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kurey

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Maxwell had nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ottinger provided an update on the Charter Review Committee, four amendments will be presented at first meeting in August.

Bill Sohl-Belleair Police Chief-had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Kurey was not in attendance.

Commissioner Shelly-Park and Tree Board did not meet; Fire Chief to present new fire station at August 16th meeting.

Mayor Katica-Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilkinson-Nothing to report; thanked Commission for approving his son's employment; commented on the passing of Dr. Bob Allen. Also commented on Danielle Felten leaving recreation center; thanked her for service and dedication to the town.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:23 PM.

Commissioner Shelly moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kurey

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR