



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

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.

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

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.

[17-0008](#)

First Reading of Ordinance 508- Amending Utility Rates

JP Murphy-Assistant Town Manager-Read into record by title only; rate increases approved during budget session; provided overview.

Brief discussion regarding impacts of prior increase; review of water system in the next few months.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Ordinance 508 as proposed, amending utility rates on first reading; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Tom Gohn-Resident-Commented on blowers on the golf course and noise.

Mr. Maxwell cited an exemption in the code; could request country club change hours; currently reviewing noise ordinance.

Wally Nelowet-Resident-Spoke on effects of noise and noise pollution.

Martha Passel-Resident-Commented on noise from neighbor's pool pump; suggests not allowing pumps in setback.

Chief Sohl-Belleair Police Department-Detailed police actions in the matter thus far; owners taking efforts to reduce noise. Town looking into modifying noise ordinance; meters can be used from other departments.

Discussions on what owners have done; running pump during an acceptable time; insulation measures.

CONSENT AGENDA

[16-0264](#) Approval of December 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

GENERAL AGENDA

[17-0005](#) Request for Lien Abatement - 720 Bluffview Dr.

Mr. Maxwell stated potential buyers are requesting a reduction; buyer's agent here to speak.

Seth Sekeres-Charles Rutenberg Real Estate-Represents buyer; property is bank owned and in compliance.

Chief Sohl-Provided background information on property; code liens inherited by bank.

Mr. Sekeres seeking abatement with ability to pay administrative costs.

Discussion on timeline of when bank took over possession; need for compliance and following code; possible cost share with bank.

Mr. Sekeres stated buyer looking to close soon; seeking a solution.

Mayor Katica would like bank to be involved; Deputy Mayor Rettstatt suggests reduction to \$15,000 with a time period condition.

Commissioner Kury commented on importance of code and accountability; will support due to impact on neighbors and timeframe.

Commissioner Shelly moved to reduce the lien to \$15,000.00 provided the closing occurs within 45 days; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Deputy Mayor withdrew her second

Commissioner Shelly amended his motion to include the owner of record on this property and the buyer to be Eric Nathanson; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt withdrew her second.

Commissioner Shelly amended his motion to close by March 1st; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

[17-0009](#)

Resolution 2017-01 - Amending the 2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Murphy read into record by title only.

Micah Badana-Management Analyst II-Briefly discussed fund transfer and purpose.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of Resolution 2017-01 amending the 2016-2017 budget; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[16-0263](#)

Disposal of Capital Assets #2017-1

Mr. Badana stated staff identified fixed assets that are no longer in use or have been replaced; vehicles to be auctioned on govdeals.com; other assets to be disposed of or destroyed; recommends approval.

Mr. Murphy noted a few items still have some remaining depreciation but are no longer used or are not operational.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of disposal of capital assets #2017-1; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[17-0006](#)

Harold's Lake Sediment Removal Project 2017

Keith Bodeker-Construction Project Supervisor-Annual survey done of lake; sediment to be removed; budgeted.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt questioned removal area; Mr. Maxwell clarified area is southern third of lake.

Mr. Bodeker stated vegetation previously trimmed in channel to help with flow.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of professional services engineering services by Deuel and Associates for the Harold's Lake Sediment Removal Project in the amount of \$18,750.00; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

[17-0007](#)

Palmetto Road Professional Engineering Services

Mr. Bodeker discussed scope of project area; repairs to improve deteriorated segment.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval for the professional engineering services by RS&H for the Palmetto Road Project in the amount of \$50,292.00; seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Maxwell requested a Finance Board meeting update.

Mr. Murphy stated board discussed low loan rates and possible borrowing to take care of projects; potential to modify current loan to allow for more funding.

Dan Hartshorne-Resident, Finance Board Member- Stated board not trying to bypass commission; discussed opportunity to borrow due to historic low rates.

Neil Palenzuela-Resident-In agreement with Mr. Hartshorne's comment; discussed sale of golf course and proceeds.

Mr. Maxwell stated sale dollars have not been allocated yet; not all proceeds would go to paying down a loan; infrastructure needs to be addressed.

Discussion ensued regarding long term forecasts; revenue and more analysis needed. Commission consensus to have the Finance Board investigate further.

Mr. Maxwell stated a request received from Mayor Kriseman to support efforts to bring in MLS Franchise; consensus to support the draft of the letter.

Mr. Maxwell noted Micah Badana will be leaving; thanked him for his work and dedication. Cathy DeKarz introduced as a new employee.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-Nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Katica-Read into record a letter received requesting speed bumps on Magnolia Rd. Mr. Maxwell stated traffic calming can be looked into; petition can be obtained.

Commissioner Kurey-Infrastructure Board discussed status of infrastructure projects and prioritization; joint meeting in February. Questioned testing at roundabout; Chief Sohl provided summary of report findings.

Commissioner Shelly-Will forward a DOT presentation regarding funding available to counties; recommends submitting an application.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-Commented on prioritization and notification regarding Penny

for Pinellas; requests data from SeeClickFix; fundraiser on September 30th for Parks and Recreation.

Commissioner Wilkinson-Recreation Board didn't meet; thanked staff and Largo for santa delivery success; Belleair Sunset 5k this Saturday; thanked Keith for completion of roadway on time; thanked Micah and welcomed Cathy.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:32 PM.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourn; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR