



# Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

## Meeting Minutes Special Meeting

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Thursday, August 24, 2017

2:00 PM

Town Hall

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### Town Commission - Budget Workshop

**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 called to order at 2:00 PM with Mayor Gary H. Katica presiding.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

**Present** 4 - Mayor Gary H. Katica, Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt, Commissioner Michael Wilkinson, and Commissioner Tom Shelly  
**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Tom Kurey

*Staff Members Present:*

*Stefan Massol; Doug Speta; Wilfred Holmes; Bill Sohl; Gregg Lauda; David Brown; Rached Hobbs; Kevin Trapp; Ricky Allison; Eric Wahlbeck; Keith Bodeker; Cathy Dekarz; David Ottinger.*

*Commissioner Tom Kurey arrived 2:03 PM*

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments to be heard.

### GENERAL AGENDA

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#### Commission Budget Workshop

JP Murphy-Town Manager-Discussed core values and relation to budget; upcoming Penny for Pinellas referendum and advertising restrictions; property tax exemption items on 2018 ballot; structural imbalances corrected. Also discussed current budgeting approach and maintaining current service levels; future approach.

Mr. Murphy's presentation highlighted town responsibilities and services; historical information on millage and trim; projected future values. General fund revenues and

reserves were discussed in detail; future revenue options; personnel expenses; FOP contract.

Salary enhancements discussed; Mr. Murphy to discuss with department heads and bring back to September meeting.

***Meeting went into recess at 3:02 PM.***

***Meeting reconvened at 3:10 PM.***

Mr. Murphy continued presentation by detailing Administration Department; Cathy DeKarz-Management Analyst-Discussed achievements and future goals related to communication and outreach.

Building Department revenues and responsibilities reviewed; discussed accomplishments, objectives and expenditures. Gregg Lauda-Building Technician-Addressed questions relating to permit amounts and value.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Provided overview of department by service areas which include finance and utility billing, facilities maintenance, human resources and risk management, information technology; identified departmental objectives.

Mr. Murphy addressed comments regarding consistency in reporting due to staff changes; reconciliation of personnel costs.

Bill Sohl-Chief of Police-Discussed department personnel; plans to update equipment; seeking to create memorial for Jeffrey Tackett; positive community relations. Questions addressed related to traffic enforcement; department is fully staffed. Mr. Murphy discussed pension plan; addressed questions.

Rick Allison-Public Services Manager-Provided information regarding duties and responsibilities for Streets and Parks Departments; discussed completed as well as upcoming projects; reviewed operating expenses. Mr. Allison addressed questions related to bluff cutting; requesting purchase of vehicle for bluff maintenance; feasibility study to be done.

Eric Wahlbeck-Director of Parks and Recreation-Discussed organizational changes; provided overview of Recreation Department functions and staff responsibilities; highlighted accomplishments in recreation and special events; successful volunteer program; teen council. Also discussed facility upgrades to be done; objectives and goals; expenditures and revenues.

Mr. Murphy discussed capital equipment replacement and maintenance; briefly commented on water fund related to capital equipment; addressed questions regarding water rates, no proposed increase; Penny for Pinellas impact; brief review of upcoming capital projects.

David Brown-Director of Water Utilities-Provided Water Department staff overview and duties; discussed meters and usage monitoring capabilities; reporting; departmental accomplishments detailed. Mr. Murphy discussed upcoming plant maintenance needs; will be applying for state funding for reverse osmosis system.

Wilfred Holmes-Solid Waste Supervisor-Discussed solid waste and recycling collection services; success of special haz-to-go and shredding events; department goals for upcoming year. Mr. Murphy commented on new equipment purchases.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 5:18 PM.

**Commissioner Shelly moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

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**TOWN CLERK**

**APPROVED:**

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**MAYOR**