



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor Katica presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michael Wilkinson

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.

None to be heard

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

None to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

[18-0186](#) Approval of June 7, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

GENERAL AGENDA**18-0190** Best of Belleair Community Award and Proclamation: The Belleair Community Foundation

Ricky Allison-Director of Public Works, Parks and Recreation-Commented on the many benefits the town has received from the Belleair Community Foundation; award and proclamation to the Belleair Community Foundation.

JP Murphy-Town Manager-Read proclamation into record.

18-0191 Best of Belleair Community Award and Proclamation: Bill and Marsha Uhler

Item continued as Uhlers were not in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved to continue the Best of Belleair Community Award for Bill and Marsha Uhler for the next meeting or when they will be available; seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

18-0192 Best of Belleair Community Award and Proclamation: Radiance Medspa

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on assistance Radiance Medspa has provided since 2006, and is happy to nominate them for the Best of Belleair Community Award.

Mr. Murphy read proclamation into record.

Stephanie Slaugherty-Director and Founder of Radiance Medspa-Spoke on benefits of partnership.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of Radiance Medspa for the Best of Belleair; seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

18-0191 Best of Belleair Community Award and Proclamation: Bill and Marsha Uhler

Mr. and Mrs. Uhler arrived, item revisited.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on Mr. and Mrs. Uhler's contributions to the town; thanked them for their service.

Mr. Murphy read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Uhler stated they do this for the community to help make the town a better place to live; will be working with the Pet Walk and Gracies Big Splash in the near future.

Meeting went into recess at 6:13 PM for photos to be taken with award recipients.

Meeting Reconvened at 6:18 PM

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved to approve Bill and Marsh Uhler for the Best of Belleair; seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

[18-0088](#)

Presentation on the Third Homestead Exemption by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser

Mike Twitty-Pinellas County Property Appraiser-Provided a power point presentation; discussed the history of homestead exemption; assessed value versus just market value; maximum for save our homes is 3%; taxable value growth comes from transactions and new construction; presented various charts and statistics depicting Belleair compared to other municipalities; tax estimator tool available on the PCPAO website.

Jane Turner-Resident-Commented on making charts and information regarding effects to services available to public.

Mr. Twitty further discussed ease of using tool to see impact on their property prior to voting for Amendment 1. Provided overview of Amendment 2, 10% cap; scheduled to sunset January 1st, 2019 unless voted for in November; additional tool is tax estimator for new property owners; concluded presentation by addressing questions.

Discussion ensued regarding assessed and adjust market values; regarding the possible values of the new hotel and golf course.

[18-0207](#)

Discussion of Preliminary Maximum Millage Rate

Mr. Murphy stated preliminary maximum millage to be set for TRIM noticing purposes for budget hearings to be held in September. Discussed TRIM timeline and process; provided overview of general fund preliminary 2018/19 budget; discussed revenue challenges.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Provided comments regarding strategic financial plan and forecasting changes; discussed impact of retaining 5.9257 millage rate over next five years.

Mr. Murphy discussed impact of Finance Board recommendations of 6.5 millage over the next five years; staff was in agreement with Finance Board's recommendation.

Tom Olson-Finance Board Chairman-Commented on current millage not being raised over the last five years; discussed additional revenue and benefits of an increase; stated the Finance board voted unanimously.

Commissioner Kurey briefly commented on developments, projects, and average

increase per household.

Commissioner Shelly moved to set the preliminary maximum millage rate at 6.5%; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

[18-0204](#) Special Relief Permit Request: Gracie's Big Splash

Mr. Murphy stated due to Ordinance No. 521, town events will be required to come before the commission for approval.

Mr. Allison discussed upcoming event; relief requested is for allowing alcohol, and for a banner to be hung two weeks prior to event.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Special Relief Permit for Gracie's Big Splash as requested; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

[18-0197](#) FY 18-19 Annual Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff Department for Support Services

Mr. Murphy stated the interlocal agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff Department for support services requires approval; approximate increase of \$4000.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of the Annual Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff Department for support services; seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

[18-0195](#) Resolution 2018-31 Appointing Member to Recreation Board

Mr. Murphy read a statement by Commissioner Wilkinson recommending Mrs. Stanton to serve on the board.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of Resolution 2018-30 Appointing Amy Stanton to the Recreation Board; seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Wilkinson

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Bill Sohl-Chief of Police-Provided crime updates; department has been handing out warnings for ordinance violations. Mr. Murphy provided new non-emergency use phone number for dispatch.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy announced employee of the month; spoke about the success of the Haz-to-Go event; strategic planning facilitator to be awarded in August; EOR to be awarded. Also discussed process for town manager evaluation; commission consensus to be provided with an evaluation template similar to the employees.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-Nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Katica- Stated he was still recuperating; thanked everyone for their patience and understanding.

Commissioner Shelly- Discussed recent Park and Tree Board meeting; loved the new design for Jeffery Tackett Park.

Commissioner Kurey- Announced Historic Presentation board meeting on July 24th; suggested everyone come to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt- Commented on upcoming veteran's event.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:27 PM.

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR