



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, December 4, 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 called to order at 6:00 PM with Deputy Mayor Rettstatt presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt
Commissioner Michael Wilkinson
Commissioner Tom Shelly
Commissioner Tom Kurey

Absent: 1 - Mayor Gary H. Katica

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.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Lil Cromer-Resident-Asked questions regarding Bob Ahlf property; David Ottinger-Town Attorney-provided comments; stated he was waiting to hear back; would follow up.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

[18-0338](#)

Approval of November 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

(approved as part of consent agenda)

[18-0341](#)

Banner Approval for Omelette Party and Plant Sale

(approved as part of consent agenda)

GENERAL AGENDA[18-0337](#)

Resolution 2018-49 Amending FY 2018-19 Budget

JP Murphy-Town Manager-Stated there were some carry-over items from year prior; FEMA grant for generator and for the emergency air quality mold issues.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Briefly reviewed items; stated there were a few other items which were the town radios and also capital equipment dollars to be dedicated to budget tools for program based budgeting.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2018-49 Amending FY 2018-19 Budget.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

[18-0340](#)

Discussion of 2019 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Murphy discussed previous actions taken last year.

Commissioner Shelly presented his recommendations for legislative priorities; those being transportation direct funding; water funding on quality and quantity, direct funding; restrictions on local government finances and reserves; short term rentals and municipal property rights; home rule; open to additional suggestions.

Mr. Murphy stated the legislative priority statement should be brought back in form of resolution; will assist with lobby efforts; discussed prior events and importance with obtaining a legislative advocate; recommends an advocate.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt would like to obtain an advocate in addition to Commissioner Shelly and Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy stated an RFQ will be issued and brought back to commission; consensus of the commission to move forward with process.

Discussion regarding restrictions on local government finances and reserves bill; investigation into water funding process; Commissioner Kurey provided additional comments on water investigation spending; Pinellas County water rates; funding would need to be matched; planning for long term; infrastructure is top priority; potential for grants that do not require a match; commission is in consensus regarding priorities.

[18-0264](#)

Consideration of the Town Manager's Evaluation

Mr. Murphy thanked commission for completing evaluation and providing comments; open to any additional comments; requests to be treated as general employee and be eligible for 3% merit; requests an additional pay out of some vacation.

Commissioner Shelly commented on paying out vacation and creating policy for

vacation payout for all employees; Mr. Murphy stated he is looking into creating policy; RFP for study will be done.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on importance of taking vacation, but also open to providing opportunity for a payout.

Commissioner Kurey would like study done for consistency and flexibility for all; concerns with precedent prior to a study and policy in effect; Commissioner Kurey provided positive comments; all concur.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt supportive of payout.

Commissioner Shelly commented on schedule difficulty.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing payout of vacation time; regarding vacation payout request by Town Manager; regarding future policy.

Commissioner Kurey moved that JP Murphy be granted a 3% merit increase on his anniversary date. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

Commissioner Shelly moved to grant JP his request for 240 vacation pay. Motion seconded by Michael Wilkinson.

Aye: 3 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Shelly

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Kurey

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Nancy Hartshorne-Resident-Spoke about Mary Griffith recouperating; commented on lights and park opening; expressed her concerns regarding the facilitator strategic planning forum; cost of facilitator.

Mr. Murphy commented on staff's dissatisfaction of the first meeting; has been discussed with consultants and residents; need to expand outreach; additional work to be done; looking into a different location for the next forum.

Provided manager report; announced employee of month; recommends cancelling December meeting; vote was taken; discussed Penny for Pinellas group comprised of representatives from municipalities-our area representative is from City of Seminole; Biltmore opening tomorrow; Pinellas County holding a resident information meeting about the Mehlenbacher Road project at Town Hall.

Commissioner Shelly moved to cancel the meeting on Tuesday, December 18th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Rick Doyle-Chief of Police-Provided update on crime stats; no vehicle burglaries over Thanksgiving; discussed code violations and warnings issued; new speed counter being tested.

Brief discussion on success of park dedication event; possibility for future events; crosswalks; addition of parking at new park.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy added additional report item: stated tentative date for the Bluff meeting is January 24th regarding strategic planning; provided a brief overview of the discussion for the Bluff.

George Castro-Resident-Commented on condition of Bluff and roadway conditions; budget/millage increase; willing to volunteer for board openings.

Audience members began commenting to each other; Deputy Mayor Rettstatt stated third party facilitator will host this discussion; Mr. Murphy commented on the Palmetto Road project; is currently with SWFWMD for review then will go out to bid.

Commissioner Kurey in agreement that infrastructure is subpar and would like to investigate grouping projects or running them concurrently; looking to accelerate with potential borrowing; may need to upgrade park maintenance.

Mr. Murphy provided update on Bluff cutting/mower, will be investigating elements.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt requested addition of items to agenda for January: discussion of parking passes; discussion of working with boards, setting of meetings by resolutions; potential for switching boards up for commission advisors; presentation of \$20,000 from BCF for radios.

Commissioner Kurey voiced dissatisfaction with consultants and last strategic planning event; recommended motion.

Commissioner Shelly had nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilkinson supports board meeting schedules; recreation board meeting was canceled; next meeting on January 14th; upcoming recreation events; welcomed Chief Doyle.

Commissioner Kurey moved that the commission send a message to the consultants, expressing their extreme disappointment in the first meeting and expect much more from them. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion of upcoming Santa delivery schedule for December 19th, 20th, and 21st; Commissioners will attend; Mayor's Luncheon; board schedules.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:19 PM.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Katica

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR