



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Finance Board

Thursday, July 16, 2020

4:00 PM

Town Hall

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 9060 5052

ROLL CALL

No quorum present.

Present 3 - Chairman Tom Olson, John Prevas, and Kevin Piccarreto

Absent 4 - Vice Chairman Dan Hartshorne, Mary Griffith, John Hail, and James Ingersoll

Commissioner Wilkinson and Commissioner Shelly also attending.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20-0175](#) Approval of June 18, 2020 and July 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

No quorum present. Could not approve.

GENERAL AGENDA

[20-0168](#) Discussion of Preliminary Maximum Millage (MMP)

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Began presentation discussing the 2020-2021 general fund budget.

JP Murphy-Town Manager-Announced department heads available to address questions; commented on revenue loss, COVID 19 impacts to consumer spending; revenue offset absorbed in ad valorem property values; possible dip in ad valorem next year; discussed potential changes to staffing and hours; suggested high level questions before getting into individual departments.

Board discussions regarding increase to Largo Fire costs, included in the preliminary budget; Mr. Murphy not recommending increase to MMP, would like to keep flat even with revenue reductions.

Mr. Olson questioned adequate coverage of loan with loss of funding from Penny from Pinellas, state sales and income tax; Mr. Murphy and Mr. Massol discussed bond repayment requirements, options in general fund if needed to make adjustments to

ensure debt service is fine.

[20-0170](#)

Discussion of Municipal Public Services Tax

Mr. Murphy recommends moving forward with water municipal public services tax ; dollars can be utilized for other utility improvements whether we maintain our own water system or not.

Mr. Massol provided overview of municipal Public Services tax; statutes allow a maximum of 10%; non-full charges; currently receive for electric utility; mentioned other communities that levy the tax; dollars can be used for capital improvements; estimated \$175,000 annually that could be collected by Town.

Mr. Murphy stated that the revenue enhancement would provide a safety net for future capital improvements.

Mr. Olson commented on tax being a safeguard against future concerns; asked if any other members can comments; there were none.

Mr. Piccarreto questioned if Commission can approve at any time; Mr. Murphy stated there is a noticing period required as well as additional steps but wanted to see if the board had interest in pursuing first.

Discussions on having apparatus in place; Commission can decide whether to add or not; benefits of having in place ahead of time; staff will do research to see execution time frame.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORT

Mayor Katica was not in attendance.

Commissioner Shelly mentioned he met with Mike Twitty (Pinellas County Property Appraiser) home prices increasing; however hotel, bars and, restaurants decreasing next year, but should have minimum impact to Belleair.

Commissioner Wilkinson had nothing to add; thanked the board.

Mr. Murphy stated Town Hall closed to public for next few weeks following precautions; thanked staff for filling in and adjusting as needed. Unsure of total number of resident cases in town.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business. Meeting adjourned in due form at 4:48 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairman