



# Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

## Meeting Minutes Town Commission

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Tuesday, January 5, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall

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**Zoom meeting ID: 846 1180 2845**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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.)

none to be heard

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[20-0307](#) Approval of December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes  
(approved as part of consent agenda)

[20-0311](#) Special Relief Permit Request: Family Movie Nights  
(approved as part of consent agenda)

**GENERAL AGENDA**[20-0312](#)

Proclamation Thanking the Belleair Community Foundation

JP Murphy-Town Manager-Read proclamation into record highlighting the Belleair Community Foundation's many contributions.

Chief Doyle-Belleair PD-Spoke on BCF contributions received by the police department; headquarters and locker rooms remodeled; presented members in attendance with plaque.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt abstained as she is the Belleair Community Foundation Chair.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the proclamation thanking the Belleair Community Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

**Abstain:** 1 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt

[20-0302](#)

Vehicle Replacements Approval

Mr. Murphy discussed using Enterprise fleet leasing; ability to lease and sell at a gain; spoke on process of leasing, sale and savings; good for fleet vehicles; program is nearly self supporting.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of vehicle replacement lease agreements in the enclosed schedule either from Enterprise Fleet or another vendor based on eligible government contract pricing and further move to approve the purchase of police interceptor from Billy Howell Ford. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[20-0313](#)

Resolution 2021-01 Amending FY 2020-21 Budget

Mr. Murphy briefly reviewed budget amendment; MOT trailer.

**Commissioner Shelly Moved approval of Resolution 2021-01 Amending FY 2020-21 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[20-0310](#)

Consideration of Extension of Inspection Period of Ground Lease between Belleair Country Club and Town.

Commissioner Kurey stated he will be abstaining due to club membership based on the Florida Commission's opinion- No voting conflict but they recommend abstaining.

David Phillips-Belleair Country Club Attorney-Item previously discussed and extended to 1/7; club has concluded review of report from archaeology firm and nothing of great concern was found; requesting additional time to finalize inspection; club prepared to offer a portion of nonrefundable deposit in exchange for grant of extension; club is dedicated to project, needing additional time for finalizing details. Seeking 90-day extension.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt questioned dollar amount to be deemed nonrefundable; suggests \$50,000 of the initial \$300,000. Shelly feels we should give the 90-day extension with 20% of the deposit; Commissioner Wilkinson in agreement.

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-spoke on original inspection period; proposed 10% however Commission can decide; club has concerns regarding bids; sees risk is slim, but up to the Commission; Town has already earmarked \$50,000.

Mr. Murphy spoke on inability to discuss with Commission prior to meeting; provided opinion with entire process in consideration; coverage for budgetary dollars makes sense.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt spoke on historical process; feels it should be 20%.

Mr. Murphy reviewed general intent; discussed agreement and possible expiration; formalize counter proposal with a motion.

Discussion ensued regarding nonrefundable amount and extension. Mr. Phillips stated he did not have the authorization to accept the 20% amount.

Mr. Murphy provided a proposed motion to the commission; motion to approve a requested extension from 90 days from January 7th provided that 20% of the previous capital retainment be deemed nonrefundable and authorizing the Town Attorney and Town Manager to execute any documents to that effect.

Mr. Murphy clarified motion for the record: Intent of commission to provide terms for the Country Club and that we will accept the extension under these two terms : will accept \$60,000 of retainage from the original capital deposit for 90 days extension or \$30,000 of the original deposit for 45 days of extension; no other options being on the table; authorizing the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute any documents to that effect.

**Commissioner Shelly moved to approve a requested extension from 90 days from January 7th provided that 20% of the previous capital payment be retained and be deemed nonrefundable and authorizing the Town Attorney and Town Manager to execute any documents to that effect. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

**Commissioner Shelly amended the motion that they have the option of 90 days for 20% or 45 days for 10%. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Kurey

20-0314

## Discussion of Absence of the Mayor

Mr. Murphy spoke on request to discuss issue; previously based on water department discussion; information from Pinellas County is approximately 45-60 days out.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt spoke on not taking any action at this time since elections are in March; by the time the process would be done, the term would be over.

Commissioner Shelly inquired about designating an acting mayor and vice mayor. Mr. Murphy stated that the line of succession currently does this; any documents that require a signature or execution would be done by Deputy Rettstatt.

Commissioner Kurey in agreement to not take action at this time; will continue to do due diligence.

Commissioner Wilkinson spoke on new members voting on water issue; in agreement not to take action now.

Commissioner Shelly in agreement as well.

Mr. Murphy spoke on potential future charter amendment.

20-0306

## Approval of Pinellas County Combined Mutual Aid Agreement

Chief Doyle spoke on annual agreement; services with all agencies in county, mutual response; provides parameters and guides; all agencies reviewed and agreed upon.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the 2021-2022 Pinellas County Combined Mutual Aid Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

**STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Doyle-spoke regarding officer retirements; actively recruiting, seeking experienced officers.

Ricky Allison-Parks and Recreation and Public Works Director - nothing to report.

Mr. Massol- Director of Support Services - nothing to report.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Kurey-commended on Santa delivery event; upcoming infrastructure

meeting.

Commissioner Shelly-boards didn't meet; asked what to tell residents regarding COVID vaccine.

Mr. Murphy commented on Pinellas County Emergency Management is handling roll-out of vaccines.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt - happy New Year to everyone; successful holiday event in Doyle/Wall Parks; thankful for staff help with parks.

Commissioner Wilkinson-thanked staff and Largo Fire Department for Santa event; thanked BCF; thanked board members in attendance; congratulations to employees.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:00 PM.

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

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**TOWN CLERK**

**APPROVED:**

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**DEPUTY MAYOR**