



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Michael Wilkinson
Deputy Mayor Tom Kurey
Commissioner Tom Shelly
Commissioner Coleen Chaney
Commissioner Thomas Nessler

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.)

Dan Hartshorne -resident- welcomed new Commission.

Tom Olson-resident-spoke on Mary Griffith's service to board and requested a Resolution commending her on her 26 years of service.

CONSENT AGENDA

[21-0089](#) Approval of March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Kurey. Motion carried unanimously.

[21-0090](#) Amended Special Relief Permit Request - Let's Rumble, BCF

(approved as part of consent agenda)

GENERAL AGENDA

[21-0091](#) Recognizing Belleair for 40 Years of ICMA Recognition

JP Murphy-Town Manager-introduced Matt Spoor, City Manager Safety Harbor, serves on FCCMA management committee, presenting a certificate celebrating Belleair's 40th year as commissioner-manager form of government; spoke on Mr. Murphy's years of service and accreditations; congratulated Town of Belleair on milestone achievement.

[21-0081](#)

Swearing in of Officers John Decker, Victor Fernandez, and Nelson Whitesell

Chief Rick Doyle stated Officer Fernandez not in attendance, provided background information; introduced Officer Whitesell and provided background and prior service; introduced Officer Decker and provided his experience and background with Pinellas County Sheriff's office.

Mayor Wilkinson provided the oath to Officers Whitesell and Decker.

[21-0092](#)

Presentation to Outgoing Mayor Karla Rettstatt

Mr. Murphy spoke on former Mayor Rettstatt's term and many years of service; presented with gifts.

Meeting went into recess at 6:16 PM

Meeting reconvened at 6:27 PM

Mayor Wilkinson thanked Larry Hineman for his support and service to the Town.

[21-0078](#)

Resolution 2021-06 Establishing the Line of Succession

Mr. Murphy read resolution into record by title.

Commissioner Shelly spoke on rotation based on seniority. Commissioner Kurey fine either way; makes sense on fellow commissioners voting. Mr. Murphy suggested tabling item until votes are tabulated.

[21-0083](#)

Resolution 2021-07 - Designating the List of Authorized Signers

Mr. Murphy read resolution into the record by title; discussed signature requirements.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of list of list of authorized signers. Seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0094](#)

Resolution 2021-08 Commission Procedures

Mr. Murphy Read resolution into record by title; discussed resolution and reviewed attendance section; public comment rules; remote attendance; proposed rule, debate.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2021-08 Commission Procedures as amended including Rule No. 16. Seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0078](#)

Resolution 2021-06 Establishing the Line of Succession

Town Clerk provided vote tabulation and line of succession: Deputy Mayor Commissioner Kurey; Commissioner Shelly; Commissioner Chaney; Commissioner Nessler.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2021-06 Establishing the Line of Succession from second position to 5 position- Tom Kurey, Tom Shelly, Colleen Chaney and Thomas Nessler. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

[21-0082](#)

Commission Advisor Board Assignments

Mr. Murphy announced board assignments.

Mayor Wilkinson stated he will review boards at next meeting.

[21-0054](#)

Consideration of contracting services from Kamminga & Roodvoets, (K&R) Inc. to complete the final phase of the Pinellas Ponce Project.

Mr. Murphy spoke on project; continuation of original Pinellas/Ponce project; provided history of bid and project scope; discussed pricing; contractors are same and will streamline; benefit of avoiding significant bid costs with ability to piggyback; read memo from Phil Locke McKim and Creed (engineer of record) into record since Mr. Locke was not present; discussed all statutory compliance steps taken regarding notice and meeting; in best interest to continue working with K&R.

Deputy Mayor Kurey spoke on cost increase from original estimates; satisfied with relatively low percentage increase; important to have a good contractor; supports.

Estelle DeMuesy-resident-questioned timing.

Keith Bodeker-Construction Project Supervisor-no finalized date; will reply with Commission approval and will reach out tomorrow to get final timeframe for project kickoff, resident meetings, etc.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the contracting services of K&R to complete the final phase of the Pinellas Ponce Project in the amount of \$3,072,753.15 with an effective award date of April 9. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurey.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Kurey, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Chaney, and Commissioner Nessler

STAFF REPORTS

Ricky Allison, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Works-spoke on the Spring Fest event; thanked the Park and Tree Board for involvement; thanked former Mayor Rettstatt.

Commissioner Chaney questioned student bussing that was discussed at previous meeting; Mr. Allison has not been able to get a final number, will continue working with Pinellas County.

Mr. Allison stated bluff mowing coming up; discussed date and time frame; tree

installation on Ponce to be completed this week.

Nancy Hartshorne-resident-questioned mowing process; Mr. Allison clarified areas of mowing and process.

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

Chief Doyle-Police Department-spoke on flyers to educate service workers on locking vehicles; addressed speeding complaints on Druid Rd. S.; discussed recent car theft and complaints in Largo area; pedestrian accident in roundabout crosswalk; Trace telehealth program live; partnership with Publix donating food over Easter weekend.

Mr. Murphy provided solid waste update, free shredding event this weekend; spoke on recycling and possible construction of facility by County; spoke on finalization of recycling study report for discussion at upcoming meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy discussed roadway project in Senate budget, still working on House side; Lobbyist Moffit still working on it; spoke on infrastructure package money, will be working on getting shovel-ready projects together soon; initial conversation with Pinellas County regarding water, however model provided needed significant work and not enough information; contracted with Jerry Hartman to get a fair value opinion from a 3rd party.

Deputy Mayor Kurey commented on infrastructure bill and funding coming in; important to have shovel ready projects lined up to entice bidders; Mr. Murphy spoke on ARP dollars, need to look into tax rate implications, may need to avoid utilizing rollback rate when budget season comes.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger - had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Nessler -nothing to report.

Commissioner Chaney -nothng to report.

Deputy Mayor Kurey - nothing to report.

Commissioner Shelly - nothing to report.

Mayor Wilkson questioned mask procedures at meetings; Mr. Murphy stated County will consider at upcoming meeting; Commission comfort.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Shelly spoke on adding Arbor Day to the next meeting.

Mr. Murphy discussed known up-coming items for next Commission meeting.

Deputy Mayor Kurey thanked JP Murphy and former Mayor Rettstatt for speeches at Mayor Katica's service; questioned compensation study results. Mr. Murphy spoke on the results; will meet with each commissioner on the study results.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:30 PM.

Deputy Mayor Kurey moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Chaney. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR