



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall

Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please use the “raise hand” function and wait to be recognized. If you are attending by phone, dial *9 and you will be called by the last 4 digits of your phone number. Each person will be given 3 minutes to speak, you will need to unmute yourself in order to be heard.

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

Mayor Wilkinson spoke on Clearwater City Manager Bill Horne's passing.

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.

[21-0230](#) Second Reading Ordinance 536 - Renewal of Clearwater Gas Franchise Agreement

JP Murphy-Town Manager-read Ordinance No. 536 into record by title only; recommends renewal.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Ordinance 536 - Renewal of Clearwater Gas Franchise Agreement on seconded and final reading. Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.

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

[21-0244](#) First Reading of Ordinance 537 - Amending Appendix B Fee Schedule - Solid Waste Rates

Mr. Murphy read Ordinance No. 537 into record by title only; spoke on prior Finance Board and Commission discussions regarding increases over the next three years; requests approval.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Ordinance 537 as proposed, amending the fees and rates on second reading. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurey.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Shelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurey.

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

[21-0255](#) Approval of August 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

(approved as part of consent agenda)

[21-0217](#) Special Relief Permit Application: Belleair Community Foundation Sip & Slide

(approved as part of consent agenda)

[21-0245](#) Acceptance of BCF Donation for Park Amenities and Upgrades

A motion was made by Commissioner Shelly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurey, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

None to be heard

GENERAL AGENDA

[21-0247](#) Fire Chief's Report

Chief Pittman-Largo Fire Rescue-spoke on report from June; provided response times; strategic plan is underway and will be reaching out for input; labor group has been negotiating with City of Largo; spoke on fire rescue response during COVID, Sunstar has a workforce shortage, hospitals are busy and patient transfers are taking longer; amendments being made to make salaries competitive.

Commissioner Chaney spoke on recent Strategic Plan undertaken by the Town; commended Largo's Clearwater/Largo Rd. development, questioned if it is increasing call volume. Chief Pittman spoke on increases seen, station responses, reviewing data.

Mayor Wilkinson questioned primary area of coverage. Chief Pittman spoke on coverage and automatic vehicle locator being used to respond to calls.

Mr. Murphy requested Chief Pittman to briefly overview report data for those who may be viewing video; Chief Pittman provided details.

Mike Hugil questioned boundaries; Chief Pittman clarified.

[21-0248](#)

First Hearing of Major Event Special Relief Permit Application for the 2021 Pelican Women's Championship

Deputy Mayor Kurey spoke on informal opinion received from Florida Ethics Commission; no conflict, however will abstain due to membership at club.

Ryan Dever-Operations Manager, Outlyr-Announced names of other staff present; discussed last year's event; public attendance this year; various ticket purchasing options; schedule of events; Golf Channel will be covering event; relief period requested October 18th to November 7th for gradual infrastructure build up. The overall event map was presented; discussed road closures and drop off points; upgraded hospitality venues; reviewed parking plan, identified offsite parking lots for spectators to be shuttled in.

Mr. Dever discussed traffic plan; specific no parking areas and event parking only areas.

Chief Doyle-Belleair Police Department-addressed resident question regarding traffic on Pinellas; no parking along east side of Pinellas; traffic detour around town.

Keith Bodeker-Interim Public Works Director-further clarified specific closures and traffic monitoring in areas of roadway construction.

Chief Doyle reiterated anywhere that parking is not marked, parking is allowed as normal as long as emergency vehicles can access.

Mr. Dever spoke on marketing and signage directing attendees to offsite parking; additional signage and event banners requested and time frame. Available for any questions.

Discussion regarding parking on Osceola; need to ensure emergency vehicle access; Police Department will be able to adapt and adjust if issues arise.

Cathy DeKarz-Interim Recreation Director-spoke on plans to send notice to residents.

Mr. Murphy recapped relief requested: commercial equipment in residential areas; signage; street sale in public right-of-way; work hours; event over 50 people; noted early estimates of expenses to be recovered; ad hoc board will meet next week.

Commissioner Nessler spoke on comments from residents and their concerns with influx of people.

Commissioner Shelly questioned maximum number of people per day; Mr. Dever stated estimates up to 10,000 on heaviest day; tee times at 7 or 8.

Mr. Murphy questioned if staff should be remote on the Friday and run essential only. Commission in agreement.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Major Event Special Relief Permit Application for the Pelican Women's Championship on first reading. Seconded by Commissioner Nessler.

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

[21-0242](#)

Approval of Pinellas Rd CFI Amendment

Mr. Murphy stated item should have been on consent; extension of original agreement.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the enclosed amendment to the Pinellas Road stormwater BMP N688 agreement. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurey.

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

[21-0246](#)

2021-2022 Budget Discussion: Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Updates

Mr. Murphy noted budget hearings are upcoming; spoke on SERF numbers which are savings for future equip and vehicles and general fund departments; budget is currently balanced; local option gas tax not approved by county will not be seen; discussed cost estimates for various projects and upcoming studies; concerned with next 3 year time frame; will continue to seek additional funding sources; federal infrastructure bill passed; available for questions.

Deputy Mayor Kurey commented on fund balance; increasing project construction costs and need to find additional funding sources; commented on water still unknown.

Commissioner Shelly questioned rate of inflation with infrastructure; Mr. Bodeker noted it is difficult to give a specific number, varies based on product supply.

Online question regarding when a specific road will be completed; Mr. Murphy stated cannot answer at this time without seeing whole plan; will reach out later.

STAFF REPORTS

No reports given

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy spoke on Wilfred's CPM graduation celebration.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ottinger - Nothing to report

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Kurey - Nothing further to report.

Commissioner Shelly - Boards did not meet; Nothing further to report.

Commissioner Chaney- spoke on PRT board and Cathy DeKarz being Interim Recreation Director, commended her efforts; Belleair Rec accepts Venmo now; commended success of Back to School drive.

Commissioner Nessler - Historic Preservation board will not meet next week.

Mayor Wilkinson spoke on Finance Board; 3 members retired, thanked all for service to Town; attended Mayors Council and provided updates from Pinellas County School Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

No further business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:08 PM.

Commissioner Shelly moved to adjourn; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurey.

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

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR