



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

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 6:03 PM with Mayor Katica presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Gary H. Katica
Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt
Mayor Michael Wilkinson
Commissioner Tom Shelly
Deputy Mayor Tom Kurey

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.

17-0148 Request for Variance - 322 Roebling Rd. N.

David Ottinger-Town Attorney- Stated item initially missed on agenda; publicly noticed; will discuss under general agenda.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Dick Belsito-Resident-Spoke against short term rental properties.

CONSENT AGENDA

[17-0124](#) Approval of May 2, 2017 and May 16, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the consent agenda; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

GENERAL AGENDA[17-0125](#)

Presentation of Restored Fort McHenry Flag

JP Murphy-Town Manager-Provided brief history; flag is a replica of the Ft. McHenry flag and was flown in town during the bicentennial year; restoration thanks to Belleair Community Foundation.

James McArthur-BCF Board Member-Spoke on behalf of the organization.

17-0148

Request for Variance - 322 Roebling Rd. N.

Those wishing to speak sworn in by Town Clerk.

Mr. Murphy presented case; approval would allow for construction of a porch to extend two feet into the front yard setback resulting in a twenty three foot front yard setback; Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval.

No exparte communications expressed by the Commission.

Tim Stroyne-Applicant-Spoke briefly on current conditions of property.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt lives in neighborhood; spoke in favor of granting variance.

Mr. Murphy stated letters of support recieved from neighbors Steve and Molly Fowler as well as Laurie Adams.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the variance; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

[17-0116](#)

Consideration of Penny for Pinellas Interlocal Agreement.

Mr. Murphy noted agreement is for distribution of Penny proceeds pending voter approval in November; spoke on importance of proceeds relating to funding for capital projects.

Mayor Katica commented on Penny discussions at the Mayors' Council meetings; beneficial to all municipalities.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Penny for Pinellas Interlocal Agreement; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

[17-0131](#)

Consideration of Interlocal Agreement for the Cooperative Purchasing of Debris Managment and Debris Monitoring Contracts

Mr. Murphy stated this relates to FEMA reimbursement for debris management and monitoring.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the Cooperative Purchasing of Debris Management and Debris Monitoring Contracts; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

[17-0135](#)

Pinellas/Ponce Engineering Services by Deuel & Associates

Mr. Murphy commented on SWFWMD cooperative funding opportunity; project required to be split.

Keith Bodeker-Construction Project Supervisor-Further analysis with engineer requires design revisions to accommodate drainage; fifty percent cost share with SWFWMD; provides longterm benefit to future projects.

Brief discussion regarding cost; proactive for future infrastructure needs.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the additional professional engineering services for the Oleaner, Pinellas, Ponce de Leon, Palmview by Deuel & Associates in the amount of \$130,000.00; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

[17-0130](#)

Pat Wall and Magnolia Park Renovation Project

Eric Wahlbeck-Director of Parks and Recreation-Discussed renovation and partnership with Belleair Community Foundation; provided feedback from neighborhood meeting; Park and Tree Board voted unanimously to accept plan and budget. Plan for tree removal and new plantings was also discussed.

Nancy Hartshorne-Resident-Commented on marking/tagging trees that are to be removed.

John Birmingham-Resident-Questioned birm and privacy measures.

Malory Daigneault-Resident-Spoke on the addition of a community garden.

Jay Daigneault-Resident-Spoke in support of a community garden; supports addition of a playground as well.

Mary Lurch-Resident-Spoke in support of the addition of a playground.

Mr. Wahlbeck provided budget information; BCF to donate \$150,000; no design for playground or garden at this time, space available for both; commented on potential costs of adding items.

Discussion ensued regarding crosswalks and lighting; addition of a flashing light for crosswalk; staff will bring back a proposed final plan; looking to residents to raise funds

for additional items.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of preliminary plans for Magnolia and Pat Wall Park as budgeted with the concepts of the community garden and the playground as a future addition; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt amended motion to include the signalization; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

Mr. Wahlbeck stated the BCF has requested name change to park; Commission can decide whether or not to approve; Mr. Murphy briefly commented on past practices.

Discussion ensued regarding donations and process for approving naming rights; policy to be drafted for Commission approval.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved approval of the opportunity for naming rights for Magnolia Park upon approval of the Commission; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

Laurie Daigneau-Resident-Commented on fundraising process for playground equipment in park.

[17-0133](#)

Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Mr. Murphy read into record.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved that the Town of Belleair acknowledge that July is Parks and Recreation Month; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

[17-0134](#)

Town Manager's Plan of Delegation

Mr. Murphy presented his delegation plan as required by charter.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the Town Manager's Plan of Delegation; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

[17-0132](#)

2017 Legislative Report

Mr. Murphy provided overview of Florida Legislature bills passed that impact town; discussed homestead exemption, wireless communication equipment, drone limitations, ride share companies and public records reform.

Commissioner Kurey questioned revenue loss from homestead exemption and penny items; discussion ensued regarding strategy and potential ways to offset.

Mr. Murphy briefly discussed legislation regarding medical marijuana dispensaries; most likely not an issue given current zoning law. Reverse osmosis project funding request did not get approved; will reapply next year.

[17-0128](#)

Introducing Quarterly Communications Updates

Cathy DeKarz-Management Analyst-Provided information regarding quarterly update newsletter to be distributed to residents through utility billing, website and social media.

Brief discussion regarding additional distribution methods and content.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy announced Adolphus Merricks and Brandon Brown as the employees of the month for May; Chief Sohl stated Mr. Merricks and Mr. Brown assisted in identifying individuals involved in a hit and run.

Dan Hartshorne-Resident-Spoke in support of raises for solid waste staff.

Mr. Bodeker provided a brief report regarding Pinellas/Ponce project, anticipates August for bid; Palmetto Rd. to be reviewed soon; Harold's Lake design complete, awaiting soil analysis to include in bid package.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-Golf course sale closed; conservation easement to be submitted upon completion of improvements; deed held in escrow. Also commented on Belleair Country Club interest in purchasing property along waterfront; survey to be done; Mr. Murphy suggests having a broader community conversation prior to taking action.

Discussion ensued regarding Hallett Park; Deputy Mayor Rettstatt spoke on potentially renaming park and raising funds; project would be down the road.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wilkinson-No Recreation Board meeting; summer camps ongoing.

Mayor Katica-Commented on letter received from resident about Barbara Circle and road construction.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt-Presenter at Mayors' Council meeting was from The Heart Gallery; organization promotes adoption; potential to have a photo gallery in town. Also spoke on trapping and relocation efforts for animals on golf course property; golf course representative will attend upcoming meetings to provide updates on course

construction.

Commissioner Shelly-FEMA fixed rate for flood insurance on non-homedest properties expires this year.

Commissioner Kurey-Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:54 PM.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Katica, Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Mayor Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Deputy Mayor Kurey

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR