



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Town Commission

Tuesday, September 5, 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 6:02 PM with Mayor Gary H. Katica presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

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

[17-0189](#)

First Budget Hearing - Approval of the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

JP Murphy stated first of two TRIM hearings; staff recommends maintaining current rate of 5.9257; due to increase in values, represents a 5.87% increase; Commission previously approved MMP at same rate.

Tom Olson-Resident and Chairman of Finance Board-Spoke on difficulty of process; potential millage increase next year; commented on Penny for Pinellas importance.

Dan Hartshorne-Resident and Vice Chairman of Finance Board-Seconded comments made by Mr. Olson.

No further public comments to be heard.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of setting the tentative millage rate at 5.9257, providing that the increase is 5.87% over the rollback rate; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

[17-0190](#)**First Budget Hearing - Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Town Budget**

Mr. Murphy provided information related to budget ad to be published in newspaper; briefly summarized funds; discussed upcoming capital projects.

No citizen comments to be heard.

Commissioner Kurey commented on budget process; commended staff.

Commissioner Shelly briefly commented on Mr. Olson and Mr. Hartshorne's suggestions.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 as proposed; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Lil Cromer-Resident-Praised staff on budget workshop presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA[17-0185](#)**Approval of August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 24, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes (Budget Workshop)**

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

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

GENERAL AGENDA[17-0159](#)**Swearing in of Officer Robert Albertson**

Officer Robert Albertson was sworn in by Mayor Katica; photos taken.

[17-0179](#)**Proclamation for the "Spirit of Belleair" Award for Miss Victoria Solonina**

Mr. Murphy read proclamation into record; award to be presented to family at memorial service in September.

Commissioner Kurey made a motion to posthumously award Miss Victoria Solonina with the "Spirit of Belleair" Award; seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.

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

[17-0191](#)

Approval of Resolution 2017-17 Declaring State of Emergency

Mr. Murphy discussed current forecasting relating to hurricane Irma; Commission declaration of emergency allows staff to begin preparations and necessary purchasing; discussed purchasing policy related to emergency response needs. Mr. Murphy provided high level overview of current response plan; addressed questions relating to shelters and areas prone to flooding; provided map of evacuation zones.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2017-17; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

[17-0192](#)

Approval of Resolution 2017-18 Amending the Budget FY 16/17

Mr. Murphy discussed need related to emergency management related expenses.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the budget amendment of \$100,000, \$50,000 for operations and \$50,000 for insurance deductibles; seconded by Deputy Mayor Rettstatt.

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

[17-0184](#)

Acceptance of Taps Monument Donation

Mr. Murphy discussed Armed Forces museum closing; monument donated to town request to be placed in Hunter Memorial Park.

Eric Walhbeck-Director Parks and Recreation-Provided details on location.

Commissioner Shelly moved that the Commission accepts the donation of the Taps Monument and dedicated pavers and further allow their placement in Hunter Park at the discretion of town staff; seconded by Commissioner Kurey.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

No report made.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Ottinger-Town Attorney-Nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Shelly-Will be on tonight's conference all made by Governor Scott.

No other reports made.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 7:01 PM.

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

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

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR