



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 18, 2019
Belleair Bluffs City Hall
6:00PM

Town of Belleair Shore **Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

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PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Schmidt, Commissioner Roseman, Commissioner Niewiarowski, Commissioner Blume, Attorney Regina Kardash, Wayne and Nancy Ayers Beach Bee, Cpl Maul, Deputy Miller

6:00 pm Call to order by Mayor Schmidt

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Commissioner Roseman to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

Comments from the public on any agenda item:

There were no comments from the public on the agenda.

Approval of minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting:

It was moved by Commissioner Roseman and seconded by Commissioner Blume to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

Sheriff's Report

CPL Maul reported no crime. Report shows a larceny report, but CPL noted that this report was actually at the 2900 block of Gulf in the condominiums of Belleair Beach. CPL also noted that the warrant item on our report was related to a traffic stop at Belleair Beach City Hall. Commissioner Blume noted that the Sheriff's Office has been monitoring the beach accesses. Commissioner Blume also noted that he was not at the last Regular Town Meeting and wanted to make sure that the construction vehicles at the 12th Street access were approved. They are approved by the clerk.

Treasurer's Report, Approval of Expenditures and Budget Worksheet:

Clerk/Treasurer, Barb Colucci went over balance sheet and P&L. June 2019 expenditures: Duke Energy \$281.45, Persson & Cohen Attorney \$1280.00, Pinellas County Sheriff \$2964.00, Clerk/Treasurer Salary \$896.50, Waste Connections \$793.20, Verizon \$68.22, B. Colucci for Go

Daddy Website SSL Certificate \$79.99 (yearly charge). Regions Bank Service Fee \$31.11, Tax Collector Tax Bill mailing \$9.43. It was moved by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Commissioner Roseman to approve both the treasurers report and expenditures. The voice vote was unanimous.

2019 estimate of change in taxable values

Mayor Schmidt received the property appraiser estimate of taxable value and noted that Belleair Shore percent change went up 7.46%. Commissioner Blume noted that this dollar amount is reflective of sales.

Ordinance Chapter 26 (Section 26-1) Parking Violations; Penalty

Counsel put together a schedule of proposed charges to our Chapter 26 Ordinance and there is a State Statute that dictates that we can raise only with a \$15.00 dollar surcharge. There are charges that are collected by the county for fines to process the Belleair Shore parking citations. Counsel noted that she has taken out the language that notes 'if fines are not paid by' since the county collects our parking fines and Belleair Shore is not handling this internally. Commissioner Roseman questioned if there is another opportunity to outside source in conjunction with another municipality, but It was moved by Commissioner Blume

Ordinance 30-53 Beach Prohibited Activities

Sheriff's Deputies have been enforcing no kayaks or paddle boards etc. on the beach. Our current ordinance states 'only inflatables are allowed'. Commissioner Blume noted that he has a paddleboard. Counsel noted that obviously the Town would not like a motorized boat being lowered into the water at the accesses, but noted that nothing would be changed unless requested by commission. Commissioner Blume noted that we could delete this prohibited activity on our signs. Believes the commission should go over all of the rules and decide what the Town wants on our signs, since this Ordinance is from 1984. Commissioner Niewiarowski questioned whether the rules at the beach access points differ from the rules that would be posted at the North and South end of the beach because she has had problems with the public coming from Indian Rocks beach with tents, camping out, digging large holes etc. Commissioner Niewiarowski requested that the signs that came down during Hurricane Irma be reposted at the North and South ends of the beach after the commission redefines the prohibitive activities. Commissioner Niewiarowski also noted that instead of the signs inferring a welcome to Belleair Shore, that they say 'end of public beach'. Counsel noted that she is not sure that we can infer that it is a private beach. Commissioners also noted the more repeated instances of the public encroaching on private property. Counsel noted 2 lawsuits pending in Redington Beach, regarding the private beach areas and the current state statute where homeowners are actually suing the town for not enforcing the ordinances that Redington Shore has on the books.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Schmidt thanked Counsel Kardash for her hard work on our Comp Plan that has been completed with the State. Counsel noted that the next thing that will come into play for our Town will be the Flood Plain Ordinance, that we need to be in compliance with. If we are not in compliance with the FEMA regulations and a major disaster happens, we would not be eligible

for assistance. Commissioner Roseman questioned if we need to wait until FEMA finishes with the new Flood Plain maps to work on our ordinance. Counsel will look at our current ordinance to see how to move forward.

Availability of Commissioners for August 20, 2019 Regular Town Meeting.

Mayor	Yes
Blume	Yes
Niewiarowski	Yes
Roseman	Yes
Piscitelli	No Will be out until November meeting.
Clerk	No

Mayor/Commissioner comments on non-agenda items:

Commissioner Roseman kindly acknowledged Clerk for being an asset to our community and attending the Senator Brandes meeting. Notes from the Senator Brandes meeting include: Senator gave update on latest legislative session. Senator noted that the next two weeks are critical in setting up the next session. Senator focused on Home Rule and talked about the other local beach communities having multiple projects working along with the Gulf Blvd beautification... would like to have the state coordinate all of the projects along Gulf Blvd. Senator also spoke with the attendees about the beach renourishment and what might be best practices. We are spending approx. 35 million dollars every 3 years for renourishment and maybe other solutions to combat beach erosion can be considered, such as jetties and sea rocks. Senator also brought up the Duke Energy easements. Attendees and Senator believe that Duke Energy already has the easements that they need for the undergrounding in their right of way. Vanessa (legislative assistant) offered to be the liaison with Duke Energy in this consideration.

Mayor Schmidt noted Code Enforcement. 1 call to check drainage for turtle nest at 980 Gulf and Code Enforcement cited that there is nothing more that this homeowner can do.

Public comments on non-agenda items:

No public comments on non-agenda items.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 PM made by Commissioner Roseman, seconded by Commissioner Blume. The voice vote was unanimous.

Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

Mayor called to order budget workshop at 6:33pm.

Treasurer noted that the budget worksheet provided was able to be computed based on the preliminary numbers provided by the County Appraisers office. Treasurer noted that the proposed budget of \$126,230 and using last year .6594 millage rate that the town can have a balanced

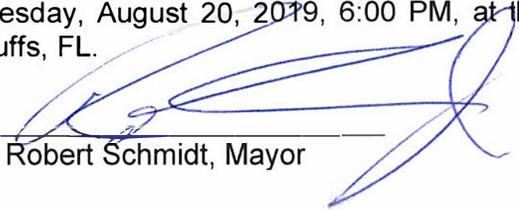
budget. Commissioner Blume had a question on the actual attorney fees for the year and Counsel will double check on the actual fees. Treasurer explained the CPA fees to Commissioner Blume. Mayor Schmidt had a question on the Sheriff charges. Counsel advised that part of what we pay the Sheriff is for them to enforce our local ordinances along with regular services, such as traffic, house checks, beach access checks, beach checks, parking citations. Counsel also advised that we do have the ability through a referendum to use police services from another community but it does have to be via referendum and written into the state constitution. As a municipality we have police powers and can start our own police dept. The question still remained as to whether or not we have to have a Sheriff Dept contract.

Adjourn: 6:46pm

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6:00 PM, at the Belleair Bluffs City Hall, 2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL.

8.20.19
Date Approved

APPROVED:


Robert Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara Colucci, Town Clerk