



## TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES

Town Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

City of Belleair Bluffs Mayors Conference Room

2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770

### MINUTES

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Tolbert, Vice Mayor Storie, Mayor Blume, Attorney Lewis and Town Clerk Palmer.

#### Consideration to Approve Agenda

Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

#### Comments from the Public on any Agenda Item

None

#### Oath of Office, Mayor Blume and Commissioner Tolbert

Attorney Lewis administered the Oath of Office to each official.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2024

Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the March 20, 2024, minutes, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

#### Sheriff's Report

Corporal Mark Reves reported, no arrest, 280 events, with 216 units responding. No crashes were reported and issued 33 parking citations. Commissioner Tolbert moved to accept the report, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

#### Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump reported the report to the Commission, minor issues, the stairs are still on beach, and he is working with the owner to have them removed. Working with the owner at 800 Gulf Blvd regarding boat in yard and working with owner at 1820 Gulf Blvd., to fix and clean their wall. Commissioner Tolbert asked if he would have to get permission from the owner of the vacant lot to allow him to go onto their property to paint the wall that belongs to him. Deputy Trump stated it is better to get permission from the owner and he would contact the owner asking for their permission and will also ask them to trim and clean their lot. Mayor Blume stated at the last meeting the Commission asked about increasing the code enforcement hours. Captain Leiner stated he will review the contract and follow up with the Commission. Mayor Blume asked about the ticket books and where we are on this. Captain Leiner stated they are using their books and when a ticket is issued the letter K is put on the ticket depicting the ticket was issued in Belleair Shore. Attorney Daniel stated he has been in communication with Captain Leiner on the matter.

#### Suncoast Fire Report

Chief Jeff Davidson reported 18 Fire/EMS calls, including a water rescue and vehicle fire. They are finalizing the purchase of land on the northern end of Indian Rocks Beach. There have been 902 hours of training completed.

### Treasures Report – March 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the report with the Commission. Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the report, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

### Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis stated Regina Kardash has left the firm due to personal matters. He has been designated to continue with the town as Town Attorney. There is a resolution on the agenda along with a fee schedule for the Commission to approve. Attorney Lewis reported he has spoken with Attorney Mora from Belleair Beach regarding the fees requested. They are not inclined to make any payment, stating the way the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) is vague and poorly written. He has reviewed the ILA, which is from 2003, and agrees it is poorly written and recommends amending the ILA to clarify future situations. Attorney Lewis stated he has been in communication with Captain Leiner regarding public/private delineation of lands and enforcement of the ordinances; they are looking for guidance on where that line is. Vice Mayor Storie stated he is working on things to help with this issue.

### Appointment of Commissioners

None to appoint. Attorney Lewis reported he has been working on the concerns of the Sunshine Law and Anti-Nepotism Law regarding Vice Mayor Storie's wife to be on the Commission. If the Commission wishes he can ask for an advisory opinion from the Commission on Ethics. ~~Vice~~ Mayor Blume stated it is not necessary at this time as they are still soliciting others to be appointed.

### Consideration of Town Attorney Representation Agreement

Attorney Lewis stated he did ask to continue as Town Attorney and if the Commission would like to continue with the firm, there is a resolution to approve. Mayor Blume asked if there was an existing agreement. Both Attorney Lewis and Town Clerk Palmer stated they could not find one. Commissioner Tolbert asked Attorney Lewis if he is taking over all the other municipalities that Regina was the attorney for. Attorney Lewis stated he is not taking all on. Commissioner Tolbert stated they had changed the meeting day from Tuesday to Wednesday to accommodate Regina's schedule and if there is a night that works best for him. The Commission would like to go back to the third Tuesday of the month for meetings. After discussion, the next meeting will be on the third Tuesday of the month and Attorney Lewis will confirm at that meeting if he is able to accommodate the change.

### Resolution 2024-02 – Appointment of Daniel Lewis as Town Attorney

Attorney Lewis read Resolution 2024-02 by title. Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve Resolution 2024-02, seconded by Commissioner Tolber. The voice vote was unanimous. Mayor Blume commented on the fees, stating we are not a very big town and want to minimize our costs. Attorney Lewis stated he does understand.

### Resolution 2024-01 – Discussion – Proposed State Mutual Aid Agreement

The Commission did not move forward with this Resolution.

### Discussion – Town Parking Citation Book

Previously discussed.

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Town Clerk Palmer reported she had received a call from a resident regarding someone raking the beach and dumping the contents of the rake in the water in front of his home. Vice Mayor Storie stated he also saw this and was wondering who it was, as they ran through his sea oats and sea grapes. It was determined it was Belleair Beach and Mayor Blume stated he would talk to the mayor about this matter and report back at the next meeting. Vice Mayor Storie stated he would rather not have anyone rake his property. Commissioner Tolbert stated he thinks it is a benefit to our residents.

Commissioner Tolbert stated in his observation he does not think there have been traffic problems this spring vs last year. On Sunday, it took him 40-minutes to get over the bridge, part of the issue was a Sherrif vehicle was parked right where the turning lanes starts and was wondering if there is a better solution. Captain Leiner will investigate this matter.

Mayor Blume asked if a vote is needed to change the meetings days as previously discussed. Vice Mayor Storie moved to change the meetings back to the third Tuesday of the month, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. Attorney Lewis will bring a resolution to the next meeting to confirm. The voice vote was unanimous.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items


Frank Bankard of Belleair Beach and a Councilmember for Belleair Beach addressed the Commission. He stated he would bring the beach raking matter up at his next meeting if the Commission would like. Mr. Bankard also commented to the Commission about complaints he has received from his residents and them asked to move on the beach, he would like to see the Town's work together. Commissioner Tolbert stated he would also like to see the towns work together.

Deb, resident of Belleair Beach addressed the Commission stating the Interlocal Agreement was put into place in 2003 and maybe you might want to go back and look up the minutes as the legal fees in the agreement were regarding accidents and slip and falls on the accesses.

Joseph Manzo, resident of Belleair Beach, directed his comment to Attorney Lewis, asking him if he was aware of a letter sent to Regina Kardash regarding a notice of lawsuit. Mr. Manzo passed a letter to Attorney Lewis and asked him to read the letter. Attorney Lewis stated this is public comment time.

Adjourn

Vice Mayor Storie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

  
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Town Clerk  
Mary Palmer, MMC