



## TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES

Town Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 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

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

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

None

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2024

Commissioner Tolbert corrected page two under the Appointment of Commissioners, last line, change Vice Mayor Blume to Mayor Blume. Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

#### Sheriff's Report

Sargent John Shields reported for the month of April, there were 192 events, with 198 units responding. No crashes were reported and issued thirty-five parking citations. Town Clerk Palmer will supply the breakdown of the citations in the agenda packet.

#### Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump reported all cases have been closed. The fence at 540 Gulf Blvd. is complete except for the gate. The walls at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street beach access need painting, it is not clear in ILA if the walls should be maintained by Belleair Beach, Belleair Shore or the homeowner. He is trying to contact the owners at this time. Mayor Blume asked if extra hours have been started for code enforcement. Deputy Trump stated he is now working four hours a week and is varying the time, so he can come out at Sunset.

#### Suncoast Fire Report

No Report

#### Treasures Report – April 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the report with the Commission. Commissioner Tolbert asked about the insurance amount and the audit amount in the budget vs actual report. Town Clerk Palmer will report back to the Commission on these items. Discussion ensued regarding a contractor asking about a property and if they can utilize the bottom floor of the property for a living area. After discussion, Mayor Blume stated he will contact the contractor to discuss. Mayor Blume reported the Regions account has been closed and instructed Town Clerk Palmer to move the money to the Prime Account at the state.

### Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis stated he has walked the beach of Belleair Shore to acquaint himself with the area. Attorney Lewis will reach out to Captain Leiner regarding municipal ordinance enforcement. Attorney Lewis reported he has been having conversations with Belleair Beach's Attorney, Attorney Moura regarding the ILA trying to revise so it is clearer. Attorney Moura has reached out to Mr. Manzo regarding the potential lawsuit he mentioned last month, regarding Ordinance 22-01. Attorney Lewis stated he will be reviewing the ordinance and will report back to the board next month. Vice Mayor Storie asked Attorney Lewis if he could review what Mr. Manzo signed regarding the last lawsuit. Attorney Lewis stated Town Clerk Palmer had forwarded him an email regarding the Ordinance passed completing the Comp Plan review. The Town will need to hold the public hearings again. Attorney Lewis stated at last month's meeting the Commission agreed on his fee agreement and since then Mayor Blume has made some changes, he has no issues with the changes, but they need to be ratified. Mayor Blume will send the changes to the other Commissioners for their review, the changes will be ratified at the next meeting. Attorney Lewis requested for the next meeting be held on Wednesday due to a conflict, the Commission agreed. Vice Mayor Storie asked if protest or large gatherings must be allowed and if there are rules and permitting process that could be in place for them to follow. Attorney Lewis will investigate this and report back to the Commission.

### Insurance Presentation – Florida League of Cities, Lyndsay Johannsen

Ms. Johannsen reviewed with the Commission the insurance the town has with the League. The increase to the Town was due to the reinsurance market and the recent lawsuit. Mayor Blume reviewed with the Commission the last few years premiums. After further review, the Commission thanked Ms. Johannsen for coming to the meeting tonight.

### FY 2024/2025 Budget Schedule

The Commission reviewed the Budget/Trim schedule sent from the County. After the discussion, a workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Vice Mayor Storie asked if the Town can retain a larger portion of the property taxes for services offered. Town Clerk Palmer suggested that Vice Mayor Storie contact the tax office to ask this question.

### Resolution 2024-03 – Change of Commission Meeting Days

Attorney Lewis read Resolution 2024-03 by title. Vice Mayor Storie moved to adopt Resolution 2024-03, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

### Appointment of Commissioners

Commissioner Tolbert stated he did speak to a resident about this, and they said if they must fill out Form 6, they are not interested. Attorney Lewis stated he is following the lawsuit that has been filed by other cities.

### Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Storie stated he has done a lot of research on his own property at 40 Gulf Blvd. He has researched State sites, original state charter and the original town charter, etc., for the subdivision I am in, and all consistently show his deeded property rights and the square footage. Right now, there is selective enforcement on private property currently in the town,

which has affected his property. He has shared all this information with the legal counsel for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and wanted to put this on record.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Frank Bankard, Belleair Beach resident commented on the threat of a lawsuit that was mentioned at the last meeting.

Adjourn

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

*Mary Palmer*

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Town Clerk  
Mary Palmer, MMC