



TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES  
Town Meeting – Following Budget Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, July 16, 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 and Attorney Lewis.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2024

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

Sheriff's Report

For May and June there were no crimes, crashes, or arrest. There were 158 events with 166 units responding. Captain Leiner addressed the Commission regarding the increase for Law Enforcement Services. Captain Leiner explained the contract and the reason for the increase. The contract was always based on population. In FY 2022 the Sheriff reviewed and decided population was not a good variable and switched to square miles of land. The Sheriff's office made an error in the calculation at that time, and they just now caught the error. Discussion of land area was discussed, and the Commission felt there was an error and would like a verification of the calculations. The calculations used were from the information the Sheriff's Office received from Pinellas County. After discussion Mayor Blume asked Captain Leiner to convey the Commission's concerns to the Sheriff. Vice Mayor Storie again stated he would like to investigate to have the Interlocal Agreement with Indian Rocks Beach, instead of Belleair Beach. Mayor Blume stated he would like the opportunity to meet with whoever is making the calculation. Captain Leiner will report back to the Commission.

Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump reported in the month of June, there were 15 Ordinance Violations. Deputy Trump is averaging four to five hours of patrol a week, with various times. After further discussion, the Commission thanked Deputy Trump for his report. Commissioner Tolbert referred to a report from the Clerk of the Court regarding parking fines and asked Town Clerk Palmer to investigate what the word "adjustment" means in the reports. Town Clerk Palmer will report back to Commissioner Tolbert.

Suncoast Fire Report

No report.

Treasurers Report – May and June 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the reports with the Commission. The Commission had no questions on the reports.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis stated most of what he needs to talk about is on the agenda and will wait to talk at those times. Vice Mayor Storie stated the maps submitted for the Comprehensive Plan discussion appear to be incorrect.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Blume opened the Public Hearing.

First Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 2024-01 – Comprehensive Plan

Attorney Lewis read the Ordinance by title. Linda Fisher from Forward Pinellas addressed the concerns stated about the maps from Vice Mayor Storie. Mayor Blume asked for any other discussion from the Commission or public. A Resident asked if the area being spoken about would allow people to walk up and down the beach? Vice Mayor Storie stated it does allow for people to walk up and down the beach. Ms. Fisher explained to the Commission the other maps included with the ordinance, which are the Future Land Use Map, the Coastal High Hazard Area Map, the Floodplain Map, and the Existing Land Use Map. Commissioner Tolbert asked about the area on the Southern End of the Future Land Use Map that sticks out Westward. Ms. Fisher stated she will see if she can find out more information on this area. After discussion Ms. Fisher will work with Vice Mayor Storie and Attorney Lewis regarding his concerns. Ms. Fisher will put all maps on an aerial. There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve Ordinance 2024-01 on First Reading subject to maps one and four being modified to do ariels and approval by Attorney Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Blume closed the Public Hearing.

FY 2024/2025 Approve Proposed Millage Rate and Advalorem Tax and FY 2024/2025Proposed Budget

Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the proposed millage rate at 0.5345, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Approve FY 2024 Audit Services with BMC, CPA's

Town Clerk Palmer stated the cost will be \$7,000.00. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the contract, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Approve FY 2024/2025 Law Enforcement Services Contract

Tabled

Ratify Changes to Attorney Agreement

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

Discussion – Letter to DEP Re: Compliance Assistance Offer/VPI-024-002

Attorney Lewis reported he had a phone conference with DEP. They gave two options to rectify, one option is to change to a single post and then they do not regulate, second would be to apply for an after the fact permit. After discussion, Commissioner Tolbert moved to designate Vice Mayor Storie to work on the with DEP and apply for an after the fact permit, if the permit is denied then change to single post, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Discussion – Pinellas Public Library Cooperative FY 2025 Membership

Town Clerk Palmer explained if any resident wanted to use a library, they would need a card to do so. If the town wishes they can pay this membership fee for the residents, or you can choose to not to pay and the resident can pay the fee themselves. The consensus of the Commission is to not pay the membership.

Appointment of Commissioners

Attorney Lewis reported that they have changed to use the Form 1 this year. At this time there are no residents interested.

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Mayor Blume spoke about the Re-Entry Permits and asked Captain Leiner if there is a list of who has one, as there have been new residents who may not know about the permits. Captain Leiner will investigate this.

Vice Mayor Storie asked how and who are issuing parking passes for the accesses and what the process is. Attorney Lewis will look into this.

The meeting was adjourned and then reopened to discuss budget meeting dates.

Mayor Blume reconvened the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

The Commission discussed different dates for the meetings. After discussion Commissioner Tolbert moved to hold the first public hearing on September 11, 2024, at 5:15 P.M. and the final hearing on September 17, 2024, at 5:30 P.M., seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Commissioner Tolbert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Palmer*

Mary F. Palmer, MMC

Town Clerk