

TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES  
Town Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – Following Budget Hearing  
City of Belleair Bluffs Mayors Conference Room  
2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770  
Minutes

Present upon roll call, Commissioner Tolbert, Vice Mayor Storie and Mayor Blume.

Mayor Blume noted that the Final Budget Hearing ended early, and the Commission continued with the Regular Meeting.

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

No comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Workshop Meeting July 16, 2024; Regular Meeting July 16, 2024, and Budget Hearing, September 11, 2024

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

Sheriff's Report

Corporal Griffin reported that there were no major incidents in August and seventeen citations were issued.

Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump reported the tide has been high making it hard to get on the beach. There has been a lot of directed patrol. At 300 Gulf Blvd., the house was demolished and lot secured. 660 Gulf Blvd., lot has been cleared and cleaned up.

Suncoast Fire Report

None

Treasurers Report – August 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the report with the Commission. Mayor Blume asked that the invoices for Attorney fees be emailed to the Commission when received for review and also the Prime Statement. Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the August 2024 report, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis stated what he wants to talk about is on the agenda.

### Forward Pinellas – Reapportionment of Board and Amendments to Interlocal Agreement and Nomination to Board

Whit Blanton, Director of Forward Pinellas addressed the Commission giving a brief synopsis of the function of Forward Pinellas. Mr. Blanton went on to explain the amendment to the interlocal agreement. The organization is governed by federal and state law. The Board is now comprised of 13 members, representing eight municipal governments, the Pinellas County Commission and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. By law the Governor is required to review the membership composition and to reapportion if necessary. The Governor approved the recommended Plan. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the amendments to the Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

### Discussion – Disaster Housing Ordinance Pinellas County

Attorney Lewis explained this ordinance was sent from Pinellas County and is asking if the Commission would be interested in creating an ordinance for temporary housing when a disaster strikes. The Commission was in consensus to move ahead with this. Attorney Lewis will have an ordinance ready for first reading at the next meeting. The appointment to the Board will be handled by the BIG-C.

### Discussion – University of Florida, Bureau of Economic & Business Research Population Estimate

Town Clerk Palmer explained she received this information in the mail and does not feel comfortable to estimate the population for the town. Mayor Blume stated does not understand how they came up with the number. The Commission would like to find out more on this, before signing. Town Clerk Palmer will try to find out more information.

### DEP – Request for Additional Information

Attorney Lewis reported FWC has added a recommendation regarding turtle requirements. They are asking for vertical and horizontal distances of the signs. They would like us to put up one sign not two. Attorney Lewis and Vice Mayor Storie will work on this.

### Town Clerk Hours of Operation

Town Clerk Palmer explained that when hired, there was no clear direction on hours. Town Clerk Palmer said she has been working Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When listening to the message on the town phone it says the hours are Monday thru Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and would just like clarification. Consensus of the Commission is to work the hours that are now being worked.

### Appointment of Commissioners

None currently. Attorney Lewis reported the injunction is still in place and Form 1 is the only form required.

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

Commissioner Tolbert had a picture of the pillar at 600 Gulf Blvd., that is damaged. It was discussed that Belleair Beach is responsible for repairs per the Interlocal Agreement. Vice Mayor Storie reported that he witnessed again someone out on the beach maintaining his property. It was discussed that no one should be on private property. Mayor Blume would like a new bill to go to Belleair Beach for money spent on legal fees for the litigation and in

addition adding the cost for the additional liability insurance that the town has paid. There are conflicts with the Interlocal Agreement and the Town ordinances, the town ordinances need to be updated to conform with the Interlocal Agreement. Also, the town should not be paying Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for services, Belleair Beach should be paying per the agreement. Attorney Lewis will draft a letter for the Commission to review at the next meeting.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Adjourn – Vice Mayor Storie moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Palmer*

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Town Clerk  
Mary Palmer, MMC