

TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES
Town Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
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

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 – Final Budget Hearing September 17, 2024; Regular Meeting, September 17, 2024

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

Sheriff's Report

No report this month due to the storms.

Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump reported the fencing has been installed at the beach accesses. Last month there were two parking citations, and several ordinance violations were issued. The beach is being patrolled by the officers and houses are being watched. Mayor Blume stated he spoke with Safebuilt, and the pre application fee is being waived and Mr. Cooper will try to work quicker to help reduce the cost to the town. Deputy Trump suggested purchasing signs for the beach accesses, stating No Trespassing Beach Accesses Closed. Commissioner Tolbert moved to have Vice Mayor Storie take care of purchasing the signs, seconded by Mayor Blume. The voice vote was unanimous. Mayor Blume asked Deputy Trump if he was still working four hours per week. Deputy Trump stated he is. The consensus of the Commission was to keep the four hours per week at this time.

Suncoast Fire Report

None

Treasurers Report – September 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the report with the Commission. Town Clerk Palmer reported the insurance for FY 2025 was paid in September. Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the report, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis reported there is something coming up with the hauling contracts with Pinellas County. He will report back to the Commission.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Blume opened the Public Hearing.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 2024-01 – Comprehensive Plan
Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2024-01 by title. The maps have been updated as requested at the first hearing. The ordinance has gone through the approval process from the First Reading. Linda Fisher from Forward Pinellas addressed the Commission regarding the maps and the changes made. If approved today, it will go back to the state for one more review. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tolbert moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 on second reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

First Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 2024-02 – Temporary Housing
Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2024-02 by title. At the last meeting, this matter was discussed. Attorney Lewis explained that he has made this an Emergency Ordinance and can be approved on first reading. The temporary housing can be for 36 months. Mayor Blume asked for any public comments. One resident commented that this seems very reasonable. There being no further discussion, Vice Mayor Storie moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-02, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Blume closed the Public Hearing.

Appointment of Commissioners

None.

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Tolbert asked if residents do not have all their debris out for the final pass, what happens? The owners will be responsible for their disposal.

Mayor Blume asked about his variance request and the meeting being cancelled due to the storms. The request was for three inches to install a generator. After discussion, Attorney Lewis stated that since we are under a State of Emergency the Town does have authority per the State of Emergency to take action for the health and safety of the residents. Town Clerk Palmer stated for the record, the variance was advertised per the code. Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the 3-inch variance to install an emergency generator at 1260 Gulf Blvd, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Palmer

Town Clerk

Mary Palmer, MMC