



TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES
Town Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
City of Belleair Bluffs Mayors Conference Room
2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770
Minutes

Present: Commissioner Tolbert, Commissioner Lally, 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 – (3) THREE MINUTES

None

Oath of Office – Commissioner Robin Lally

Town Clerk Palmer administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Lally. Commissioner Lally was congratulated on her position.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –December 17, 2024

Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2024, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Sheriff's Report

Sargent Bolt reported for December 2024 that there were no violent crimes, arrests, crashes, citations, or warnings issued. There were eighty-one events, mostly direct patrols at the beach accesses.

Code Enforcement Report

None

Suncoast Fire Report

District Chief Raisch stated there was nothing major to report.

Treasurers Report – December 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the report with the Commission, pointing out the expenditure to Phillip and Jordan for debris removal. Town Clerk Palmer stated she is working with FEMA for reimbursement for this charge. Discussion ensued regarding advalorem taxes and the tax breaks given to those who could not live in their homes after the storms.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis reported he has spoken with the Commission regarding the Pinellas County Sheriff Office contract. If the Commission does not want to sign the contract, services in the contract will end this month and only violent crimes will be the service received to Belleair Shore from the Sheriff's Office. Mayor Blume gave a brief background on this topic for new

Commissioner Robin Lally. Former Mayor Bob Schmidt addressed the Commission stating he would like to go back to the Sheriff regarding the contract and adding back in the services. Mayor Blume and Mr. Schmidt both stated they did invite the Sheriff to this meeting to discuss this contract. Following further discussion, Vice Mayor Storie moved to designate former Mayor Bob Schmidt to meet with Sheriff Gualtieri, along with a commissioner to also attend the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous. If needed, Commissioner Tolbert moved to schedule a Special Meeting for January 30th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the contract, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Attorney Lewis reported he investigated the camping ordinance; the town does not allow overnight camping and sleeping. After further discussion Attorney Lewis will revise the current ordinance.

Attorney Lewis reported he did investigate the Golden Beach ID ordinance; they do not have one to check the IDs of everyone. Attorney Lewis also investigated the solicitation ordinance, the town does have an old ordinance but does not suggest amending the ordinance as solicitation ordinances are challenged often.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Blume opened the Public Hearing

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 2025-01 – Amending Chapter 14 – Elections

Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2025-01 by title. Commissioner Tolbert moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-01, seconded by Commissioner Lally. Mayor Blume opened for any discussion or comments from the public. There being none, the voice vote was unanimous.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 2025-02 – Amending Chapter 30 – Beach Access Areas

Attorney Lewi read Ordinance 2025-02 by title. Mayor Blume opened for any discussion or comments from the public. Vice Mayor Storie moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-02, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Blume closed the Public Hearing

Approval of Records Disposal Per State of Florida Division of Library Services

Town Clerk Palmer stated the records will be shredded per the Library Services guidelines. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the records listed to be disposed of, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

Update on Beach Access Gates

Mayor Blume reported he has received another quote and will present the quotes once he has had a chance to do a complete review. Kyle has been doing concrete work at 1200 beach access. Several people have called about the piles of clean sand that has been placed on the beach, and he will reach out to Kyle on this.

Appointment of Commissioner

None

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – (3) THREE MINUTES

Fran Bankard, resident and councilmember from Belleair Beach, stated he did bring up at the last council meeting about getting gate security access for Belleair Beach residents. He will bring it up again at their next meeting.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Palmer

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk