



**TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES**  
**Town Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 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, Commissioner Lally, Mayor Blume and Attorney Lewis. Absent, Vice Mayor Storie.

Consideration to Approve Agenda

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

Comments from the Public on any Agenda Item – (3) THREE MINUTES

No comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025

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

Sheriff's Report

Corporal Hirshman reported there was one arrest last month and no crashes.

Code Enforcement Report

No report.

Suncoast Fire Report

No report.

Treasurers Report – December 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the financial statements for January 2025, reporting a total of \$11,870.47 in expenses paid.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis reported that he is working on the camping ordinance and one for the beach regarding leaving holes on the beach, he will have both at the next meeting for first reading.

Attorney Lewis reported the firm that was approved to do the audit has sold, the new company has contacted the town, and they will be starting the audit soon. Mayor Blume did sign the new contract with the firm, pricing to remain the same for the town. Commissioner Tolbert moved to ratify the signing of the contract by Mayor Blume, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

Resolution 01-2025 - Public Records Exemption for Municipal Clerks and Employees  
Attorney Lewis, read Resolution 01-2025. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve Resolution 01-2025, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

Ratify Signing PCSO FY 2025 Contract

The Commission discussed sending a letter to Sheriff Gualtieri thanking him for working with the town regarding the FY 2025 contract. After discussion Commissioner Tolbert moved to send a letter to Sheriff Gualtieri, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous. Commissioner Tolbert moved to ratify Mayor Blume signing the contract, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Commissioner

Resident Susan Cain addressed the Commission requesting appointment as Commissioner. Mrs. Cain attends numerous meetings and is interested in being a commissioner. Commissioner Tolbert moved to appoint Susan Cain to the Commission, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous. Town Clerk Palmer administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Cain.

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Tolbert commented on the beach signs and the need to put verbiage on the signs regarding no sitting or walking on the private seawalls. Commissioner Tolbert also raised some concerns regarding empty lots and the damage from the hurricanes. At some point the town will need to address this situation. There are some walls at the accesses that must be repaired, a determination will need to be made on who is responsible for repairs.

Mayor Blume stated Kyle, City Manager from Belleair Beach asked if they could open 12<sup>th</sup> street access for walk on access only. After discussion, Commissioner Lally moved to allow access to be open for walk on access only, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Mayor Blume stated Kyle also asked about bike racks at the accesses. A year ago, or longer there was a discussion regarding placing bike racks at the beach accesses. Commissioner Tolbert stated, if we can get gates for access for Belleair Beach residents it makes sense to have the bike racks, but if there are not gates then it opens it up for issues with other bike riders to the beach. The Commission tabled at this time. Mayor Blume reported he has spoken to three or four contractors regarding the new gates, and it has been a struggle to find one to do all the work, instead of hiring different contractors to complete. He is trying to get to a point to put a proposal together and present to Belleair Beach.

Commissioner Lally asked if the water restrictions could be placed on the website to hopefully reduce calls to the police department. Town Clerk Palmer will have the information placed on the website.

Mayor Blume reported he did have the state contractor come out and spread out the sand.

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

Barry Gray, Belleair Beach, thanked the Commission for opening 12th Street Access. Frank Bankard stated he is for the bike racks, but only if there is a way to control the usage.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Tolbert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

*Mary Palmer*

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Town Clerk  
Mary Palmer, MMC