



**TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES**  
**Town Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 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, Commissioner Cain, Vice Mayor Storie, Mayor Blume and Attorney Lewis.

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

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

Sheriff's Report

Corporal Cox reviewed the report with the Commission.

Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump reported he is catching up on things since he was out on medical leave. He is working on getting Gulf Blvd., and private property cleaned up. Mayor Blume introduced Deputy Trump to the new Commissioners, explaining the town contracts with Pinellas County Sheriff's office for code enforcement. Mayor Blume spoke about the 1200 beach access not being locked at night. After further discussion, Vice Mayor Storie moved to utilize bike chains and locks, with all the same combination, to lock all the accesses at night, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Tolbert asked Deputy Trump about Trespass Forms for private residential property. Commissioner Tolbert explained there was an incident regarding trespassing on private property and called the Sheriff's Office. The response was extremely fast, and the Deputies did speak to the individuals who did leave. He was told by the Deputies that for them to issue a trespassing citation they would have to have a trespass authorization form from the owner. After further discussion Town Clerk Palmer was asked to have the form placed on the town website.

Commissioner Tolbert asked about walls being higher than four feet to the seawall at the beach access lots. Attorney Lewis will investigate and report back to the Commission.

Suncoast Fire Report

No report.

Treasurers Report – February 2025

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the report with the Commission. Commissioner Tolbert asked about the charge to Tetra Tech. Town Clerk Palmer explained that Tetra Tech was the monitoring company that monitored the debris removal. Town Clerk Palmer is working on reimbursement from FEMA for the expense. Mayor Blume asked Town Clerk Palmer to move some of the money at Valley to the Prime Account at the state. Commissioner Tolbert asked about the two Accounts Payable under the liabilities. Town Clerk Palmer stated she did not know but will find out and report back to the Commission. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis reported he has been in discussions with Commissioner Tolbert regarding the Erosion Control Line (ECL), and what is the effect on the town and property lines. Attorney Lewis stated he has done some research on this and needs to conduct some more, and he will report back to the Commission at the April meeting. If there is any action the Commission needs to consider, there will be additional legal fees and wants to let the Commission know since the town is going into budget season.

Attorney Lewis stated he has been working with Vice Mayor Storie on the beach signs, and they have a draft ready and will include the updated ordinances. The signs will be a single post sign instead of a double post sign. Commissioner Tolbert asked if the Commission will be able to review the signs before purchasing and asked if there will be anything on the sign regarding walking on seawalls. Attorney Lewis stated the new trespassing ordinance for private property will cover that. Commissioner Tolbert would like to see verbiage on the sign specifically for the seawalls. After discussion, the consensus of the Commission is for Vice Mayor Storie and Attorney Lewis to continue with the approval and purchase of the signs. Commissioner Lally moved to approve the signs as described, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

First Reading Ordinance 2025-03 – Amending Chapter 30 Waterways, Camping Prohibited  
Mayor Blume opened the Public Hearing.

Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2025-03 by title. Mayor Blume asked for any Commission or public comment. There being none, Vice Mayor Storie moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-03 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

First Reading Ordinance 2025-04 - Amending Chapter 30 Waterways, Digging Holes on Beach

Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2025-04 by title. Mayor Blume asked for any Commission or public comment. There being none, Vice Mayor Storie moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-04 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Mayor Blume closed the Public Hearing

Approval of FY 2026 Budget Meeting Dates

Town Clerk Palmer submitted to the Commission a suggested list of meetings for FY 2026 budget. The Commission will review and will discuss it at the next meeting.

Approval of CPI Increase for M.T, Causley, LLC

Mayor Blume reported that M.T. Causley has asked for a 1.6% CPI increase. Commissioner Cain moved to approve the increase seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Storie asked for an update on the new gates. Mayor Blume reported he is still working on this. He is trying to find someone to do a drawing of the gates for permitting. Commissioner Lally asked what the impact would be on the electrical equipment if it was submerged in flooding. Mayor Blume stated the equipment would be elevated.

Mayor Blume asked Vice Mayor Storie if he would like to be appointed to Vice Mayor again. Vice Mayor Storie stated yes. Mayor Blume asked for any other nominations. There being none, Daniel Storie is appointed Vice Mayor by acclamation.

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

None.

Commissioner Lally moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie.

*Mary Palmer*

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Town Clerk

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