



**TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORE
TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS CONFERENCE ROOM
2747 SUNSET BLVD, BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FL 33770
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Tolbert, Commissioner Lally, Commissioner Cain and Mayor Blume. Attorney Lewis present via the phone. Absent, Vice Mayor Storie.

Consideration to Approve Agenda

Commissioner Tolbert stated he would like to discuss the need to increase code enforcement as the beaches are getting busy. This will be discussed during Commission comments. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

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

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026

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

Sheriff's Report

Sargent Pione stated he is the new evening supervisor for the beaches and reported the February analysis. There were two assaults and two arrests. The assault was domestic in nature. Commissioner Lally stated that she sees no trespass activity, Sargent Pione stated he did not find any. There was a total of 188 events with 195 units responding.

Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump stated has been working diligently on the blighted properties at 1440 and 1420 Gulf Blvd. He has contacted the owners, and they will apply for demolition permits for the homes. 40 Gulf Blvd. violations have been corrected and the case is closed.

Suncoast Fire Report

No report.

Treasurers Report – February 2026

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed the report with the Commission. Commissioner Cain moved to approve the report, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis reported that he has sent the information to the Commission regarding the expenditures for the Gulf Blvd. Undergrounding. If the Commission has any questions, please let him know.

First Reading Ordinance 2026-02 - Beach Shade Permit Program

Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2026-02 by title. Attorney Lewis explained what changes were made to the ordinance. Mayor Blume opened for public comment. Joseph Manzo, resident of Belleair Beach, commented on having to give a drivers license, which then becomes a public record, he does not mind showing a drivers license. How quickly will the town be able to get out the permits and what the fee will be? Resident, Barry Grey asked how many permits per household, as he has a large family. At the last meeting it was discussed there would be two permits issued per residence. Attorney Lewis stated he is making notes on the comments. Mayor Blume closed the public comments and opened the discussion to the Commission. Commissioner Lally expressed concern regarding the sunshade structure definition and to take out the language about poles. Commissioner Lally worries that homeowners' rights are unintentionally being taken away in this version. Commissioner Lally was hoping homeowners could use the beach without a permit, just their guest would need the permit. Commissioner Tolbert is concerned about the details and that this ordinance needs more work before a second reading. After further discussion consensus of the Commission is to send Attorney Lewis any comments and to have a first reading again next month.

Approval of Beach Cleaning/Raking Services

Mayor Blume reported he received a quote for beach cleaning/raking services for the town. He did seek a quote from another company, but they did not respond. The Commission reviewed the quote and discussed the different scenarios. Commissioner Lally moved to allow Attorney Lewis to draft a contract and to allow for signature, for \$2,000.00 for the beach management program, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Tolbert commented on the need to increase the Code Enforcement hours. After discussion, Commissioner Lally moved for Commissioner Tolbert to reach out to the Sheriff's Department and to authorize up to \$2,500.00 for a short-

term increase in Code Enforcement hours, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on April 21st at 6:00 p.m.

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

Frank Bankard, resident of Belleair Beach, commented on the beach raking activity.

Joseph Manzo, resident of Belleair Beach, commented on a permit needed to rake the beach and activity on the beach.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Palmer
Mary F. Palmer, MMC