

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA HELD AT TOWN HALL ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 AT 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Katica
Commissioners
Ottinger
Stephen Fowler
Tom Shelly
Michael Wilkinson
Kevin Piccarreto
Town Manager Micah Maxwell
Town Attorney David

Mayor Katica led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with Mayor Katica presiding; quorum was present on roll call.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS
FINAL BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Mr. Maxwell stated that it was the final budget hearing for fiscal year 2014-2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-29 – ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

Mr. Maxwell stated that there was a millage reduction of .1000 mills to a millage rate of 5.9257 mills.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved that the Commission approve the millage rate of 5.9257 to fund the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Operating Budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fowler moved adoption of Resolution No. 2014-29 fixing the millage rate to be levied to fund the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget; providing that the operating millage rate of 5.9257 is 2.64% greater than the rolled back millage rate (5.7733). Motion seconded by Commissioner Piccarreto and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-30 – ADOPTION OF BUDGER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Commissioner Shelly moved adoption of Resolution No. 2014-30 adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015, for carrying on the government of the Town of Belleair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fowler and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NON-EXEMPT AND EXEMPT EMPLOYEE PAY SCALE DATED OCTOBER 1, 2014

Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the proposed non-exempt and exempt employee pay scale dated October 1, 2014. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly and carried unanimously.

PSTA APPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER BARKLEY – BELLEAIR BLUFFS

Commissioner Barkley from Belleair Bluffs spoke regarding representation for the PSTA Board for the six municipalities; asked for support to continue as representative for Belleair.

Commissioner moved that the commission support the appointment of Commissioner Barkley to continue as representative for Belleair and the other inland municipalities on the PSTA Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Piccarreto and carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 409 BAYVIEW DRIVE

Mr. Maxwell stated that application for Certificate of Appropriateness had been submitted by the new owners of property located at 409 Bayview Drive; that the Historic Preservation Board moved to recommend approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness at their August 21 meeting.

Johanna Pruitt, property owner, stated that there are a number of existing issues with the structure and foundation; that the property had been vacant for the past three years; that if demolished a structure it was their intent to build a house that would maintain the aesthetics of the current neighborhood.

Commissioner Piccarreto moved that the commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 509 Bayview Drive. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly and carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL – 409 BAYVIEW DRIVE

Mr. Maxwell stated that the property at 409 Bayview Drive had been designated as historic by the town; that the owners were requesting approval of the Application for Removal which would remove the structure from the list of historic structures and grant the owner permission to demolish the structure.

Commissioner Piccarreto move that the commission approve the Application for Removal for property located at 409 Bayview Drive. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly and carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE – 205 PALMETTO ROAD – KERRY N & TODD ELLISON

Mr. Maxwell stated that the applicants were requesting a variance to allow construction of a porch addition in the secondary front yard setback of a corner lot; that the porch would encroach into the required 25 foot front yard setback by 12.6 feet resulting in a 12.4 foot secondary front yard setback.

Persons planning to speak regarding the variance request were sworn in by the town clerk.

Mr. Maxwell stated that the Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of the request for variance at 205 Palmetto Road.

Commissioner Piccarreto stated that he did speak with the applicants regarding the variance request.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE – 205 PALMETTO ROAD (Continued)

Mayor Katica stated that he did look at the property.

Commissioners Shelly and Wilkinson stated that they had also looked at the property.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the request for variance for property located at 205 Palmetto Road to allow construction of a porch addition in the secondary front yard setback of a corner lot. Motion seconded by Commissioner Piccarreto and carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jean Ann Hughes, 4 Belleview Blvd., asked for an update on the law suits filed against the town; asked if the law suits could stop or delay any actions regarding the Belleview Biltmore Hotel.

Mr. Ottinger provided a response stating that there was a Motion to Dismiss the law suit; stated that the project could move forward.

Mr. Maxwell provided possible dates for scheduling meetings regarding the Belleview Biltmore Project.

Karla Rettstatt, 308 Roebing Road North, commented on the upcoming dedication of Hunter Memorial Park; asked about the removal of the street signs in town.

Mr. Maxwell commented on the street signs.

Steve Johnson, 1717 Indian Rocks Road, asked about the proposed roundabout at Ponce de Leon and Indian Rocks Road and the expected cost of the project.

Neal Palenzula asked about the golf course and the completion of the conservation easement.

Mr. Ottinger provided a response.

Discussions ensued regarding the proposed conservation easement for the Pelican Golf Course.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was requested from staff that the Minutes for August be continued.

Commissioner Shelly moved to continue approval of the August Minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TOWN OF BELLEAIR

Lt. Sohl stated provided information regarding the Agreements between Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Town of Belleair.

Commissioner Piccarreto moved approval of the Service Agreement for fiscal year 2014-2015 and Interlocal Agreement for transportation services between the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Town of Belleair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fowler and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES

Staff requested a continuance of this item.

Commissioner Fowler moved to continue Approval of Contract for Building Department Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Staff requested a continuance of this item.

Commissioner Fowler moved to continue the Discussion of Town Hall Renovations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF DIMMITT COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

Mr. Maxwell provided a outline of proposed parking and safety elements for the Dimmitt Community Center.

Discussions ensued regarding the necessity of certain safety features; regarding creating more parking areas; regarding the impact on the neighborhood with the implementation of certain safety elements; regarding cost for the different elements; regarding maintenance of the project.

Mr. Maxwell stated that it was necessary to discuss the issue before staff would make a final decision on the project.

VEHICLE PURCHASE APPROVAL

Micah Badana commented on the purchase of vehicles that were approved in the fiscal year 2014-15 budget for certain departments.

Commissioner Shelly moved to approve the purchase of vehicles as approved in the 2014-15 fiscal year budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fowler.

Discussions ensued regarding the established purchase policy for the town.

VEHICLE PURCHASE APPROVAL (Continued)

Vote on the motion to purchase vehicles carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It was the request from staff that approval of Resolution No. 2014-28 be continued.

Commissioner Fowler moved that Resolution No. 2014-28 confirming appointment of members to the police pension board of trustees be continued. Motion seconded by Commissioner Piccarreto and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Maxwell stated that Lt. Sohl would serve as interim Police Chief due to the resignation of Chief Tom Edwards; commented on Chief Edwards' service to the community.

Expressions of appreciated for Chief Edwards were stated by Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned in due form at 7:15 PM.

Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor