

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA HELD AT TOWN HALL ON AUGUST 4, 2009 AT 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Katica
Commissioners
Stephen Fowler
Tom Shelly
Karla Rettstatt
Stephanie Oddo

Town Manager Micah Maxwell
Town Attorney David Ottinger

Mayor Katica lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call there was a quorum present with Mayor Katica presiding; the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Fire Chief Wallace of Largo commented on the recent events in Belleair Bluffs regarding the suspension of Chief Competelli; stated that Mike Cooksey of Pinellas County would be acting as administrator for the Belleair Bluffs Department; that he would be handling more of the day to day leadership; that Mayor Arbutine would be handling any financial matter that arise; that the process would be in place until the results of the referendum of September 1st in Belleair Bluffs; provided a brief explanation of suspension of Chief Competelli.

PUBLIC HEARING - MOWING RESOLUTION

There was no mowing resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND AND FINAL READING - ORDINANCE NO. 465 - REGULATING THE MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED FORECLOSING PROPERTIES

Mr. Maxwell commented on the proposed amendments to the ordinance on the first reading; stated that there was some language discussed in the first reading that was removed from the ordinance.

Mr. Ottinger stated that there were some technical changes to the ordinance after the first reading; that it was substantively the same ordinance as adopted in the first reading.

Mr. Ottinger read Ordinance No. 465, regulating the maintenance of abandoned foreclosing properties, by title only.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Ordinance No. 465, as amended, on second and final reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rettstatt.

Vote on the motion: ayes; Commissioner Rettstatt, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Fowler; Commissioner Oddo, Mayor Katica. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND AND FINAL READING - ORDINANCE NO. 466 - REGARDING THE REGULATION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES

Mr. Ottinger stated that there were some technical changes made at the first reading of Ordinance No. 466; that the exclusion of certain property descriptions was made because they were not allowed property uses within the town; that residential condominiums were also excluded as most had their own rules regarding rentals; that it was substantively the same ordinance as adopted in the first reading.

Mr. Ottinger read Ordinance No. 466, regarding the regulation of rental properties, by title only.

Commissioner Fowler moved approval of Ordinance No. 466 regarding the regulation of rental properties on second and final reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Oddo.

Vote on the motion was: ayes; Commissioner Rettstatt, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Fowler, Commissioner Oddo, Mayor Katica. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-27 - RECOGNIZING AND HONORING GEORGE MALLORY

Mayor Katica expressed appreciation to Mr. Mallory's family members for attending the meeting; that Mr. Mallory was a dedicated member of the town.

Mr. Ottinger read Resolution No. 2009-27, recognizing and honoring George Mallory, into the record.

Mayor Katica and members of the commission presented Resolution No. 2009-27 to Mrs. Mallory and family members present.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution No. 2009-27 recognizing and honoring George Mallory. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rettstatt and carried unanimously.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE NO. 467 - AMENDING RATES FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND TRASH

Mr. Maxwell stated the ordinance outlined the planned 10% rate increase for the solid waste fund for all residential and commercial properties.

Mr. Murphy stated that the increase was due to decrease in revenue and increase in expenditures for the solid waste department; that it would be a combination of cuts and revenue increases to balance the budget for that department; that the increase would not be related to the side yard collection program.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE NO. 467 (Continued)

Mr. Ottinger read Ordinance No. 467, amending rates for collection of garbage and trash, by title only.

Commissioner moved approval of Ordinance No. 467, amending rates for collection of garbage and trash, on first reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rettstatt.

Vote on the motion was: ayes; Commissioner Rettstatt, Commissioner Shelly, Commissioner Fowler, Commissioner Oddo, Mayor Katica. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PUBLIC AUCTION

Mr. Murphy provided a list of surplus items no longer used by the town; that the items did still have some value but are no longer utilized by the town; that there were some special items related to the demolition of the Thompson property; that the auction is planned on Friday, August 14th at 9:00 am; that there would be a preview of items at 8:00 am; that there would be a third party auctioneer; that the auction would be held at town hall.

Mr. Maxwell stated that persons bidding on items located at the Thompson property would have to be removed by Friday, August 20th.

Commissioner Rettstatt moved to approve the list of items scheduled for public auction on August 14th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fowler and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the commission the special meeting was adjourned in due form at 5:55 pm.

Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor