

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION 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

On roll call there was a quorum present with Mayor Katica presiding; the meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Lil Cromer, 4 Belleview Blvd., expressed her appreciation to the commission for selecting Largo to provide fire services to Belleair; commented on inaccurate remarks from an article printed in *The Sand Key Sun* regarding the issue of the traffic enforcement agreement with the RPD and Seaside Marina issues.

Thayer Haydon, 424 Woodlawn Avenue, commented on recent issues in his neighborhood regarding suspected drug activity at a particular home in the area; commented on the helpfulness of the Belleair police department.

Commissioner Rettstatt commented on adoption of ordinances regarding securing swimming pools on foreclosed properties; commented on having resolutions adopted by the commission recognizing and honoring residents who have served the community be framed and hung in the auditorium.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Maxwell stated that bids had been received on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to provide and maintain the street lights; that bids to provide engineering services were received on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>; that the bids would be reviewed; stated that Jim Grady of the streets department was named employee of the month for his job performances in July; stated that the budget meeting dates in September need to be changed to Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm and Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Ottinger stated that he was continuing to work on the Seaside Marina issue; commented on the delay was due to an attempt to be through and efficient; that there was a lot of history to review; that in looking at all the public records he would understand the frustration of Mr. Perrott; that the issue would be resolved.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Katica stated that Mr. Maxwell had been contacted by Chief Competelli requesting a meeting with himself and Mr. Maxwell; commented on the meeting with Fire Chief Competelli and Commissioner Suzy Sofer of Belleair Bluffs, Commissioner Stan Sofer of Belleair Beach, and union representative Macho Liberti; that the purpose of the requested meeting was to discuss Belleair's decision to contract with Largo to provide fire suppression services to the town.

Commissioner Rettstatt stated that 'Gracie's Big Splash' fund raiser was scheduled for Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>; that there would be lots of fun activities for everyone; that the 'Rumble Stumble' would be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> this year; commented on the funds raised at last year's event; that the funds raised this year would be used to benefit the teen summer camp next year; commented on the Christmas program to be held on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to be held on the soccer field; that entertainment would be provided by certain residents; commented on the upcoming 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the town; stated that the event would be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Shelly expressed appreciation to the commission for allowing Fire Chief Wallace to speak regarding the recent issues concerning the Belleair Bluffs Fire Department; stated that he would like to attend the Florida League of Cities annual conference to be held in Orlando; that due to the expenses involved in his participation with Suncoast League of Cities he had used his budget; that he was asking for consensus from the other commissioners to attend the FLC conference.

Mr. Maxwell stated that Commissioner Shelly had expended his \$1,000 for the year; that there was a number of commissioners who had not expended their funds and Commissioner Shelly was asking that he be allowed to use some of the unexpended funds in order to attend FLC conference.

Commissioner Fowler expressed approval; that he felt it was good that Commissioner Shelly was representing the town at the conference; that he would be willing to allow the use of his allocated funds to Commissioner Shelly to allow his attendance at FLC conference.

Mayor Katica commented on the allowed funds for each commissioner; stated that unexpended funds would go back into the town treasury; commented on the commissioner stay within their allowed funds.

Commissioner Rettstatt commented on the commissioners staying within their allowed budgets; that each commissioner should pick and choose and budget for participation in certain programs; that she had decided not to participate in outside programs because she felt there was enough representation by both Commissioners Shelly and Oddo for the town.

Discussions ensued with regard to Commissioner Shelly using unexpended funds from the allocated funds to attend the FLC conference.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT (Continued)**

Commissioner Oddo stated that she had spent her allocated funds carefully and that she had not spent all of her funds due to the budget situation; that she was uncertain how she felt about the issue.

Mr. Maxwell stated that ground rules had never been set for the use of the funds; that staff was following guidelines set by other cities in allowing the funds be spent; that it was the discretion of the commission as to how handle the situation.

Commission Rettstatt asked the benefit of Commissioner Shelly's attending the conference.

Commissioner Shelly stated that he was over his budget because he was the vice president of the Suncoast League of Cities; that as such he was as such he was asked to represent the Suncoast League for intergovernmental relations; that he would like to attend the annual conference as he did get to vote on the board of directors; that there were daily educational sessions as well; that he would accept the commissions' decision.

Discussions ensued regarding establishing a procedure for expenditures by commissioners.

Commissioner Oddo commented on Commissioner Shelly serving on the Suncoast League and participation at the FLC conference and his roll was important; stated that his entire budget was used in participation in Suncoast League functions she would be in favor of extending the expenditure and if not she would not be inclined to extend the funds.

Commissioner Shelly stated that participation in Suncoast League as vice president included the FLC and those were two expenses he had.

Commissioner Rettstatt asked Commissioner Shelly to provide a proposed budget for next fiscal year if the expenditure was approved so there would be some idea as to the expected expenses; that he may need more that the allowed \$1,000.

It was the consensus that the funds be extended to Commissioner Shelly to allow his participation in the FLC conference in Orlando.

Commissioner Fowler stated that there was a planning and zoning meeting scheduled for Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>; expressed his appreciation to planning and zoning board members for their work on the ordinances dealing with foreclosing and abandoned properties and for rental properties.

Commissioner Oddo discussed a resolution from MPO regarding improvement to the countywide school zones; that she would like to add such a resolution to the agenda for the regular meeting.

Commissioner Fowler asked Mr. Maxwell about SWFWMD amending the water restrictions.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT (Continued)**

Mr. Maxwell stated that the town was already following those changes and complying with the restrictions.

Mayor Katica stated that the reason he could not ask any other commissioners to attend the meeting with Chief Competelli and the others was because of Sunshine Law and violation of that law.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Edwards reported on the conviction of Dr. Sanchez; reported on arrest of a resident an dealer involved in drug activity in town; commented on recent vehicle arson in town; commented on the safety of an elderly resident whose adult son with mental issues had been setting fires in the garage of the home.

Jane Turner, 612 Palm Avenue, stated that she was a neighbor and was trying to get some help for the mother.

Chief Edwards commented on vehicle burglaries; provided a report on the theft of bikes from the Dimmitt Community Center; reported on the theft of pool equipment from the Thompson property; reported on property damage to a street light as a result of an accident at Druid Road and Corbett Street.

**ESTABLISH AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 18, 2009 AT 7:30 M**

Mayor Katica announced the following items scheduled for public hearing at the August 18, 2009 regular meeting:

1. Mowing Resolution.
2. Second and final reading - Ordinance No. 467 - Regarding rate increase for solid waste collection.
3. Request to replat properties - 145 Bayview Drive & 152 Palmetto Road - Fred and Joy Thomas.

On motion duly made and seconded the following agenda was established, as amended, for the August 17, 2009 regular meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting - July 7, 2009  
Work Session - July 7, 2009  
Regular Meeting - July 21, 2009.

**ESTABLISH AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 18, 2009 (Continued)**

GENERAL AGENDA

Consideration of:

1. Discussion of 2009-2010 FY Budget.
2. Discussion of right turn lane for Wildwood Way.
3. Resolution No. 2009-30 - Supporting Countywide School Zone Improvement Program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned in due form at 6:30 pm.

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**Town Clerk**

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor**