

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA HELD AT TOWN HALL ON JULY 7, 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 5:40 pm.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Maxwell provided the following report:

- that Scott Meyer was named employee of the month; that Scott worked in the Parks and Streets Department.
- Clearwater had installed a left turn signal at the intersection of Belleview Blvd. and Clearwater-Largo Road.
- commented on the possible right turn only lane from Wildwood Way; discussions ensued regarding the stack lane extension and the installation of ballards.
- discussed the 85th Anniversary Committee; stated that staff was looking for some direction for the commission; discussions ensued regarding establishing a committee and the duties and responsibilities of the committee and who would serve on the committee; it was the consensus that the item be added to the Regular Agenda for July 21st.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ottinger stated that no appeal had been filed regarding the property owned by the Belleview Biltmore Hotel on Sand Key; discussed the history of the Seaside Marina issue; stated that he felt he had enough information to file the necessary documents.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Rettstatt stated that Gracie's Big Splash was scheduled for Sunday, August 9th; that the recreation board would like the banner to be placed on Indian Rocks Road about two weeks before the event; that the family would like for proceeds to benefit families with terminally ill children; urged everyone to participate in the event.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT (Continued)

Commissioner Shelly stated that he had attended the Belleair Bluffs commission meeting regarding the proposed referendum for fire suppression services; discussed the salary for the Belleair Bluffs firefighters; commented on developing a resolution for TBARTA supporting the high speed rail system for the commission's consideration.

Mayor Katica spoke about the passing of George Mallory; stated that Mr. Mallory was a wonderful humanitarian and would like to see him nominated for the Commission's Humanitarian Award. In the future.

Commissioner Fowler stated that he had attended the Mayor's Council Meeting on behalf of the mayor; that there was a presentation by the property appraiser's office; discussed foreclosures rate in Pinellas County; discussed additional homestead exemptions; commented on the vacancy on the code enforcement board as a result of the passing of Mr. Mallory; stated that there would be a planning and zoning board meeting on Monday, July 13th.

Mr. Maxwell commented on the information provided by Commissioner Fowler regarding the decrease in property values of property in Belleair.

Commissioner Oddo stated that she did not have a report; that she would like to have a review of the town attorney after the review of the town manager was completed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Edwards spoke about the traffic enforcement agreement with the RPD; spoke about the interlocal agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department to transport prisoners to the county office; that there would be a charge of \$50 per person to transport; that he did not think it would be utilized more than a few time per year; that there was no charge if the service was not used.

Discussions ensued regarding the traffic enforcement agreement with the RPD and participation of the Belleair Country Club and the Belleview Biltmore Hotel.

Chief Edwards further provided information on recent crimes in town; commented on a future ordinance prohibiting the use of BB guns in town; discussed the liquidation of furnishings and equipment from the hotel.

Martin Smith from the Belleview Biltmore Hotel spoke about the liquidation sale; stated that they were expecting a large turnout for the first 3 to 5 days.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

There was no report.

PRESENTATION BY CLEARWATER RECYCLING

Mr. Maxwell stated that Mr. Earl Gloster from City of Clearwater Solid Waste Department was present to speak to the commission regarding recycling.

Mr. Gloster stated that the recycling program had been operating for approximately ten years; that Clearwater provided twice a week curbside pick up for Belleair residents; that at the present time approximately 20 tons of recyclable materials were collected per month from Belleair.

Commissioner Rettstatt inquired about the number of residents participating in the recycling collection program.

Katrina Dowd, recycling specialist, stated that there was about a 60 to 70% participation rate of the 1427 homes services to Belleair residents.

Commissioner Rettstatt also inquired about the recyclable plastic items.

Mr. Gloster commented on the recycled plastic items; that at the present time glass items were not being recycled but they are working on the glass process.

Discussions ensued regarding of certain cardboard boxes and containers.

Steve Johnson, 1717 Indian Rocks Road, commented on recycle materials.

Mayor Katica commented on weight restrictions for heavy trucks going over the bridge at North Pine Circle.

Discussions ensued regarding fees charged for recycling.

Mayor Katica expressed appreciation to Mr. Gloster and his staff for the presentation to the commission.

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE SURVEY QUESTIONS

Mr. Maxwell reviewed the proposed survey questions to be sent to residents regarding the side yard collections, as a user based service.

Mayor Katica commented on the charge for services not used; stated that the survey should be sent to residents soon.

Commissioner Shelly asked in the cost for the service would be determined by the survey results.

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE SURVEY QUESTIONS (Continued)

Discussions ensued regarding the outcome of the survey results and what the actual user cost would be; regarding the range of proposed costs; regarding the possible outcome of survey questions; regarding the expected number of users of the side yard collections; regarding aesthetics in town should the curbside collection program be determined to be most cost effective; regarding standardized containers; regarding having a change in the minimum charge increase to support the service.

Commissioner Fowler stated that it was the duty of the commission to establish services to residents that they want at a fair cost.

Victoria Arscott, 220 Manatee Road, stated that the survey should be sent soon; that a delay in sending the survey would not take care of the issue; that communication was important.

Discussions ensued regarding the town providing garbage cans at a cost of \$26 per can at a cost of approximately \$30,000; that the automated trucks would not be used; regarding a review of all options.

Mr. Maxwell stated that the town would have to look at a potential reserve usage for at least part of next year if the commission chose not to go forward with rate increase now; that in September he would have move forward as though the town needed those reserve dollars for solid waste; that at this point he did not know what the figure would be.

It was the consensus of the commission to send the survey soon along with a letter of explanation.

DISCUSSION OF RPD TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Maxwell stated that Chief Edwards had commented earlier on the agreement; that Mr. Ottinger also had comments regarding the agreement.

Mr. Ottinger inquired about the term of the agreement since it was signed by Mr. duPont with the blank for the term; that it was his suggestion that the term be for a period of 5 years.

Discussions ensued regarding the termination period for the agreement; regarding the process from both the RPD and the town for terminating the agreement.

Mr. Ottinger inquired about general liability insurance by the RPD.

The traffic enforcement agreement was to be approved at the regular meeting to be held on July 21st.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN MANAGER'S EVALUATION FORM

Mr. Maxwell stated that the proposed form would work; that Commissioner Rettstatt made some adjustment to the previous form and it was sent to all the commission members; that he did have a comment to make regarding Section I, item 6 regarding grants; that he would suggest that "pursue" replace "obtain" with regard to seeking grant funds for the town; that he was satisfied with the format of the evaluation form.

Commissioner Oddo stated that it was an important procedure; commented on Section IV regarding municipal stewardship and the intended meaning of the section; that it was her understanding that municipal stewardship would have a more direct impact on services to the residents.

Commissioner Oddo further stated that she would like to also proceed with development of the evaluation process for the town attorney.

Discussions ensued regarding the evaluation process for the town attorney.

Mr. Maxwell stated that Mr. Ottinger and he would work on the development of an evaluation form.

It was the consensus to approve the evaluation form for the town manager.

ESTABLISH AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING JULY 21, 2009 AT 7:30 PM

Mayor Katica announced the following items scheduled for public hearing at the July 21, 2009 regular meeting:

1. Mowing Resolution.
2. Second and final reading - Ordinance No. 463 - Amending Chapter 74, Section 332 - Pertaining to Historic Preservation.
3. Second and final reading - Ordinance No. 464 - Authorizing stays on appeal.
4. Continued first reading - Proposed Ordinance - Regulating the maintenance of abandoned foreclosing properties.
5. Continued first reading - Proposed Ordinance - Regarding the regulation of rental properties.

On motion duly made and seconded the following agenda was established as amended for the July 21, 2009 regular meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting - June 2, 2009
Work Session - June 2, 2009
Regular Meeting - June 16, 2009.

ESTABLISH AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING JULY 21, 2009 (Continued)

GENERAL AGENDA

Consideration of:

1. Resolution No. 2009-27 - Recognizing and honoring George Mallory.
2. Presentation by Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) - John Bradley.
3. Resolution No. 2009-28 - Supporting development of a highspeed rail network.
4. Resolution No. 2009-29 - Establishing a planning and coordination group for the 85th Anniversary Celebration for Town of Belleair.
5. Approval of banner for Gracie's Big Splash.
6. Authorization to serve beer and wine for Gracie's Big Splash.
7. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.
8. Approval of Traffic Enforcement Agreement between Belleview Biltmore Homes Association of Town of Belleair.

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