

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA HELD AT TOWN HALL ON MARCH 17, 2009 AT 7:30 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 7:30 pm.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Amy Cardinale, 316 Carl Avenue, inquired about having a street light installed at the intersection of The Mall and Carl Avenue; stated that there was an existing pole at that intersection where the light could be installed.

Mr. Maxwell stated that the street lights would be discussed at the April work session; that he would contact Progress Energy for a replacement light.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Oddo moved approval of the consent agenda to approve the Minutes of Special Meeting and Work Session held on February 3, 2009 and Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2009, as distributed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07 - DECLARING RESULTS OF MARCH 10, 2009 ELECTION**

Mr. Maxwell stated that Resolution No. 2009-07 declared the results of the March 10, 2009 municipal election; that the purpose of the election was to elect a mayor and two commissioners to serve three year terms; that this was the first election for the three year terms.

Mr. Maxwell read the results of the election into the record; stated that Mayor Gary Katica was an unopposed candidate and therefore declared elected; that Commissioner Stephanie Oddo was re-elected by receiving 684 (45.10%) of the votes; that Commissioner Stephen Fowler was re-elected by receiving 621 (40.88%) of the votes; that Brad Ackerman received 213 (14.02%) votes and was not elected to office.

Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution No. 2009-07 declaring the results of the March 10, 2009 municipal election. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rettstatt and carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF TRAFFIC STUDY FOR WILDWOOD/WOODLAWN AREA**

Mr. Maxwell stated that staff would like to continue the discussion for the April work session.

Commissioner Oddo moved to continue the discussion of the traffic study for the Wildwood/Woodlawn area until the April 7 work session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rettstatt and carried unanimously.

**CONTINUED REQUEST FOR WCA TOWER BY PINELLAS COUNTY**

Mr. Maxwell stated that in January representatives from Pinellas County came before the commission to discuss a potential tower site in Belleair; that the proposed location was next to the Belleair pumping station; that Mr. Jim Hall was again before the commission to make the request again.

Jim Hall, Pinellas County Engineer, stated that they had no new additional information if everyone had received the packet submitted for consideration; that the only other new information was the new proposed location.

Buster Warner from Motorola stated that he did not have any new information to provide.

Commissioner Fowler stated that the proposed location was the least conspicuous and most unintrusive location in Belleair.

Commissioner Oddo moved to deny the request from Pinellas County to place the 100 ft. WCA tower in Belleair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shelly.

Discussions: Commissioner Shelly commented on the wind resistance of proposed tower. Commissioner Oddo stated that she would like to see other alternatives than 100 ft. pole. Mr. Hall stated should the request not be approved it would be likely that Pinellas County would pass the cost of the T-1 lines and associated costs onto Belleair.

Mayor Katica stated that he was opposed to any type of radio waves around people and especially around the children of Belleair.

Discussions ensued regarding whether to continue the matter and wait for the proposed costs for the T-1 lines.

Vote on the motion to deny on roll call was: Rettstatt to deny; Shelly to deny; Fowler to deny; Oddo to deny; Katica to deny. Motion to deny the request was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Fowler stated that the planning and zoning board had a meeting on Monday to discuss the proposed ordinance for rental properties; asked for input from other commission members; that the proposed ordinance regarding foreclosures and updating lien documents was discussed.

Discussions ensued regarding the proposed restrictions for consideration for rental properties.

Commissioner Rettstatt commented on fees charged for building permits and the possible tiering of those fees for the installation of energy efficient equipment.

Discussions ensued regarding “green energy” incentives.

Commissioner Rettstatt further commented on the coyotes in the area and asked about legal options for residents in their efforts to protect the property and pets.

Discussions ensued regarding the safety of small animals and children.

Commissioner Oddo commented on the upcoming evaluation of the town manager; stated that she would like to have the matter placed on the April work session agenda for discussion.

Mr. Maxwell commented on the solid waste ordinance; stated that Mr. Doyle was to submit his comments for review.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed survey for solid waste; it was the consensus of the commission to place the matter on the April work session agenda for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned in due form at 7:55 pm.

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**Town Clerk**

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor**