

City of Belleair Bluffs
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday May 17, 2010
7:00 PM

The Belleair Bluffs City Commission held a meeting Monday May 17, 2010 at 5:45 p.m. in Community Room B. The invocation was led by Attorney Shauna Morris. The following answered roll call: Mayor Arbutine, Commissioners J. Barkley, J. Nazario, T. Shimkus and S. Sofer. Attorney Thomas Trask, Director of Public Works Robert David and City Clerk Debra Sullivan are present as staff.

Consensus was given to approve the April 12, 2010 minutes and the April 19, 2010 minutes.

Citizens to be heard on non-agenda items. There were none.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Arbutine – monthly meetings were attended.

Administration/Finance - reminded everyone of the Sunshine and Ethics Seminar.

Police Department – Commissioner Barkley had nothing new to report.

Fire Department – Commissioner Sofer requested information regarding the status of the reserve fire truck and how to proceed with either keeping it or disposing of the truck.

Public Works Department – Commissioner Nazario – R. David and he are discussing submitting a grant with FDOT for pedestrian crossings. The grant is due by June 30, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Placement of revisions to Charter Section C3.03 and C3.08 on the November General Election Ballot according to Ordinance 2009-02.

Consensus was given to move this item to the June workshop agenda.

Approval of Resolution 2010-02 -agreeing to participate in the Pinellas County 2010-2011 Recycling Reimbursement Grant Program in the amount of \$1676.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sofer to approve Resolution 2010-02 which was seconded by Commissioner Nazario.

Roll Call:

AYE: Shimkus, Nazario, Sofer, Arbutine, Barkley

NEY: None

OTHER

Mayor Arbutine stated he had received an email from the Town of Belleair requesting that the City institute a joint services board to conduct a comprehensive study to consider consolidation of town services and supply a report to each entity.

Commissioner Sofer questioned if the meetings would be open to the public. Attorney Trask stated if there were no elected officials it would not require public meetings. She wondered why they didn't consider this while we still had our fire department. She asked R. David if he considered any benefit to streamline any of the issues suggested from Town of Belleair. R. David stated that Belleair Bluffs is extremely streamlined but would be willing to listen to the input from Town of Belleair.

Commissioner Nazario questioned what Belleair Bluffs would gain from this discussion. Eventually the Commissions would have to be in the discussion, so why institute a staff – resident committee. He does not see a benefit for Belleair Bluffs.

Commissioner T. Shimkus does not see a benefit for the study either.

Mayor Arbutine stated Mayor Katica requested the consolidation study. Commissioner T. Shimkus stated that residents of Belleair Bluffs are satisfied with the services and area of Belleair Bluffs and wouldn't want to be the Town of Belleair.

Commissioner Sofer is concerned about them wanting to become police and we are fine.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nazario to tell Belleair thank you but no thank you which was seconded by Commissioner Sofer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Barkley is still concerned about ordinance compliance. He has issues with antennas, autos, signs, trailers and other vehicles. He stated economics are bringing in residents and artisans of many kinds and operating as small businesses in the residential area, which brings a decline in the quality of life on our community.

Commissioner Nazario stated residents expect we ensure that the codes are complied with. It is incumbent as commissioners to ensure that these things are done.

R. David told the Commission city staff has met with Pinellas County Sheriff Office staff and agreed that citations should be issued as code infractions are noticed. Sgt. Gerretz stated the first priority is to educate the violator so they understand the violation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Sullivan

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