

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
WORKSHOP SESSION
SEPTEMBER 28, 2005**

The Belle Isle City Council met in workshop session on Wednesday, September 28, 2005, Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, Florida 32809. The following members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Trudy Prince	District 2
Charles R. Scott	District 3
Larry I. Ady	District 4
William F. Ravenel	District 5
Sarah G. Goodwin	District 6
Eric S. Spaulding	District 7

Also present were City Manager Larry Williams, City Attorney John F. Bennett, City Clerk Belinda Bateman, and others.

Absent was Commissioner Jacquot, District 1.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brooks discussed the proliferation of cars parked on the right-of-way for sale that appear every weekend. He asked that the issue be researched and that a limit on the number of cars an individual can sell may be a solution to the problem.

Council suggested looking at how other cities deal with this issue.

Discussion regarding enforcement of the parking ordinance ensued. Council was advised that the first notice of violations issued will advise residents of the option of applying for a variance. The ordinance provided for a 60 grace period for waiving the variance application fee; not the fines for violation.

A question was raised by Commissioner Prince regarding the length of the grace period. It was verified that the grace period is 90 days, not 60 days.

Requiring a permit for placing a "for sale" sign on a vehicle or recreational equipment was discussed. Also considered was limiting the length of time a vehicle could display a for sale sign to two times per calendar year and a maximum of thirty days for each of the sale periods.

Requiring a Belle Isle For Sale permit to be displayed on the vehicle was also discussed.

A draft ordinance is to be prepared for discussion at the October workshop.

Mayor Brooks advised he has seen a number of Notice of Violation signs on various properties and noted there are still plenty of violations that need to be posted.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Williams reported the following:

1. The Nela Bridge Engraved Paver project will be promoted in the newsletter and encouraged Council to promote the project in their respective districts.
2. October 21st is the deadline for submissions for the Belle Isle Bulletin in order to ensure the newsletter is out to the residents by November 15th.
3. The annual calendar will be available by Thanksgiving for distribution.
4. We will do both individual photos and a group shot at the next Council meeting and everyone is to wear their blue Belle Isle shirt.
5. Gave an update on the Nela Bridge project stating the bid advertisement has been placed.
6. Advised Warren Park asked to be exempted from the Stormwater Utility Tax and asked Council's feeling on the matter.

It was the consensus of Council that Warren Park should not be taxed.

7. City Warehouse on Sunny Lane will be getting a masonry wall on the north side of the property; the south and west sides will remain chain link, the east side will have a new white PVC fence and the gate will remain chain link.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bennett advised there has been a developer's agreement executed regarding the new masonry wall to be built behind the old shopping center. He advised the fence around the retention pond needs to be repaired or replaced and it needs to be cleaned up.

COUNCIL REPORTS

COMMISSIONER ADY: advised the Sunny Lane property is very presentable. He also asked that some old fencing left in the Lagoon Park be removed.

Commissioner Ady asked for an ordinance to fine pet owners for not cleaning up after their pets and asked that once adopted, signs be posted in Lagoon Park stating the fine and citing the violation.

COMMISSIONER PRINCE: asked if the Clock is working yet.

Scott Lee, Boyle Engineering, responded that the County is requiring a third party to issue the UL certification. As soon as the UL is certified then Progress Energy can connect the power. He advised the cost of the UL certification is going to be either \$800 or \$1,640.

COMMISSIONER GOODWIN: reported three signs still leaning in Windsor Place and Lake Conway East.

She asked when the sidewalk repairs will be done.

City Manager Williams responded the repairs are underway, but the inlets will be repaired prior to the sidewalk sections.

She advised the HOA in Conway East is going to initiate a letter writing campaign to push for the traffic light at Cove and Conway.

COMMISSIONER SPAULDING: asked that Windsor Place streets be swept.

He advised the Windsor Place HOA has made a \$500 contribution to the Waveland, Ms. Fund and challenged the other HOA's to match or exceed it.

He asked about maintenance of the retention pond.

Mr. Williams responded that the Lake Doctors are going to look at the situation.

Commissioner Spaulding advised that residents from his district are attending the meetings regarding the Conway Road widening and speaking out.

COMMISSIONER RAVENEL: reported three more dead pine trees.

He requested that nothing be added to the Council agenda after the workshop, unless it is an emergency.

COMMISSIONER ADY: reminded Council of the Florida League of Cities reception being hosted by BrightHouse at the Orlando Museum of Art.

CONSIDERATION OF NIMG APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE HIGHLANDS AT LAKE CONWAY

City Manager Williams asked for Council input on the application received from The Highlands at Lake Conway, since they are a gated community and the project contains elements inside the gates, as well as outside the wall.

Commissioner Spaulding stated that his initial reaction would be that outside the wall should qualify, but not inside the gated community.

The matter was referred to the City Attorney.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Belinda L. Bateman, MMC
City Clerk