

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007  
5:30 P.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, 5:30 p.m. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, Orange County, Florida 32809.

The following members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Thomas G. Petruzzi	District 1
Trudy Prince	District 2
Charles R. Scott	District 3
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6
Eric Spaulding	District 7

Absent was Larry I. Ady, Commissioner, District 4.

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

Mayor Brooks gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Art Peloso, 1437 Horizon Court, thanked the Council for authorizing the new street light for Horizon Court. He also stated the new lighting on the Nela Bridge is too bright and asked if the wattage could be reduced or the lights shielded.

Mr. Swede Rundquist, 7235 Lake Drive, expressed his annoyance with the bridge lighting and stated the red lighting under the bridge were objectionable.

**APPEAL HEARING: Parker - 6615 Matchett Road**

Sandra L. Parker, 6615 Matchett Road, presented her appeal to the Council regarding the fines issued for not having a permit to remove a tree from the property. She advised she has been working to save the tree since 2004 and has spent considerable money doing so. She advised that D. J. at Royal Landscaping advised her it was a 150 year old Laurel Oak and was beyond saving.

Mayor Brooks asked if there were other trees on the lot.

She stated she had planted two Palms and planned to plant six more new trees in the near future.

She stated she had also planted additional trees from the city's tree give-away.

Commissioner Readey moved to grant the appeal with the condition that the property owner agrees to plant six live oaks with a 4" minimum breast height diameter; and six additional acceptable trees prior to September 4, 2008, including Italian Cypress and Bald Cypress as stated by owner. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion which passed with four ayes from Commissioners Readey, Scott, Spaulding and Prince; and two nay votes from Commissioners Pisano and Petruzzi.

### **APPEAL HEARING: Heidbrink - 5104 Oak Island Road**

Mr. Paul Heidbrink, owner in trust of 5104 Oak Island Road, presented his request for an appeal to the after-the-fact fine and fee for removing a tree less than 4" in Breast Height Diameter. He advised his 86 year old Mother cut the tree with a pruning saw because she had been advised by a tree guy that it was not in a good location and would interfere with the upper story trees as it grew. He added that there is one other tree on the property, an old water oak, that is in poor condition and needs to be removed.

Mayor Brooks asked how many trees were on the property.

Mr. Heidbrink stated that there are six very large Live Oaks on the property that are in good condition.

Commissioner Ady arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Commissioner Petruzzi moved to waive the fine and double fee. Commissioner Ady seconded the motion which passed with seven ayes and no nay votes.

### **TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE ADOPTED BY MOTION**

Mayor Brooks opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

City Manager Williams advised the proposed millage rate is 3.4068 mills for FY 2007-08.

Commissioner Prince moved to adopt 3.4068 mills as the tentative millage rate. Commissioner Ady seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2007-08 ADOPTED BY MOTION**

Mayor Brooks opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

City Manager Williams advised Council the proposed budget for FY 2007-08 is \$7,470,424.

Commissioner Ady moved to adopt a tentative budget for FY 2007-08 of \$7,470,424. Commissioner Pisano seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ADOPTED BY MOTION**

Mayor Brooks opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Petruzzi moved to adopt the Five Year Capital Improvement Program as presented within the proposed budget. Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **MOTION TO SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2007-2008 BUDGET**

Commissioner Pisano moved to hold the second public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers located at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, Orange County, Florida 32809. Commissioner Ady seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Brooks asked about the status of the bronze plaques for the Nela Bridge.

City Clerk Bateman responded the artist is working on the new image and as soon as it is completed the plaques will be ordered.

Mayor Brooks advised there is a grant program for private citizens available through the Florida Department of Financial Services – [mysafefloridahome.com](http://mysafefloridahome.com). He asked that the information be provided to residents in the next newsletter.

Mayor Brooks stated he has notice a number of residences with new prepared surfaces and some with vehicles parked on lawns.

### **APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Prince moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the July 25, 2007 Special Session and August 7, 2007 Regular Session; and Resolution 07-11 Opposing An Amendment to the Florida Constitution that would force voters to decide all changes to a city or county comprehensive plan. Commissioner Petruzzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Williams advised that the staff was really getting beaten up over the Nela Bridge project and there are still issues with the color of the bricks not currently being available from the vendor.

He advised he would look into having the engineer and electrician look at the lighting on the bridge and getting it toned down some.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Belinda L. Bateman, MMC  
City Clerk