

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
September 18, 2007
5:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 5:30 p.m. at Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, Florida.

Vice Mayor Ady called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

The following members were present:

Thomas G. Petruzzi	District 1
Trudy Prince	District 2
Charles Scott	District 3
Vice Mayor Ady	District 4
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6
Eric Spaulding	District 7

Also present were City Manager Larry Williams, City Attorney John F. Bennett, Administrative Assistant, Miriam Rodriguez.

Absent was Mayor Brooks

Commissioner Spaulding motioned to excuse the Mayor from being absent as he is out of the Country. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pisano. All in favor.

ITEM #4 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Ady said that IRS is claiming billions of dollars of loss. They propose to holdback 3% on all bills. Is there any compensation to handle this 3%? You will need an additional person to handle this paperwork.

Mr. Bennett said if you are sending the 1099 you can send it with that at the end of the year.

Commissioner Scott asked how about the vendors that pay their taxes?

Vice Mayor Ady said this is being signed off, of course you have to have a majority to make this work. Another thing they are making sure that government audit their books and now they are looking for other things like pension plans.

ITEM #5 Citizens' Comments

1. Karl Shuck of 1658 Wind Willow Road said in August he made a request for the City to clean up the canal that runs between Lagoon Lake and Lagoon Park and I think what ended up was Mayor Brooks asked Mr. Williams to take a look at it and I was wondering what was the status on that.

Mr. Williams said we requested the county to take care of that as the County is in charge from there on.

Mr. Shuck said I wanted to know if the Mayor re-visited the area and what he thought on putting up a culvert in that canal.

Mr. Williams said HOA is working with St. John's.

Mr. Shuck said the HOA is at a standstill since Boyle Eng. Said it would take an 8' culvert.

2. Mr. Dan Lucey of 1707 Wind Willow said we are looking at other things now, we are in a bind because the city collects \$7,517 a year in taxes for water flow between the two motels, the gas station on McCoy, this is an easement.

Mr. Williams asked where do we collect that money from?

Mr. Lucey said storm water money, basin No. 7, 8 and 9

Mr. Williams said that is something new, this is only the second year.

Mr. Lucey said we are trying to improve the easement, it is private property, we ask for consideration. We can't seem to go anywhere. We are trying to get estimates and they are coming back at around \$40,000 for a seawall since we can't go with a culvert.

What we would like to do is put in a culvert there and cover it with dirt and sod. It's just something to rethink. I see on the agenda an HOA asking for money for a sign, maybe we can get some money for this.

Vice Mayor Ady said we have money set aside for beautification.

Mr. Lucey said this is a gated lot, where the problem is. We can't build a dam. This is an easement that serves everybody.

Vice Mayor Ady said we can look into that and get back to you.

Commissioner Petruzzi asked if our engineers could recommend a fix.

Mr. Williams said Boyle Engineering did that

Mr. Lucey said Boyle Engineering sent me a letter; there is no recommendation, no fix, just an informative piece of paper saying there was no problem as far as they were concerned.

Commissioner Spaulding said where did you come up with the 8' culvert?

Mr. Lucey said I called Mrs. Bateman the other day and she called HDR and they said that. We can't put an 8' culvert there. Maybe if we put two 4' culverts side by side.

Commissioner Readey asked where is this ditch.

Mr. Lucey said right on Lagoon Lake, it covers about fifty feet.

Mr. Williams said I'm afraid we would have another HOA asking to open up the lagoon straight to the lake.

Mr. Lucey said we don't want to abandon it.

Mr. Williams said the best use for that is that it blocks the lagoon from being open to the lake.

Mr. Lucey we just ask that you look at it and come up with a fix.

Vice Mayor Ady said, we will do that for you.

Mr. Williams said before you get to the next item, Sheriff's Office increased the duty rate. Page 9 includes the new Sheriff's rate for off duty patrol and use of equipment and Page 7 shows where the money came from which is Contingency fund \$39,000. It doesn't affect anything; the bottom line stays the same. We just now received the final forms from the Department of Revenue.

Vice Mayor Ady opened the public hearing, there being no public comments, he closed the public hearing and opened it to the Council for discussion.

Item 6 Resolution 07-12

Commissioner Prince motioned to adopt **Resolution 07-12** Fixing the Millage Rate for FY 2006-07 at 3.4068 mills. Commissioner Petruzzi seconded the motion. Upon roll call, motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Readey – Aye
Commissioner Scott – Aye
Commissioner Pisano – Aye
Commissioner Petruzzi – Aye
Commissioner Prince – Aye
Commissioner Spaulding – Aye

Item 7 Resolution 07-13.

Commissioner Petruzzi motioned to adopt **Resolution 07-13** of the Annual Budget for FY 2007-08. Seconded by Commissioner Pisano. Upon roll call, motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Readey – Aye
Commissioner Scott – Aye
Commissioner Pisano – Aye
Commissioner Petruzzi – Aye
Commissioner Prince – Aye
Commissioner Spaulding – Aye

Item 8 – Resolution 07-14

Commissioner Pisano motioned to adopt **Resolution 07-14** of the Five Year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2007-08 through FY 2011-2012. Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion. Upon roll call, motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Readey – Aye
Commissioner Scott – Aye
Commissioner Pisano – Aye
Commissioner Petruzzi – Aye
Commissioner Prince – Aye
Commissioner Spaulding – Aye

Item No. 9 Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Commissioner Readey said I have not read this thing. Has anybody read it?

Vice Mayor Ady said I read it. I thought it was very well done.

Commissioner Scott said I move to approve.

Ms. Kristin Dion said this is the final draft, with your approval, it goes to DCA, if they have comments it will be addressed, if not, it will be adopted.

Commissioner Scott asked if there were any substantial changes.

Ms. Dion said this is just a formality. State Law requires that it is updated, the last EAR was done in 1998 but there aren't any substantial changes, the only change that may occur would be public school element which we don't have at this time.

Commissioner Spaulding seconded the motion. Upon roll call motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Readey – Aye
Commissioner Scott – Aye
Commissioner Pisano – Aye
Commissioner Petruzzi – Aye
Commissioner Prince – Aye
Commissioner Spaulding – Aye

Item No. 10 – Consideration of a request by the Lake Conway East HOA for a NIMGrant not to exceed \$775 in matching funds, to purchase and install message board signs for the entrances to the subdivision.

Commissioner Pisano motioned to accept the request with the proper documentation.

Commissioner Scott if the request was compared to our ordinance on signs.

Mr. Williams said it does not violate our ordinance.

Commissioner Readey seconded the motion which passed as follows upon roll call:

Commissioner Readey – Aye

Commissioner Scott – Aye
Commissioner Pisano – Aye
Commissioner Petruzzi – Aye
Commissioner Prince – Aye
Commissioner Spaulding – Aye

Council Reports

Commissioner Scott – I have a question, there is a truck parked in the City Hall's parking lot every night, it is a commercial vehicle. It has a mounted work box in the rear.

Mr. Williams said he didn't know about it, he will look into it.

Commissioner Readey – No report

Commissioner Spaulding – The HOA has asked for speed humps, what do we need to do?

Mr. Williams said workshop it on the agenda, we then get a traffic engineer to look at it.

Commissioner Spaulding said we also have a vehicle parked on the neighborhood with a sign PEACE OF MIND and a utility trailer in back

Commissioner Pisano – no report

Commissioner Petruzzi – Speed signs on Hoffner still out?

Mr. Williams said we called the company three times.

Commissioner Petruzzi said that is more than three weeks now. Also, are we up to speed on code enforcement?

Mr. Williams said yes

Commissioner Petruzzi said there is a pick up truck parked on the sidewalk for five days straight, around 2200 Hoffner (could be 2226 – 2228 Hoffner)

Commissioner Prince – just curious about the complaints on the lights on the bridge.

Mr. Williams said we changed the multi colored lights

Commissioner Petruzzi asked if they were not functioning or not attractive.

Mr. Williams said residents complained about the upward lights – the company is going to come back out and give us a two hour training session.

Commissioner Petruzzi asked if the bridge was now officially opened.

Mr. Williams said yes.

Commissioner Scott asked about the response time on the evaluation report on the City Manager.

Mr. Williams said Monday to Vice Mayor Ady.

Commissioner Petruzzi said the forms were supposed to go to Mayor Brooks.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Scott motioned that the response be returned and collated by Vice Mayor Ady.

Commissioner Readey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM