

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE  
WORKSHOP SESSION  
FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

The Belle Isle City Council met in workshop session on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 8:30 a.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
Larry I. Ady	District 4
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6

Also present were City Attorney John F. Bennett and City Clerk Belinda L. Bateman.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Brooks invited representatives from the Lake Conway East HOA to address their concerns with the Council. He read a copy of a Resolution that is to be adopted at this meeting which is in support of their requests to the City of Orlando regarding the realignment of Cove Drive.

Mayor Brook address several issues of concern which included the location of the subdivision wall, the lack of a right turn out lane from Cove onto Conway Road and lack of a right turn lane from Conway Road onto Judge Road westbound. He also advised the City of Orlando had not indicated appropriate locations for additional speed limit signs.

Chuck Goodwin spoke saying the HOA is no longer interested in relocating the subdivision wall.

Wayne Darden spoke saying the additional area created by the realignment should be used to install a landscaped island or to add a traffic lane rather than adding right-of-way the private property owners will be required to maintain.

Chuck Goodwin stated the fire plug will be located more than the 12' maximum from the curb. Mr. Goodwin advised the petitions signed by the residents are

included in the HOA's submission to Belle Isle and asked they be forwarded with the cover letter and Resolution from the City of Belle Isle.

Commissioner Ady asked why Belle Isle has to give in to Orlando.

Mayor Brooks responded that the City of Orlando has never asked for or considered Belle Isle's input and have moved forward over Belle Isle's objections. He said we can bring our concerns back to them through the Council approval of the resolution and a cover letter to support our residents.

General discussion ensued regarding past conversations between the City of Orlando and HOA representatives including landscaping of Cove Drive.

Mayor Brooks responded that the plans he has seen do not indicate any landscaping for Cove Drive.

Mayor Brooks stated the Council can adopt the resolution of support which all the commissioners will sign and the cover letter will convey Belle Isle's concern that the issues raised by the residents of Lake Conway Shores have not been considered.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Attorney Bennett advised the ordinances under consideration by Council have been revised and are ready to go.

Commissioner Readey stated his objections to Ordinance 08-05 limiting the number of cars parked at a residence.

General discussion ensued resulting in a consensus to add a provision for more vehicles on the estate zoning lots. It was also the consensus of Council to provide temporary parking for special events through the existing temporary parking permit process.

Commissioner Petruzzi expressed his frustration with a parking citation that was issued to a family member of the Coon family on Matchett Road for being parked on the right-of-way. He advised his frustration was with what appears to be selective enforcement of the parking regulations.

City Clerk Bateman responded that had anyone at City Hall been notified of the circumstances at the Coon residence, the Belle Isle deputies would have been notified and courtesy would have been afforded to the family.

Commissioner Readey expressed his objections to Ordinance 08-06 which establishes minimum maintenance codes for residential dwellings.

Commissioner Petruzzi asked to verify that repeat offender provisions are included.

Attorney Bennett advised he had provided two alternatives for dealing with severe tree trimming for Council's consideration. Discussion ensued which resulted in the Attorney being directed to develop one or two paragraphs to address the issue of completely denuding a tree without taking down the trunk or trimming a tree so severely as to endanger the health of a tree.

Council reviewed a pull-off area adjacent to Hoffner in front of the development at Belle Isle Avenue proposed by the City Staff. Mayor Brooks suggested a minor modification and the consensus of Council was to approve the drawings as modified by the city.

Attorney Bennett initiated discussion regarding the appointment of a Personnel Committee and advised the committee requirements will be included in the ordinance.

#### **NIMGP REQUEST FROM WIND HARBOR HOA:**

Dan Lucey, representing Wind Harbor HOA, presented a request for a Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grant for improvements at the HOA lot adjacent to Lagoon Park which includes the conveyance canal from the lagoon to Lake Conway. He advised that St. John's Water Management District must issue a letter authorizing the project which he anticipates is forthcoming, and the HOA has the matching funds.

Council asked that the request be on the City Council agenda for action.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Petruzzi** reported that the snipe signs are back again along Hoffner. He asked if repeat offender fines extend to snipe signs.

**Commissioner Prince** stated she would not be at the City Council meeting. She asked about the status of the annexation reviews.

City Clerk Bateman responded the City Manager is moving forward with the collection of information for review and advised there may be an issue with the Hoffner west of LaBelle area.

**Commissioner Scott** asked about Pete Vogt's appointment and whether he had been notified.

City Clerk Bateman stated he had been advised of his appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board. At the Board meeting there were eight Boardmembers and staff realized Mr. Vogt's appointment was to the Code Enforcement Board. He has been notified.

Commissioner Scott asked about the excise tax issue on the consent agenda.

He was advised the company will work to recover any taxes collected in error by Orange County or City of Orlando that should have been remitted to Belle Isle. The firm takes a portion of the recovery as payment.

**Commissioner Readey** asked Mayor Brooks to share his leadership and vision for Belle Isle with the City Council. He said the Mayor can help the Council be more productive.

Commissioner Readey stated he has some concerns that annexation may come back at us in pressure on the Sheriff.

Commissioner Readey advised the Belle Isle area "COPS" will be featured on the front page of the Conway News. He suggested the Conway News may be a good alternative to advertising in the Orlando Sentinel.

**Commissioner Pisano** asked that several corrections be made to the minutes.

She reported the vegetable/fruit stand on the corner of Judge and Conway was creating a traffic hazard as cars stopping at the stand are not pulling far enough off the roadway.

City Clerk Bateman stated the Belle Isle Deputies and OCSO will be alerted to the situation.

Commissioner Pisano asked that the residents' survey be discussed at the next workshop.

She announced a steering committee meeting will be held on March 20, 6:30 p.m at Conway Middle School.

Commissioner Pisano stated she had been advised to call the OCSO "JAM" unit when issues arise when groups of young people are causing problems.

Discussion ensued in which it was suggested Cdr. Wynne attend every workshop to update council on law enforcement activities in the area and to report on what the Belle Isle deputies and OCSO are doing to prevent crime.

Mayor Brooks stated he wanted to develop a reputation in the community that "Belle Isle is not the place to commit crime."

It was discussed that perhaps cell phones or two way radios could be issued to all the Commissioners so they can be in direct contact with the Belle Isle Deputies. Frustration was expressed with the lack of response to calls into the non-emergency number.

Commissioner Petruzzi stated it will provide the Commissioners with the opportunity to know the Belle Isle Deputy was alerted.

Mayor Brooks said we need crime statistics to be able to track the trends in criminal activity.

He advised the City of Edgewood uses an answer machine the officers check regularly and the officers call back promptly.

Mayor Brooks advised the deputies are supposed to be patrolling every neighborhood every shift. With two deputies on duty per shift each neighborhood in Belle Isle should be patrolled six times each 24 hour period.

Mayor Brooks advised that a report from Andy Gardiner's office indicates the original estimate of fees of \$81,00 has increased to \$105,762.

Mayor Brooks expressed some concerns with city staffing on the four day work week schedule currently in place.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Belinda L. Bateman, MMC  
City Clerk