

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE  
WORKSHOP SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2008  
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in a workshop session on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 8:30 AM in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809

The following members were present:

Mayor Bill Brooks	
Vice Mayor Larry Ady	District 4
Commissioner Scott	District 3
Commissioner Readey	District 5
Commissioner Pisano	District 6
Commissioner Spaulding	District 7

Not present were Commission Petruzzi, District 1 and Commissioner Prince District 2

Also present were City Attorney John Bennett, Be Bateman, City Manager and Administrative Assistant, Miriam Rodriguez

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Brooks thanked Mrs. Bateman and Staff for the wonderful job in preparation for the tropical storm. Most swales were working and draining well.

He said the Council should re-visit the tree ordinance

Mrs. Bateman said perhaps we should have tree companies registered at City Hall. What is not working with the tree ordinance is the pruning of the trees.

Mayor Brooks suggested to have someone out there at least half a day every Saturday for snipe signs, for sale vehicles, contractors doing work without permits.

Vice Mayor Ady suggested to alternate the hours.

**CITY ATTORNEYS' REPORT**

Mr. Bennett said he has been going back and forth with St. Johns Water Management District about what is the ordinary high water mark

Mayor Brooks said the 86.43 is what the weir is set at, the 86.9 is the normal high water mark, and the 87.4 is six inches above the normal high water mark.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Vice Mayor Ady**

- Asked a welcome package be delivered to 2493 Trentwood Blvd.
- Asked about the County fence that is still down
- Asked about the striping on the road

### **Commissioner Scott**

- Just a comment about the newsletter having the old logo on it

### **Commissioner Readey**

- Thanked Be for the editorial in the newsletter
- Spoke about the fountain by the bridge
- Spoke about green city traffic

### **Commissioner Pisano**

- Said her newsletter article was incorrect. Mrs. Bateman apologized and said she will take care of it.
- Said the “frat-house” is moving out

### **Commissioner Spaulding**

- Said there is a tree on the ROW that is turning brown in his subdivision on Rothbury.
- Suggested the newsletter would be a good place to let residents know of new ordinances

Mayor Brooks suggested a refrigerator magnet with the non emergency number, Waste Management’s number, etc.

## **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Mrs. Bateman said there will be another newsletter early November so we will an opportunity to get this information in as well as special events schedule.
- Law Enforcement issue, we re waiting to hear back from City of Orlando and City of Edgewood

- She said we have been hit hard with the number of thefts regarding sheds, vehicles. There is an older looking woman taking patio furniture. There has also been a red Dodge pick up truck with two white males one early 20's and the other early 30's taking appliances at Hunts Villa.
- She said Steven McDonald of P7Z offered to look at our bonds. He has asked an associate friend of his to look at it for free. Budget is pretty tight. I don't think this year we can do something individually as far as law enforcement.
- She said we have contacted City of Orlando regarding this final request by Lake Conway East residents that insists the City write a letter. I feel strongly the Council should not be put in a position unless the City of Orlando agrees. We know how the press works around here. City of Orlando should consider going back, we are waiting to hear from City of Orlando whether or not they will entertain any change at this point, what kind of costs would we incur?

Mayor Brooks said the original plan was what the contractor bid. City of Orlando has incurred additional costs to change the original plan. I can't ask them to change it back.

- Mrs. Bateman said we are soliciting bids on our emergency projects, we anticipate those will probably not be completed by end of September but by the middle of October.
- She said Council has before them a revised Budget.

#### **REVIEW OF REGULAR SESSION AGENDA**

- **Mrs. Bateman said we will be pulling Item 9 on the Agenda so we can add the registration requirement. It will go for first reading September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

There being no further items on the agenda, meeting was adjourned.

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Miriam Rodriguez  
Administrative Assistant