

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY
October 1, 2008
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in a special session on Tuesday, October 1, 2008 at 8:30 A.M. 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 Petruzzi	District 1
Commissioner Prince	District 2
Commissioner Scott	District 3
Commissioner Readey	District 5
Commissioner Pisano	District 6

Not present was Commissioner Spaulding, District 7

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order 8:30 AM

Mayor Brooks advised this is a special meeting, it does allow for action on the items on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Addendum No. 4 for Additional Contractor Assistance for the agreement between the City of Belle Isle, Florida and Miller Legg for Gene Polk Park Project No 04-00318
- (b) Addendum No. 5 for Additional Contractor Assistance and Site Observation for the agreement between the City of Belle Isle, Florida and Miller Legg for Montmart Park Project No, 06-00240
- (c) Consideration of Contractual Security Patrol.

Mayor Brooks pulled Item C off Consent Agenda to be discussed separately.

Vice Mayor Ady moved to approve consent agenda Items A and B.

Commissioner Pisano seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ITEM C - Consideration of Contractual Security Patrol

Mrs. Bateman stated she has been seeking security patrol quotes for contractual services. She has received some quotes back, and is waiting on two additional quotes. She advised that we can basically have two units on the street in marked cars or unmarked, armed or unarmed, per hour is less expensive than what we were paying the off duty deputies; however, they cannot make any arrests.

She advised she received a memo from Ken Cox, he is the new Under Sheriff. Orange County Sheriff's Office will continue to respond to 911 calls in Belle Isle. She stated she asked Orange County if we could continue to use off duty deputies. She has not received an answer, though she believes their answer is going to be negative.

Mrs. Bateman advised she had spoken with Philip Finley, a private consultant and former captain with OSCO. He is available to us at a very reasonable consulting rate, to take us through the process of starting our own police department. He will do this at a cost of \$40 per hour not to exceed \$30,000.00

She would very much like Council support to hire Mr. Finley and we will have a contract available for your approval

Commissioner Petruzzi asked about Edgewood.

Mrs. Bateman said they have chosen not to discuss with us, the quote that they came up with for shared law enforcement was one million dollars. Their rates are absolutely astronomical. They are saying that the general liability insurance would be \$28,000.

Commissioner Prince asked what kind of terms was she looking at.

Mrs. Bateman responded six months.

Mr. Finley stated it would take six to nine months to get a police department set up. We would have to apply for a grant; his cost would include writing the department policies. The reason it will take six to nine months is that the employees will have to be certified.

Commissioner Prince asked if you decide to go with the contractual security patrol how long before they would begin working.

Mrs. Bateman responded 36-48 hours

Mayor Brooks stated he is in favor of a Belle Isle police department. He thinks we need to start taking the steps to formalize our own police department. He would like a fact sheet distributed to the Council of exactly what we are paying to Orange County in all

forms, salary, and equipment. We need to know what we have been paying including violation income.

After further discussion, Commissioner Petruzzi moved to allow the City Manager to move forward with the consulting agreement so that we would have a positive step.

Commissioner Pisano seconded the motion.

Commissioner Scott asked if we could have an idea as to what it was going to cost.

Mayor Brooks stated that should be Mr. Finley's deliverable to present cost and time line for a police department.

Mrs. Bateman stated Mr. Finley will make a presentation to the Council and we are asking Mr. Bennett to prepare a professional services agreement.

Mayor Brooks said we want the consultant to come to workshops and keep Council updated as to the progress.

All in favor, motion to allow City Manager to go forward with the Consultant agreement for professional services passes unanimously.

Mrs. Bateman stated that L.A.W.S. International had sent a proposal at \$19.50 per hour plus \$5.00 per car.

Commissioner Petruzzi moved to go forward with the private security not to exceed the rates as quoted.

Commissioner Prince seconded the motion.

Commissioner Pisano asked what is their scope of work.

Mrs. Bateman responded they would patrol the streets, call emergency calls to 911, watch for suspicious activities.

Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brooks reminded Council of a meeting of the County Zoning Board regarding the liquor license request from a vendor El Taco Rancho Restaurant in the Publix Shopping Center on Conway taking place tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bennett stated he prepared Resolution No. 08-30 opposing the application for the sale of alcohol at El Taco Rancho location

Commissioner Petruzzi moved to adopt said Resolution.
Commissioner Pisano seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Attorney Bennett suggested we keep the tree trimming ordinance on track, to get it passed and look further at the tree trimmer services portion in an additional ordinance.

Mrs. Bateman stated if we require tree trimming services to be registered with the City and make sure they understand that they have to have a tree removal permit before they take it down it affords an opportunity to educate tree service removal requirements. The City would maintain a list and make it available to our residents.

Mayor Brooks stated that the project at the end of Nela is not moving forward. The property is being sold as R-2 zoning. What do we have to do to get the trailers moved out of there?

Mrs. Bateman responded we would send a notice that he is no longer in compliance and it reverts back to the underlying zoning.

Commissioner Prince stated she will not be attending the October 7th meeting.

There being no further comments to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned.

Miriam Rodriguez
City Clerk