

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP SESSION
October 28th, 2009
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, October 28th, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FI 32809.

The following members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Commissioner Severns	District 2
Charles Scott	District 3
Vice Mayor Ady	District 4
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6

Not present were Thomas G. Petruzzi, District 1, and Commissioner Spaulding District 7

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

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Bateman said before we go on Lucia Ramos has been out her son Josh was diagnosed with swine flu.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brooks said the Florida League of Cities has been having webinars on energy efficiency programs, criteria for small cities, certainly something to look at if we want to apply for that solar project.

Mayor Brooks spoke on the charter school informational meeting. We will update the frequently asked questions on the website.

CHIEF TEGG'S REPORT

Chief Tegg said since October 1st we have added two additional officers, we have three in the evenings. I can't compliment our guys enough. They are all doing a terrific job. For Halloween night we are going to have six people out that night. Steve and Casper will be in unmarked cars, making

sure we have visibility, we are going to hand out candy, interact with the community.

The other thing we are working on is with Edgewood Police Department annual Toys 4 Tots on December 12th by Edgewood City Hall from 11 am to 2 PM.

Mayor Brooks said it is a great program; we may want to invite Edgewood Police Department to do the food drive with us.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bennett said the only thing we have is this noise ordinance which we handed out last time.

Mayor Brooks said my only comment would be did you get together with John Tegg to find out if we can enforce noise complaints now? If John Tegg thinks we can deal with them or if there is something he needs in that code to enforce it more easily.

Commissioner Readey said the only comment I have would be on Page 8 under generators sub-paragraph 9 maybe add Periodic generator testing per manufacturer recommendation.

Chief Tegg said also we might want to add for medical purposes, dialysis, and respirators.

Mayor Brooks asked if any other changes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bateman said I have the addendum to solid waste services.

Mayor Brooks asked if we needed to go through 2013, what is our out-clause if we decide to terminate

Attorney Bennett said I would have to go back to the contract.

Mayor Brooks said paragraph 3 on each anniversary should it say MAY BE adjusted (paragraph 10.2A), this means we are agreeing to raise it every year. I would argue that if we put an ad out for this agreement we would have interested parties, we have good service with Waste Management; but I am just a little bit leery if we keep having more and more costs for waste collections.

Mrs. Bateman said that fee can be adjusted annually and every year beyond that. You will have this on the agenda for Wednesday, November 4th.

Mrs. Bateman said Mr. Brunk is here with us today, he did not formally schedule to be on this agenda, he would like to do a brief presentation.

Mayor Brooks asked Council if they would like to hear from Mr. Brunk. Mr. Brunk was given ten minutes for his presentation.

Mrs. Bateman asked if information on financing options was included in this presentation.

Mr. Brunk said yes

Pavlo Solemi of E3 Solutions gave a presentation on how his company offers developers alternatives when they are in a bind like Conway Crest.

CITY COUNCIL'S REPORT

Vice Mayor Ady said I mentioned once before at Trimble park, the tree on the left hand side has a dying branch

Mrs. Bateman said we are getting to it.

Vice Mayor Ady said there is no backboard on the entrance sign. Also I got a call from a billboard company on the Davis property they want to change to digital and add ten feet to the height

Mayor Brooks said Nathaniel's Hope is attempting to save the Daetwyler mansion and they made an offer to Mrs. Davis, I would like to get Council's consensus to save that house. Let Be or me know so we can advise Mrs. Davis. Would Council have any desire to rezone or keep as it is residential. If there is no support they would like to know that as well.

Mrs. Bateman said I would suggest that whatever we need to allow the foundation to use the property we might want to consider but other than that we would not want to rezone to other than residential zone.

Attorney Bennett said we could come up with a new zoning category if we need to. Your best bet would be to go to a PD then you can put all the controls you want on it.

Commissioner Scott said I was talking to Yolanda who was telling me she had a problem with a man that came in, can we move forward with putting up fake cameras in the building.

Attorney Bennett said we would have a liability problem.

Mrs. Bateman said the issue was she came in and he crept her out. I told her she doesn't need to let anybody in. He asked to use the bathroom and when he came back he asked her if she was alone

Mayor Brooks said if she doesn't feel safe she should call the police department and have an officer escort her into the building.

Mayor Brooks asked Attorney Bennett to look into that and see if it would be an issue with Mrs. Bateman being the City Manager, is there a conflict?

Commissioner Severns asked can we get an empty cop car sit on Hoffner and La Belle.

Commissioner Severns also said we had two pre-construction meetings at two different sites, they are going to get started on the Belle Vista one this week and the Horizon Court later.

Commissioner Severns asked why is the Harrell deal back on the agenda.

Mrs. Bateman said there was a resident that was not notified so we need to re-open the appeal and go through the process again.

Commissioner Readey said we have been talking about possible invasion of golf carts in Belle Isle, I have written an article in the newsletter to that effect. Attorney Bennett helped me research this, if there is interest, I would ask for an ordinance. We have tea every afternoon around three we don't want to ride a bike at that time of the day. My goal is to see the reaction.

Commissioner Pisano said we are just waiting for solar guy to give us an update.

Mayor Brooks said we are glad to have Mr. Sam Butler this morning, you have seen his CV (curriculum vitae), he lives on Hoffner.

Mr. Butler said I have lived in Belle Isle for 33 years in the same place with the same wife.

Mayor Brooks said he is my nomination for District 1 as Mr. Petruzzi had to move to North Carolina.

Mr. Butler said thank you for having confidence in me, I look forward to serving on Council.

Mayor Brooks said the process is at the meeting we bring it up, and if approved he gets sworn in.

Mrs. Goodwin asked for an update on the lake lot.

Commissioner Severns said I have been over to look at it with Steve, I don't see much damage. I wouldn't want to spend \$60,000 for plans and a study. We have seen an extreme amount of rain this year, the damage is actually minimal, it took me a while to find it. To me, it's something that your HOA should hire an engineer, to me it looks like it's functioning properly.

Mrs. Bateman said we are pursuing other options, talking to different engineers, re-grading the entrance to make sure is not getting this huge force of water and we think that plus some fill in and restoration of the bank would resolve the problem. Steve has been out sick, he has a lot on his plate as well as other things on the projects so is not on the back burner I just want to assure you of that, we just need to find a solution. Once we have a cost estimate, we will bring it back to Council for approval.

Chief Tegg said the entrance into Belle Vista does not allow right turn.

Mayor Brooks said the agreement was left in and right out.

Mrs. Bateman said when we talked to Rob Brown he said that they know about it and it will be fixed.

There being no further items to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM

Miriam Rodriguez
City Clerk

