

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 25th, 2010
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, March 25th at 8:30 a.m. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, MI 48209.

The following Council members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Sam Butler III	District 1
Keith Severns	District 2
Charles Scott	District 3
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6

Not present were Vice Mayor Ady, District 4, and Commissioner Spaulding, District 7

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

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order.

MAYOR' REPORT:

Mayor Brooks said other than the charter school, I wanted to say that with the upcoming spring weather, I am looking forward to working with Steve Gillis and Mrs. Bateman on spring activities in the city. I believe everybody received the newsletters' deadline, I think it's Friday, I noticed Be wrote about neighborhood projects coming up. I attended a National League of Cities meeting and continue to be impressed with the things they are trying to do. Be and I have a meeting with some people regarding a community showcase video program, we continue to get information about the community purchasing allowance, I also picked up some free material from the US Department of Justice. I want to share with the Chief and it is free and available to everyone.

Chief Tegg's Report:

Chief Tegg said we had a busy month here, we had a phone tip and Officer Corey executed out first search warrant for drugs on Barby Lane and Belleville, we worked with OCSO, we got around nine different substances out of both houses. We had a suicide on Matchett. Things are going well, we will start looking at bringing on another person for a motorcycle officer.

City Attorney's Report:

Attorney Bennett said at the last workshop meeting I told you about the new state law regarding sexual predators. Somebody asked me if it was a grandfather clause and there is not in terms of the distances.

City Manager's Report:

Mrs. Bateman said we have a minor conflict in our code with the state's requirement, the state allows a 4' fence as a barrier. To get a 5' fence which we require is more expensive and harder to find and I think what we should do is amend out code to be in line with state and county.

I will be speaking with the City of Windermere City Manager about the permit vendor, and see if we can piggy back on the contract and put the county on notice.

Council's Report:

Commissioner Severns asked are we moving forward with the public finance closing

Mrs. Bateman said yes

Commissioner Severns asked have we engaged a firm

Mrs. Bateman said no I have not.

Commissioner Severns said the other thing I have is regarding the boat ramp and Jack Liberty about locking the gate.

Mayor Brooks said the issue is we locked the gates and we used to give out keys, frequently they were not locked and we had kids going down there so we changed the locks, did not give out keys, we talked about a combination lock, automatic locking doors, Council needs to decide what you want to do.

Mrs. Bateman said I have not had anybody call me in months and make any complaints about any activity. Mr. Liberty has an 8' fence and Mr. Salazar has an 8' wall, the times that I have gone passed Perkins at night, there is just not that much activity. The police officers have keys and we have asked them to lock the gates at 9:00 PM and open it in the morning; but for the most part the park is secured at night after 9:00 PM. I think it is a public facility and the neighbors may not like that it is being used by the public, nobody in the neighborhood has complained about activity.

Commissioner Readey said can we post the number to the patrol unit inside the gate in case someone gets caught out late and the gate is locked.

Mayor Brooks said the response to Jack Liberty is that we have asked the police officers to be more vigilant.

Commissioner Butler said the issue that impacts me is a communication issue with the residents about the solid waste postcard that was sent out. I get calls about residents that are just throwing the post cards out and not reading them. How do we penetrate and communicate to residents to read about the city. I am amazed at how many calls I get.

Mayor Brooks said the only way is email and website and people who do not have computers, how do we get to them? The only other resource that I am aware of is printed matter.

Commissioner Readey said I have an appointee for the Planning and Zoning Board and that is Todd Tatum.

Commissioner Scott had no report

Commissioner Pisano said South Orlando YMCA is doing a Belle Isle Day on May 8th including free child care.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

Miriam Santiago
City Clerk