

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
WORKSHOP SESSION
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th, 2010
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, May 26th, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809

The following Council members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Sam Butler III	District 1
Keith Severns	District 2
Charles Scott	District 3
Larry Ady	District 4
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6
Eric Spaulding	District 7

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

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brooks thanked Be and everyone involved for working on the capital improvement five year plan. He also said the annexation vote occurred a week and a half ago and they voted 31-14 in favor. I also want to thank Be again and John and Gayle for their hard work on preparing the annexation documents. I will let Commissioner Butler take the lead on the homeowners association meeting.

Mayor Brooks also said the permitting is now being done by the city. I will let Be report on that. I also want to thank Be and her staff on that.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

CHIEF TEGG'S REPORT

We will be hiring two new people, we are trying to get a boat so he can do the lakes, we have a motorcycle and will have that going around June 10th, also in the process of getting someone at the school. We are working on the 700 frequency agreement so we can reserve our own channel. We had a lot of cases and arrests, the hotels on McCoy are showing a lot of activity of drugs and prostitution. We are paying a lot of attention to that area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bateman said we are moving right along with the annexation petitions. We will be in good shape Tuesday night for the second reading and adoption.

COUNCIL'S REPORT

Vice Mayor Ady said I got a hold of an item regarding recovery zone facility bonds and would like to recommend the city to look into municipal loans and compare what is best for us through Florida League of Cities, and I also looked into PACE (Property Assess Clean Energy) bonds for individual homeowners.

Mayor Brooks said PACE is going to happen their focus is on solar/ac/hot water heaters, it is something the homeowners would establish themselves.

Commissioner Butler said the Hoffner bridge, the bushes are growing out towards the walkway.

Mrs. Bateman said I did a work order on that.

Commissioner Butler said regarding the homeowners association meeting, the feedback was very positive. The other thing was about David Woods, can we recognize him publicly for all he's doing?

Commissioner Scott asked where do we stand with the fire protection.

Mrs. Bateman said it is not up until 2011.

Commissioner Scott said we have a situation in my district, next door to me where the property is not being maintained, grass is grown in the front yard, is there something we can do as far as code enforcement?

Mayor Brooks said I talked to Steve Gillis yesterday about this. This stuff is snowballing with the foreclosure properties, it is taking a lot of Steven's time, it is a situation that hopefully it's temporary. In terms of the home construction deal if the permit expires due to lack of progress they come back to city hall for a six month extension.

Commissioner Severns said Mr. Crossman said he is very happy with the police activity around his property. He asked about the issue with the guy on Hoffner and the illegal boat house.

Mrs. Bateman said the only issue he wants to talk to us about is a civil matter and we are not involved with that.

Commissioner Readey said I sent Mrs. Bateman an email about missing signs.

Mrs. Bateman said I made a work order.

Commissioner Readey said this Resolution No. 10-06 where we are talking about a note, residents want to know why do we need this money?

Mrs. Bateman said to fund capital improvement projects without depleting our reserve fund and we will be using that money for some of the capital improvement projects because our revenues are not coming in.

Commissioner Ready said does that mean that next year we will have to raise taxes?

Mrs. Bateman said no we won't, it is secured by a sales tax.

Commissioner Pisano said Conway Lakes wants to bring up the traffic issue, they are interested in the speed bumps. They are going to get with The Landings

Commissioner Spaulding said there are residents moving back to Belle Isle because of the school and the police department, which is a good thing. I am getting questions from residents regarding the Windsor Place paving.

Mrs. Bateman said

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

Miriam Santiago
City Clerk