

OFFICIAL MINUTES

BELLE GLADE CITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

December 1, 2014

Pursuant to due notice, a regular meeting of the Belle Glade City Commission was held in City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilson. The Invocation was observed by a Moment of Silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Burroughs. Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were present: Burroughs, Martin, Underwood, Wilkerson, and Wilson. Members of staff present were City Attorney Torcivia, City Manager Harrelle, Director of Public Works Montes De Oca, Finance Consultant Wood, Assistant Director of Finance Hughes, Director of Human Resources Hunter, Director of Planning & Community Redevelopment Services Parchment, Assistant Director of Public Works Gooden, Recreation Manager J.D. Patrick, Facilities Manager Hood, Public & Community Relations Coordinator Evans, Deputy City Clerk Carter, and City Clerk Buff.

Also present: PBSO Lt. Terrence Carn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

[Approved as Amended]

City Clerk requested Commission consideration to Amend the Agenda as follows:

Add; 9. B. Approval to Waive Impact Fees for Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000 per Lot for Revolving Loan Fund Projects at 257 NW 5th Street and 432 W Canal Street South

Commissioner Burroughs MOVED, Commissioner Underwood SECONDED, and the Motion carried 5-0 to approve the Agenda as Amended.

RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Wilson welcomed dignitaries and citizens in attendance at the Commission meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTED TO STUDENTS SCORING LEVEL FIVE ON 2014 FCAT: GOVE ELEMENTARY

On behalf of the City Commission, Public and Community Relations Coordinator Evans presented Certificates of Achievement to students of Gove Elementary School, who scored a Level Five on the 2014 FCAT. Ms. Evans recognized and welcomed Area 3 Director Dwan Ross, Assistant Principal Sheila Galera, teachers, and parents. Certificates of Achievement were presented to students as follows:

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| Bryan Reyes-Roque – Science | Ramyia Johnson – Science |
| Leviticus Bennett – Math | Tahiat Sultana – Math |
| Kaylee Underwood – Math | Eimy Tejada – Math |
| Melquisedec Silva – Math | Carlos Ruiz – Math |
| Jairo Ricardo Roa – Math | Miguel Plateros – Math |
| Yasmin Paniagua – Math | Imano Hernandez-Roa – Math |
| Joselynn Granados – Math | Berrina Dingle – Math |
| Escarlet Cabrieles – Math | Juliana Barrera – Math |
| Hasibuddin Azwad – Math | Pablo Ayes – Math |
| Naimul Ameen – Math | Ariel Rodriguez – Math |
| Teresa Ortega – Math | Andres Ortega – Math |
| Ashley Gonzalez – Math | Anthony Duenas – Math |
| Frantzline Gaudard – Reading & Math | Gema G. Cervantes – Reading |
| Jasmine Calderon – Reading & Math | Alexander Dao – Reading |
| Titorian Freeman – Reading | Kayli Gomez – Reading |
| Giovanny Davila – Reading | Antonio Pantoya – Math |
| Kalie Rodriguez – Math | Claritza Hernandez – Math |
| Dennis Ortez – Math | Teodora Acegueda – Math |
| Arielle Roy – Math | Courtney Lewis – Math |

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PRESENTATIONS Continued:

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTED TO STUDENTS SCORING LEVEL FIVE ON 2014 FCAT: GOVE ELEMENTARY Continued

Area 3 Director Dwan Ross expressed congratulations to students and commended parents and teachers for their dedication to ensure that students pursued the highest academic achievements.

Mayor Wilson and Commissioners congratulated and commended students for their exceptional achievements to score a Level Five on the 2014 FCAT, and encouraged students to proudly exhibit their certificates to inspire other students to reach higher goals in their educational pursuits.

Wilehelmenia Jacobs, Lake Shore Middle School, and 7th And 8th Grade AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) Students

Mayor Wilson recognized Ms. Wilehelmenia Jacobs, AVID Coordinator, Lake Shore Middle School, and students in the AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) Program. AVID Students had committed to attend City Commission meetings to observe the governmental system in action.

Recess: Mayor Wilson called for a brief Recess at 6:50 p.m.

Reconvene: Mayor Wilson Reconvened the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

[Motion carried to approve Consent Agenda items]

Vice Mayor Wilkerson MOVED, Commissioner Burroughs SECONDED, and the Motion carried 5-0 to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes: Special Meeting, November 24, 2014
- Regular Meeting, November 17, 2014
- Workshop Meeting, November 17, 2014

Piggy-Back Palm Beach County’s Annual Pathway and Minor Construction Annual Contract, Project No. 2013051, for Construction and Installation of Guardrails Along Canal of Marina Drive and Torry Island Road Adjacent to Slim’s Fish Camp; Approval to Enter Into Associated Agreement with Wynn & Sons Environmental Construction Co. Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,480 with Authorization for Mayor to Execute the Same; and Authorization to Pay the Amount of \$10,480

Award Accumulated Unused Sick Leave to Artie Neal, Former Sanitation Employee, for 12.5 Years of Service

Solicit Proposal for Residential Refuse Containers and Approval of Associated Budget Transfer No. 15-T-004 in the Amount of \$35,000

CITY CLERK REPORTS:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

City Clerk read the following Resolutions by title:

Relating to Palm Beach County 2015 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy Plan

[Adopted]

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, GRANTING APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE 2015 REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Martin MOVED, Vice Mayor Wilkerson SECONDED, and the Motion carried 5-0 to adopt said Resolution.

CITY CLERK REPORTS Continued:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS Continued

Relating to Employee Bereavement Policy

[Adopted]

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND CIVIL SERVICE RULES, BY AMENDING SECTION ENTITLED BEREAVEMENT POLICY TO INCLUDE LEAVE REQUESTS AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Vice Mayor Wilkerson MOVED, Commissioner Burroughs SECONDED, and the Motion carried 5-0 to adopt said Resolution.

Relating to Condolences to Ike Robinson

[Adopted]

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, EXTENDING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO WEST PALM BEACH CITY COMMISSIONER IKE ROBINSON AND FAMILY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Wilkerson MOVED, Commissioner Burroughs SECONDED, and the Motion carried 5-0 to adopt said Resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS

Announcements

City Clerk made the following announcements:

December 15, 2014 Commission Workshop Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Followed by Regular Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Commission Chambers

December 25, 2014 City Hall will be Closed in Observance of Christmas Holiday

WAIVE IMPACT FEES FOR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 PER LOT FOR REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROJECTS AT 257 NW 5TH STREET AND 432 W CANAL STREET SOUTH

[Motion carried]

[Motion carried to Rescind]

[Motion carried to Reconsider and Approve]

Commissioner Martin MOVED, Commissioner Underwood SECONDED, and the Motion carried 5-0 to waive impact fees for an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per lot for Revolving Loan Fund Projects at 257 NW 5th Street and 432 W Canal Street South.

City Clerk requested a brief Recess to confer with City Attorney, regarding potential conflict of interest, relating to Vice Mayor Wilkerson’s relationship to an individual who might benefit from this action.

Recess: Mayor Wilson called for a brief Recess at 7:02 p.m.

Reconvene: Mayor Wilson Reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Upon recommendation by City Attorney, Commissioner Martin Moved to Rescind his previous Motion, Commissioner Underwood SECONDED, and the Motion carried 5-0 to Rescind said Motion to waive impact fees for an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per lot for Revolving Loan Fund Projects at 257 NW 5th Street and 432 W Canal Street South.

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CITY CLERK REPORTS Continued:

WAIVE IMPACT FEES FOR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 PER LOT FOR REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROJECTS AT 257 NW 5TH STREET AND 432 W CANAL STREET SOUTH Continued

Commissioner Martin MOVED to reconsider and approve waiver of impact fees for an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per lot for Revolving Loan Fund Projects at 257 NW 5th Street and 432 W Canal Street South, and Commissioner Underwood SECONDED. Upon roll call, the Vote was Ayes – 4; Abstain – 1, with Vice Mayor Wilkerson Abstaining, due to potential conflict of interest in her relationship to an individual who might benefit from this action. The Motion carried.

[Vice Mayor Wilkerson's signed Voting Conflict Form 8B is attached and made a part of these Official Meeting Minutes]

CITY MANAGER REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS: None.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

STATUS REPORT RELATING TO SOUTH BAY LITIGATION

City Attorney said he anticipated a Hearing date to be scheduled for January or February to consider the City of Belle Glade's Motion for Summary Judgment. Said Legal was attempting to schedule a settlement negotiation session and possible mediation sometime in December or January, to include himself, Commissioner Martin, and City Manager. Commissioners indicated consensus to direct City Attorney to move forward to schedule a settlement negotiation session.

PBSO (PALM BEACH SHERIFF'S OFFICE) COMMENTS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

COMMISSION REPORTS/COMMENTS:

BURROUGHS:

Economic and Business Development – No new report.

Beautification – No new report.

Housing – No new report.

FCAT and AVID Students – Commended and congratulated FCAT and AVID students upon their academic achievements. Commissioner Burroughs advised that he wished to personally donate copies of Robert's Rules of Order on Parliamentary Procedure to the AVID students.

MARTIN:

Business Park – No new report.

Airport – No new report.

Appreciation – Expressed appreciation to citizens in attendance at the Commission meeting.

UNDERWOOD:

Youth Programs/Projects – No new report.

City Parks – No new report.

Grants – No new report.

Golf Course – No new report.

Appreciation – Expressed appreciation to citizens in attendance at the Commission meeting, and commended Director of Public Works upon his wardrobe upgrade with the FSU necktie, conceding the University of Florida's defeat by Florida State University.

COMMISSION REPORTS/COMMENTS Continued:

WILKERSON (Vice Mayor):

Marina Campground Improvements – No new report.

Job Training – No new report.

Appreciation - Expressed appreciation to citizens in attendance at the Commission meeting.

WILSON (Mayor):

Transportation – No new report.

Recreation Activities – No new report.

FCAT and AVID Students – Congratulated FCAT students upon their academic achievements, and commended AVID students for their interest and involvement in the governmental process.

P.E.A.C.E. Committee – Said Commissioners had received a copy of Dr. Rease and P.E.A.C.E. Committee’s proposed recommendations for local preference Ordinance for submittal to the Palm Beach County Commission. Encouraged Commissioners to inform Dr. Rease of any other suggestions or recommendations, prior to the committee’s meeting with County Administrator Weisman on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Mayor Wilson passed the gavel to AVID Student Spokesperson Odieu Hilaire, who officially adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Steve B. Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra R. Buff, MMC, City Clerk