

**CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY OF BELLEAIR BEACH
July 17, 2023
6:00 PM**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Gattis followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Present were Councilmembers Frank Bankard, Belinda Livingstone, Leslie Notaro, Lloyd Roberts, and Mike Zabel; Mayor Dave Gattis, City Manager Kyle Riefler, and City Clerk Patricia Gentry. Vice Mayor Jody Shirley was unable to attend.

For continuity, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

1. Discussion and Review of FY 2023/2024 Budget.

Discussion included, in part:

- Community Center Rental Income was increased to \$30K
- Savings for Marina repairs was increased
- Recording of Council meetings was increased by \$4K to enhance the live video function for people viewing remotely; and troubleshooting, and moderating
- A \$30K increase to hire an experienced consultant to update the Land Development Code and other sections that need updating

Consensus of Council: Add \$30,000.00 to modify the City Code of Ordinances.

Consensus of Council: Add \$15,000.00 to legal services for City Attorney Mora to do a review and update of the City Charter.

Consensus of Council: Add funding for one additional public works employee.

Consensus of Council: Authorize immediate purchase of a boat for code enforcement of docks, seawalls, condition of the community, proper drainage, compliance of boats moored in the intracoastal, etc – City Manager Riefler will research the possibility of renting a boat to be used for City business with the liability of carrying tools, removing floating pilings, debris, etc.

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City Manager Riefler advised that he had met with an insurer to compare prices with our insurance policy at the Florida League of Cities (FLC). The insurer advised that they could not offer a quote anywhere near our current rate based on the lawsuits the City has had in the last five years – they reviewed the cases and the activity.

Council agreed on the budget as presented.

Mayor Gattis thanked City Manager Riefler for a great job on the budget.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilmember Zabel and seconded by Councilmember Bankard to adjourn at 6:51pm.

Motion passed 6-0.

August 7, 2023
Date Approved

APPROVED: Dave Gattis
Dave Gattis, Mayor

ATTEST: Patricia A. Gentry
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk