

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

2:00 PM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

*Janet C. Long, Chairman
Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman
Dave Eggers
Pat Gerard
Charlie Justice
John Morroni
Karen Williams Seel*

ROLL CALL - 2:02 P.M.

Present: 6 - Chairman Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, and Karen Williams Seel

Absent: 1 - John Morrone

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Lynn Abbott and Michael P. Schmidt, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION by Monsignor Robert Morris, Vicar General of the Diocese of St. Petersburg**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Doing Things Employee Recognition: Steve Allen, Utilities.**

Chairman Long recognized Work Planning Coordinator Steve Allen for his dedication and service to the citizens of Pinellas County. She related that Mr. Allen, a 21-year employee, ensures continued water and sewer service to Utilities customers countywide by coordinating the daily activities of more than 100 Maintenance Division employees; and that he delivers first-class service through his responsiveness and professional demeanor; whereupon, a video was shown highlighting the services that Mr. Allen provides.

2. Partner Presentation:

Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Inc. - Patricia DePlasco, Executive Director.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled Keep Pinellas Beautiful, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Ms. DePlasco thanked the Board for its financial support and provided an overview of the organization, noting that it is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. She discussed the group's mission, focus areas, programs, and partnerships, and presented statistical information demonstrating its positive impact on the community.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 19

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

3. Minutes of the regular meetings held January 10 and January 24, 2017.

4. Vouchers and bills paid from January 1 through January 28, 2017.

Period: January 1 through January 7, 2017

Payroll - None

Accounts Payable - \$64,103,465.45

Period: January 8 through January 14, 2017

Payroll - \$3,330,287.09

Accounts Payable - \$8,403,131.82

Period: January 15 through January 21, 2017

Payroll - None

Accounts Payable - \$9,982,390.47

Period: January 22 through January 28, 2017

Payroll - \$3,334,509.69

Accounts Payable - \$15,193,664.86

Reports received for filing:

5. Dock Fee Report for the month of January 2017.

6. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarter ended June 30, 2016.

7. Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

8. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes of the meeting held October 13, 2016.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

9. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on March 7, 2017 regarding a proposed ordinance amending Section 6-29 of the County Code relating to the closing hours of business establishments dealing in alcoholic beverages.
10. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending January 31, 2017.

Human Services

11. Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 General Fund Budget for unanticipated revenue to the Human Services Department.
Resolution No. 17-04 adopted appropriating earmarked receipts for a particular purpose (unanticipated grant revenue in the amount of \$452,710.00).
12. Grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration for the Health Care for the Homeless Program.
Grant funding approved and accepted in the amount of \$1,371,615.00. Authority delegated to the County Administrator to approve additional grant funding for the program that may occur during the budget period of March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

Planning

13. Resolution supplementing the FY 2017 Community Development Fund Budget for unanticipated revenues to the Planning Department, Community Development and Planning Division.
Resolution No. 17-05 adopted appropriating earmarked receipts for a particular purpose (unanticipated grant revenue in the amount of \$1,100,000.00).
14. Resolution supplementing the FY 2017 Community Housing Trust Fund Budget for unanticipated revenues to the Planning Department, Community Development and Planning Division.
Resolution No. 17-06 adopted appropriating earmarked receipts for a particular purpose (unanticipated interest and program income in the amount of \$418,500.00).

Public Works

15. Award of bid to Cone & Graham, Inc. for a pedestrian bridge project at Tarpon Woods Boulevard.

Bid No. 167-0074-CP (PID No. 001334A) in the amount of \$760,380.58 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

16. Cooperative funding agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for Bee Branch Phase I improvements.

Agreement No. 17CF0000430 (County PID No. 002121A) approved for grant funding in the amount of \$440,000.00; total anticipated construction cost, \$880,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

17. 2016 Annual Report for the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County.

Responding to comments by Commissioner Seel, Housing Finance Authority Executive Director Kathryn Driver confirmed that approximately \$7.6 million of the Land Assembly Fund has been used and discussed plans for the remaining balance, noting that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's competitive sale fund and nine-percent tax credit offer have created a lot of interest; that numerous discussions have taken place with developers regarding upcoming projects; and that applications will be presented for additional funding once they are received.

18. 2016 Pinellas Community Housing Trust Fund Program Annual Report.

Human Rights

19. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on March 7, 2017 regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the County Code relating to Human Relations to create an advisory board for persons with disabilities.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Economic Development

- 20. Resolution approving B6121950706 as a Qualified Applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program.

Resolution No. 17-07 adopted approving Project B6121950706 as a Qualified Applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local county financial support (total local contribution amount, \$198,000.00, 50 percent of which will be paid by Pinellas County, to be paid over a series of fiscal years as determined by the State).

Mr. Woodard related that the company is seeking to create 165 jobs at 150 percent or more of the State of Florida average annual wage; and that Pinellas County is competing with locations in New York and the District of Columbia.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Planning

- 21. Voluntary annexation of a parcel of land located within the Palm Harbor Fire District into the City of Dunedin.

Annexation approved.

Responding to comment and queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard related that the Special Act establishing the Palm Harbor Fire District requires that the BCC approve the annexation of property located within the district's boundaries. He indicated that the decision to annex was based on the cost of sewer service; that the Fire District will continue to receive its associated annual millage, pursuant to the Special Act; and that annexation reports are prepared by Forward Pinellas on a quarterly basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Public Works

22. Ranking of firms and agreements with three firms for requirements of local agency program continuing professional services related to roadways, drainage, structural, civil and traffic engineering.

Contract No. 156-0293-CN approved with Cardno, Inc.; Cumbey and Fair, Inc.; and ICON Consultant Group, Inc.

Agreements are effective upon execution through February 8, 2021; upset limit is \$1,500,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$4,500,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

23. Cooperative agreement with the United States Department of the Army for the rehabilitation of the shore protection project at Sand Key.

Agreement approved; federal funding in the amount of \$12,797,000.00 to be provided to the USDOA; no County match is required. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Real Estate Management

24. Transfer of installed assets from the Real Estate Management Department to the Sheriff's Office for the Public Safety Campus.

Transfer of furniture, fixtures, and equipment approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 25. Resolution granting status to Creative Pinellas for donation of surplus personal property.

Resolution No. 17-08 adopted, pursuant to Section 274.05, Florida Statutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 26. County Administrator miscellaneous - None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 27. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

- 28. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointments of Chief Tom Jamison and Chief Shelby Willis as primary and alternate representatives, respectively, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association; Mark Postma and John Peterson as primary and alternate representatives, respectively, Sunstar Paramedics; and Julie Peluso and Kathleen Litton as primary and alternate representatives, respectively, Independent Fire District Elected Official, for two-year terms ending in February 2019.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

29. County Administrator reports:
Doing Things! TV.

Mr. Woodard discussed a newly-launched Pinellas County Connection Television program called Doing Things TV and played a short video of the latest installment. He related that because 17 million individuals visit local parks annually and because heart attacks are the number one killer in the United States, the entire Parks and Conservation Resources staff is now fully trained and certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and that the goal is to have employees trained in other departments to provide further coverage.

Mr. Woodard indicated that Intergovernmental Liaison Mary Scott Hardwick is leaving employment after more than two years in the County Administrator's Office; and that she has accepted a position with Van Scoyoc Associates in Washington, DC; whereupon, he and the members wished her well in her new position.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

30. Public comment.

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re education excellence

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re conception/inception/deception, prior to the "perfect union"

Greg Pound, Largo, re families

COUNTY COMMISSION

31. Appointment to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc. by Commissioner Justice.

Appointment of Marshall Deason approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

32. County Commission Board Reports.

Commissioner Justice

- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas: An application and review process are taking place with regard to the selection of a new executive director.
- Gulf Consortium: Various topics were discussed during last week's meeting in Hillsborough County.
- Tampa Bay Estuary Program: TBEP has finalized its Conservation and Management Plan, submitted its Environmental Protection Agency Work Plan for the coming year, received a report of a clean audit, elected a new chair, and is working on a new logo.

Commissioner Seel

- Transit Summit: One of the sessions included a presentation regarding the Hyperloop. Chairman Long briefly discussed ever-changing technology.

Commissioner Gerard

- Tampa Bay Water: Continued work at yesterday's meeting on a long-range plan regarding conservation and water generation. TBW has been keeping in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to the Mosaic sinkhole.
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority: The next meeting will take place tomorrow. The members will be voting on an electric bus purchase and possibly on a change in the Jolley Trolley contract.

Commissioner Welch

- Business Technology Services: Commissioner Welch provided copies of a May 2016 *Tampa Bay Times* article which reported on a potential security breach at Tampa International Airport, and provided detailed information regarding how a former BTS employee and current contractor, Gautham Sampath, had been involved in the matter, noting that in response to the incident, his County access was taken away for a period of time in order to review various protocols.

Commissioner Welch related that Mr. Sampath supports the Hyperion Budget Application; and that during the period of time when his access to the system was cut off, time was lost in terms of keeping Pinellas County on target regarding the budget; whereupon, referring to an email from Mr. Woodard to BTS Chief Information Officer Martin Rose titled *Budget Development at Risk - Issues with BTS Support of Hyperion*, he related that nearly four weeks have been lost with regard to the budget issue, and with input by Mr. Rose, discussed how BTS plans to move forward.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard and Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger indicated that there is no way to make up time regarding the four weeks delay, and discussed upcoming milestones and options for moving forward under significant time constraints; whereupon, Mr. Rose provided information concerning the two newly-hired Hyperion engineers and the difficulties associated with loading data to the highly-customized Oracle system.

In response to Mr. Rose's representations regarding the Oracle system, Mr. Woodard asserted that Hyperion is not customized; that BTS successfully used and supported the system for four consecutive years; and that this is the first and only time that such issues have been experienced; whereupon, he related that it is a major concern that BTS has been unable to provide adequate support in a timely manner.

In response to queries by the members regarding statutory timeframes, Mr. Rose indicated that the County Commission should now be able to move forward with the budget process; whereupon, he discussed the importance of security, relating that the delay had been due to a security concern. During further discussion and in response to queries by the members, Commissioner Welch provided additional information pertaining to recent events, and Messrs. Woodard and Berger reviewed next steps in the budget process.

Chairman Long

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council: Thanked the TBRPC for organizing the Transportation Summit.
- Tourist Development Council: Provided information regarding Elite Event funding. A set of bylaws is being developed under which the Advisory Board will operate.
- Combined Government Center: Discussed the prospect of a combined government center to consolidate the operations of Clearwater City Hall and the Pinellas County Courthouse.
- County Attorney Oversight: Chairman Long discussed a recent revision to the County Charter regarding County Attorney oversight by the County Commission and the Constitutional Officers, and expressed her concerns with respect to the change.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the County Attorney's contract, the potential for dual representation, the prospect of a BCC-dedicated attorney, governance issues, and similar topics. In response to queries by the members, Attorney Bennett, with input by Mr. Woodard, provided information regarding his Conflict Policy to eliminate the possibility of dual representation, how costs are shared for the services his office provides, and how the Clerk is billed for court-related services.

33. County Commission miscellaneous.Commissioner Justice

- Related that the Police Athletic League has planted a hydroponic you-pick garden in the Lealman community for the benefit of local citizens.
- Indicated that he spoke at the Wounded Warriors Ability Ranch gala last Saturday at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center; that a significant amount of money was raised; and that the organization appreciates the support of the County Commission.

Commissioner Seel

- Expressed condolences to the family of Frances Stavros, paid tribute to her memory, and noted her contributions to the community.

Commissioner Gerard

- Reported that she attended a Council of North County Neighborhoods (CNCN) meeting last evening in which stormwater and private stormwater systems had been a topic of conversation, and asked if there are opportunities to educate local citizens about improperly maintained private stormwater and sewer systems that contribute to county drainage issues. Mr. Woodard related that even though there are opportunities to be more proactive, legal challenges and equity issues need to be considered; and that he will provide the members with more information, and Commissioner Eggers provided input.
- Stated that Pinellas County is not a Sanctuary County; that the BCC has no involvement in the matter; and that citizens should direct their questions to the Sheriff.

Commissioner Eggers

- Related that the County Commission is responsible for making eight appointments to the Suncoast Health Council; and that he would like more information regarding the organization before selecting his appointee, and discussion ensued; whereupon, Commissioner Seel suggested that the organization's Executive Director provide a presentation to the members, and Commissioner Eggers agreed.
- Expressed enthusiasm regarding the start of Major League Baseball Spring Training for 2017.
- Presented information regarding the Downtown Palm Harbor Strategic Plan, indicating that subsequent to further input from residents, staff will provide a presentation to the members.

Commissioner Welch

- Congratulated Deputy John Patrick regarding his 30 years of service with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.
- Reported on the passing of Greg Pierce, noting that he had served on the Board of Adjustment for many years, and recognized him for his service to the community.

Meeting Recessed: 4:13 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:04 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 34.** Ordinance regarding Stormwater Management Standards, amending certain sections of Chapter 154 of the County Code related to Stormwater Management; and providing for adoption of a Stormwater Manual to provide progressive mechanisms to meet those standards.
Ordinance No. 17-06 adopted. Staff recommended approval of the proposed ordinance. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Woodard related that it has been a two-year effort to update the stormwater ordinance and create an associated manual with the purpose of moving the county forward with regard to redevelopment; whereupon, Public Works Director Rahim Harji conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Pinellas County Stormwater Manual*, a copy of which has been made a part of the record, and discussed the following topics.

- Purpose of Manual
- Public Involvement
- Primary Areas of Change
- Outline of Manual
- Performance Standards
- Best Management Practices
- Case Studies
- Next Steps and Schedule

Commissioner Eggers expressed enthusiasm regarding the ordinance and manual, indicating that he is pleased that stakeholders in the development community were engaged, and in response his queries, Mr. Harji provided information regarding the

banking of stormwater; whereupon, Commissioner Seel related that staff has established an innovative and flexible approach to move forward.

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to speak, the following individuals presented their comments and concerns and responded to queries by the members:

Marcus Vernon, Clearwater
John C. Landon, Palm Harbor
Carlos Frey, St. Petersburg
Dan Hester, Seminole

In response to the concerns of the speakers and queries by the members, Mr. Harji presented detailed information regarding various aspects of the ordinance and stormwater manual, and lengthy discussion ensued; whereupon, Mr. Woodard recommended that the ordinance and manual be implemented immediately; and that any revisions or improvements be made in the May-June timeframe, concurrent with adoption of the revised Land Development Code.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers regarding further discussion taking place between staff and Messrs. Vernon and Landon, Mr. Harji indicated that the stakeholder group should be involved in any discussions, as they have been involved in the process for the past two years, and Commissioner Welch provided input.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

35. Ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the County Code relating to animals.

Ordinance No. 17-07 adopted as amended. The Clerk reported that 26 emails in support of, two emails opposed to, and two emails expressing concerns regarding the proposal have been received.

Mr. Woodard introduced the item, relating that a version of the ordinance was brought before the Board last fall; that members of the community representing hobby breeders expressed their concerns at that time; and that staff has been working with those individuals and others to craft the current proposal; whereupon, he reported that the ordinance is enforceable and will promote the goal of enhanced animal welfare.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Animal Services*, a copy of which has been made a part of the record, Animal Services Director Doug Brightwell

reviewed a timeline of workshops and meetings since last October to engage the public, and discussed sections of the ordinance which have been clarified, augmented, or deleted; whereupon, he related that beyond the present ordinance, stakeholders have requested that the following topics be considered in the future:

- Regulation of rescue and hobby rescue organizations
- Exemption for subsection of dog trainers
- Stricter regulatory requirements for hobby breeders
- Lessening restrictions on in-heat females

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Brightwell indicated that even though no timeframe has been established regarding topics for future consideration, he will be addressing the members in January 2018 regarding issues relating to the sunset of the Trap, Neuter, and Release program.

In response to queries by Commissioner Gerard, Mr. Brightwell confirmed that the ordinance allows a hobby breeder to sell no more than two litters, or twenty animals, per year, whichever is greater, per household; whereupon, he provided information regarding the rationale for including the word *training* within the kennel definition. During discussion, Commissioner Gerard indicated that the word *training* should be removed from the definition; and that it sets a bad precedent to include language that Animal Services does not intend to enforce, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Brightwell reported that Animal Services conducts investigations of cruelty and neglect regarding dogs and cats; that the SPCA conducts similar investigations for all other species; and that there are times when the two agencies hold joint investigations.

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals presented their comments and concerns:

Susan Wallace, Dunedin - Oppose
Lori Callahan, Clearwater - Oppose
Susan Smith, Brooksville - Oppose
Lorrie Geyer Limitone, Clearwater - Oppose
Kenneth Koenig, Dunedin - Undecided
Ann Stewart, Clearwater - Undecided
P. K. Lichtenberger, St. Petersburg - Support *
Suzanne Boschen, Clearwater Beach - Support
Marilyn Weaver, Tarpon Springs - Support
Christine Hornsleth, Palm Harbor - Support
May-Li Cuypers, Largo - Support
Nina Perino, Palm Harbor - Support
Pam Burns, Largo - Support
Dan Hester, Seminole - Support
Shannon Piquet, Pinellas Park - Support
Maureen Eppley, St. Petersburg - Support

George Mesmer, Clearwater - Support
Jill McDonald, South Pasadena - Support
Dawn Ladd, Seminole - Support
Jim Phillips, Largo - Support
Martha Boden, Largo - Support
Colleen Janssen, Clearwater - Support
Sanja Smajilovic, Clearwater - Support
Shannon Spring, St. Petersburg - Support
Andrea Barlow, Seminole - Support
Karen Ann Holland, Clearwater Beach - Support
Elaine Hocker, Clearwater - Support
Doreen Wagner, St. Petersburg - Support

* *Spoke on behalf of others in attendance*

During discussion and in response to queries by the members, Mr. Brightwell provided information regarding the inspection process, permitting requirements, pet dealer definition, and sterilization policy; whereupon, Assistant County Attorney Miles S. Belknap provided detailed information with respect to notice requirements prior to an inspection taking place.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Brightwell discussed language in the ordinance regarding excessive barking and the process by which a noise complaint is filed, relating that his office has set quantifiable parameters in order to remove subjectivity; and that the section is intended to address chronic offenders; whereupon, Commissioner Welch opined that the language is broad, and discussion ensued.

Referring to earlier comments by Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel related that she, too, would like to have the word *training* removed from the kennel definition, and stated that she wants hobby breeders and not-for-profits to be subject to inspections, and Chairman Long agreed; whereupon, Commissioner Justice indicated that he is glad to be moving forward with the ordinance; that it is a step in the right direction; and that future refinements can be made if required.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Attorney Belknap indicated that the ordinance language can be amended to state that animal sales cannot take place in *parking lots open to the public*.

Commissioner Gerard moved that the ordinance be approved with two amendments, to remove the word training from the kennel definition, and to include language stating that sales cannot take place in parking lots open to the public. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Welch seconded the motion; whereupon, he requested that information regarding where retail pet store animals are sourced be provided at a future meeting.

Following lengthy discussion with input by Mr. Brightwell, Commissioner Eggers suggested a friendly amendment that hobby breeders be required to be inspected; whereupon, following further discussion, the maker and seconder of the motion concurred.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that the item be approved with the three amendments as discussed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

ADJOURNMENT - 9:04 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman