

Pinellas County

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



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

9:30 AM

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 - 9:32 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chairman Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, John Morroni, and Karen Williams Seel

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Christopher Bartlett and Tony Fabrizio, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION by Father Bob Schneider with St. Stephen Catholic Church in Valrico**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Long asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of Indian Shores Mayor James J. Lawrence and Lealman community activist Raymond H. Neri.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**1. Presentations and awards:**

William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility Award Presentation

Partner Presentations:

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County - Mike Sutton, CEO

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit - Katharine Eagan, CEO

Tampa Bay Partnership - Rick Homans, President and CEO

William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility Award

Award presented to Director of Utilities Randi Kim, Wastewater Treatment Manager Christina Goodrich, and Chief Plant Operator David Cunningham. Mses. Kim and Goodrich and Mr. Woodard provided input.

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County

Chairman Long acknowledged the County's beneficial and ongoing partnership with the organization; whereupon, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County CEO Mike Sutton and Board Chair Jason Clement provided input.

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) CEO Katharine Eagan conducted a

PowerPoint presentation titled *Regional Transit Feasibility Plan* and provided an overview of how the plan would be implemented.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Eagan related that new rideshare programs, autonomous vehicles, and other technologies must be evaluated; and that enhancement of those technologies must be in line with the needs of the citizens. She noted that the Tampa Bay Express project will be included in the plan for evaluation; and that data projections and other factors will help determine a recommendation for moving forward on the project; whereupon, discussion ensued concerning ways to unite the many local transit and planning organizations to support a regional transit plan.

Tampa Bay Partnership

Tampa Bay Partnership (TBP) CEO Rick Homans conducted a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information regarding the organization's history and purpose. He noted that TBP's Council of Governors and Leadership Council consist of private sector business leaders; and that its mission is to create a unified, competitive, and prosperous region.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Homans indicated that the region includes the core counties of Pasco, Hillsborough, and Pinellas; and that contiguous counties must also be included, and discussion ensued.

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.

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

2. Case No. CW 16-26 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Activity Center and Residential Low Medium to Activity Center, regarding 2.6 acres more or less, located at 520 and 606 Bayview Avenue, and two adjacent unaddressed parcels to the northwest (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance 17-01 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

3. Case No. CW 16-28 - City of St. Petersburg
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium to Residential Low Medium,

regarding 20.3 acres more or less, in a portion of the Monticello Park Subdivision, generally bounded by 12th Street North to the east, those properties fronting onto 15th Street North to the west, 42nd Avenue North to the south, and those properties fronting onto 45th Avenue North to the north (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance 17-02 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

4. Case No. CW 16-25 - City of Largo

Countywide Plan Map Amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Office, regarding 0.7 acre more or less, located at 104 Seacrest Drive (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance 17-03 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

5. Case No. CW 16-27 - City of Largo

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Low Medium, regarding 7.4 acres more or less, located at 1885 South Highland Avenue (regular amendment).

Ordinance 17-04 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

6. Termination, General Release and Vacation of Sewer Easements and Easements by Plat to Circle K Stores, Inc., Ken-Tre Addition to Pinellas Park, Florida, Official Record Plat Book 15, Page 21 in Section 31/30/16 (quasi-judicial hearing).

Resolution 17-1 adopted pursuant to Florida State Statute 177. Clerk authorized to record the resolution. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to

be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seal

7. Ordinance declaring zoning in progress and imposing a moratorium on the establishment of medical marijuana dispensing facilities and treatment centers for a period of 180 days (first hearing).

Ms. Harris related that two letters in opposition to the ordinance have been received; whereupon, responding to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, the following individuals appeared and presented their comments and concerns:

Michael Welsh, St. Pete Beach - oppose
Amy Ronshausen, Belleair Beach - support (submitted document)
Dani Hall, Clearwater - oppose
Colleen May, Largo - support
Kay Doughty, Pinellas Park - support
David Aden, Clearwater - support (submitted document)
Kathy Wach, Largo - support
Lynn Posyton, Clearwater - support
Keanan Kintziel, Clearwater - support
John Chase, Palm Harbor - oppose
James McLynas, Indian Shores - oppose
Cyndi Hamad, Seminole - oppose

In response to queries by Commissioner Gerard, Attorney Bennett related that state statutes involving existing programs are very strict; that he anticipates any subsequent legislation will be similarly strict; and that efforts to normalize marijuana with edibles are expected to be resisted by the Legislature.

Mr. Woodard indicated that Amendment 2 provides for a six-month review period by the Department of Health and is the basis for staff's recommendation of a moratorium; that staff is working to provide a proposed framework and ordinance to the Board in March or April of this year; and that it would address requirements for placement of the facilities.

Commissioner Welch noted that the intent is not to delay the process beyond what is required; and that introducing medical marijuana must be done in an orderly fashion; whereupon, in response to his queries, Intergovernmental Liaison Mary Scott Hardwick discussed the related process currently under scrutiny at the state level. She related that a bill from Senator Jeff Brandes has yet to be drafted; and that the Florida Association of Counties has taken a lead role on the issue by tracking and sharing the various legislation passed by other counties and by hosting a related summit to be held in early February.

Ms. Hardwick stated that, as outlined in Amendment 2, the rules must be promulgated

and in place in six months; that an additional nine months will be allowed for the issuance of cards to patients; and that should the Legislature do nothing, it would default to the Department of Health to complete the tasks.

Responding to query by Commissioner Gerard, Attorney Bennett stated that each city and county would need to adopt its own zoning regulations.

Discussion ensued; whereupon, Commissioner Justice noted that the Board would not vote on the issue today; and that the second public hearing is scheduled for January 24 and will include the vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

8. Public comment.

Gail Conroy, Redington Shores, re pesticides
Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re education excellence
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re actual war
Susan Rybski, Largo, re home
Greg Pound, Largo, re truth
James McLynas, Indian Shores, re Sheriff Gualtieri

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 9 through 16

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: 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morrone, and Commissioner Seel

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

9. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 22, 2016.

10. Vouchers and bills paid from November 6 through December 10, 2016.

Period: November 6 through November 12, 2016

Payroll - None

Accounts Payable - \$13,426,942.28

Period: November 13 through November 19, 2016

Payroll - \$3,756,149.20

Accounts Payable - \$14,922,278.01

Period: November 20 through November 26, 2016

Payroll - None.

Accounts Payable - \$11,244,746.53

Period: November 27 through December 3, 2016

Payroll - \$3,342,705.46

Accounts Payable - \$54,418,740.85

Period: December 4 through December 10, 2016

Payroll - None.

Accounts Payable - \$7,535,756.31

Reports received for filing:

11. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2016-38 dated December 1, 2016 - Follow-Up Audit of Multiple Award Service Contracts for Motor & Pump Repairs.
12. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2016-39 dated December 1, 2016 - Follow-Up Audit of Pinellas County GIS Infrastructure Construction Water and Sewer Information.
13. Dock Fee Report for the month of November 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

14. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8948-16, 8951-16, and 8954-16 adopted November 3, 2016, annexing certain properties.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Building Services

15. Award of bid to Joe Payne Inc. for requirements of construction inspection services and construction building code enforcement.

Bid No. 167-0011-B in the amount of \$1,569,900.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; contract is effective for 60 months and provides for one price adjustment after 36 months, as set forth in the Staff Report.

Parks and Conservation Resources

16. Award of bid to Duval Landscape Maintenance, LLC for Requirements of Landscape and Grounds Maintenance.

Bid No. 167-0018-B in the amount of \$8,687,413.15 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; contract is effective for 60 months and provides for one price adjustment after 36 months, as set forth in the Staff Report.

Bid of Entzion Property Maintenance, LLC rejected as non-responsive for not meeting bid requirements.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

17. Local Arts Funding Agreement with Creative Pinellas, Inc. for marketing and promoting the County as an arts community and arts destination during Fiscal Year 2017.

Agreement in the amount of \$476,670.00 approved.

Commissioner Eggers indicated that he did not initially support a big increase in the agency's funding, but changed his mind after becoming convinced that the program's next phase can be successfully implemented. Chairman Long advised Ms. St. Clair not to include the additional funding in next year's budget because the Fiscal Year 2017 allocation includes BP Oil Spill settlement money that will not be available next year, and requested that next year's plan include an estimate as to when the agency might become self-sustaining.

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: 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seal

Meeting Recessed: 11:59 A.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:38 P.M.

County Administrator

18. Third Amendment to the agreement with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. for federal governmental relations services.

Amendment to Contract No. 134-0216-PB approved increasing the amount by \$170,000.00 and extending the purchase authorization through December 31, 2018;

revised total estimated expenditure, \$455,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard confirmed that the County is spending approximately \$90,000 annually for the services.

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

Aye: 4 - Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Justice

Absent: 3 - Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

Planning

- 19.** Certification that the Tampa Bay Community Development Corporation's affordable housing project is consistent with County plans and regulations.

Resolution 17-2 adopted allowing the TBCDC to solicit State-sponsored tax-credit contributions from Florida businesses to rehabilitate scattered-site, single-family properties and construct new single-family homes for low-income homebuyers on infill lots.

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

- 20.** Community Redevelopment Area Policy Program and Implementation Guidelines.

Mr. Woodard recommended approval of the item, noting that the Board's input provided during a previous work session has been incorporated into the proposed program and guidelines; whereupon, at the Chairman's request, Planning Director Renea Vincent conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Community Redevelopment Areas Policy Adoption*.

During the presentation, Mr. Woodard indicated that the proposal sets forth a framework to provide visibility and transparency to the cities as they submit their Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Plans and gives staff a basis for their evaluation; and that the Board retains the right to make adjustments. Ms. Vincent concurred, noting that it is a working document and there may be unintended consequences to be addressed.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Vincent stated that utilizing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to finance sewer and potable water projects would be

allowed by cities and Municipal Services Taxing Units (MSTUs); and that it is a change from current guidelines; whereupon, Commissioner Welch indicated that he favors the proposed change. He suggested that the County also engage its municipal partners and determine whether a 25 percent surcharge for water/sewer service should continue to be assessed on unincorporated residents and cited the City of St. Petersburg's relationship with the Lealman district as an example, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Justice moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the Chairman in coordination with the County Administrator request information from the City of St. Petersburg justifying its continued surcharge to Lealman customers. Commissioner Seel requested that the motion be amended to include a request for an update on the fire hydrant situation in Lealman, and Commissioner Justice accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Welch withdrew his second to the motion and indicated that he would not support singling out the City of St. Petersburg, and that he would support a provision requiring surcharge information from all cities seeking CRA funds for enterprise uses, and discussion ensued. Commissioner Seel suggested bifurcating the motion, and Attorney Bennett provided input, relating that all cities providing water to unincorporated areas levy surcharges.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the Board direct the Chairman in coordination with the County Administrator to request information from the City of St. Petersburg concerning the history and justification of the surcharge for water and sewer service to residents in unincorporated areas and for an update on the fire hydrant situation in the Lealman district. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Long, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Seel

Nay: 2 - Vice-Chairman Welch, and Commissioner Eggers

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that when a city requests the use of CRA funding for an enterprise use, it must produce a report providing information related to surcharges levied against residents of unincorporated areas. 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

Responding to query by Commissioner Justice regarding financial figures cited in the Staff Report, Ms. Vincent indicated that the potential TIF commitment of \$400 million includes existing CRAs, potential expansions, and prospective new ones, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Seel proposed that staff request information from each city concerning the enterprise services they are providing to unincorporated residents, as well as their franchise and utility fees and whether the cities are paying a dividend back to their enterprise funds. Ms. Vincent noted that Forward Pinellas maintains a Truth in Annexation spreadsheet from which some of that information could be obtained, and Mr. Woodard indicated that staff will contact the cities and request additional data and detail.

Responding to queries by the members, Ms. Vincent noted that barring any special circumstances, County TIF contributions shall not exceed city contributions; and that state law governs the use of TIF funds for constructing city facilities; whereupon, Mr. Woodard described a scenario in which the use of TIF funds for constructing city facilities might be appropriate. Discussion ensued, and Ms. Vincent indicated that the applicable language in the proposed guidelines could be changed to alleviate any concern.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard indicated that City Managers were notified of the proposed changes as early as last summer; that he reviewed the policy with them verbally; and that many had expressed support and appreciation for the framework being put into place. Discussion ensued, and Commissioner Seel thanked Ms. Vincent and staff for their deliberation and hard work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the CRA Policy Program and Implementation Guidelines be approved as amended. 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 Morrioni

Utilities

21. Agreement with the City of St. Pete Beach for utility relocations along Blind Pass Road.

Agreement approved, requiring the County to pay the City an amount not to exceed \$1,540,000.00 for the City's contractor to relocate all utilities in conflict with the City's roadway, sidewalk, and drainage system improvements from Gulf Boulevard to 75th Avenue. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Seel, 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

- 22.** Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the City of St. Pete Beach for utility relocations along Pass-A-Grille Way.

Amendment approved, increasing the County's share of the cost of relocating the 16-inch reclaimed water transmission main from 25 percent to 43 percent, for an additional expenditure of \$277,200.00. Total construction cost to the County, \$2,752,200.00. 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

- 23.** Sixth Amendment to the agreement with Vertex Data Utility Services LLC for services provided in support of the Utilities Customer Information System.

Amendment to Contract No. 056-0030-P approved, extending the term by 24 months through February 24, 2019 and increasing the amount by \$924,615.42 for a revised total of \$22,133,579.50. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 24.** County Administrator miscellaneous - None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 25.** County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Human Resources

26. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with UnitedHealthcare Services, Inc. for requirements of group medical benefits. Contract No. 156-0174-P in the amount of \$228,463,547.00 for a term of 60 months beginning January 1, 2017, ratified and confirmed.

Employee Benefits Manager Dave Blasewitz responded to queries by the members as follows:

- Two new clinical programs created under the agreement offer cost savings to the County. The Spine and Joint Solutions Center of Excellence Program also provides advanced levels of service to members and is not mandatory for those seeking that type of care, and the Custom Care Management Unit raises the level of care management for member hospitalizations, chronic conditions, and certain diseases.
- The increase in the copay for emergency room care from \$100 to \$250 was necessary because the lower deductible was inadequate relative to costs and recommendations for the marketplace. UnitedHealthcare or the County can adjust the copay under extenuating circumstances.
- The agreements being presented today for ratification (medical, prescriptions, and dental) differ slightly but are five-year plans with fixed periods of time in which fees are guaranteed and include provisions for amendment.
- Process improvements have been put in place to ensure that future contracts are completed in time for the Board to review without facing a lapse in coverage for employees and retirees.
- The vendors chosen for medical benefits and prescriptions offered the apparent lowest fees among those who responded to the County's Request for Proposals; however, the evaluation was based on a three-year cost projection rather than five-year. The medical benefits agreement includes multiple programs for active and retired employees and offers the least overall cost.

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

27. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Express Scripts, Inc. for requirements of group prescription drug benefits.

Contract No. 156-0174-P in the amount of \$70,455,000.00 for a term of 60 months beginning January 1, 2017, ratified and confirmed.

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

- 28.** Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the ranking of firms and execution of agreement with Cigna Dental Health of Florida, Inc. for requirements of group dental self-funded (PPO) benefits.

Contract No. 156-0267-P in the amount of \$18,970,705.00 for a term of 60 months beginning January 1, 2017, ratified and confirmed.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Seel, 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 For You! 2016 Accomplishments.

Mr. Woodard distributed a report prepared for the public titled *Doing Things For You! 2016 Accomplishments* and a Spanish-language summary; whereupon, he discussed the highlights and played a video.

Responding to a suggestion from Commissioner Justice, Mr. Woodard agreed to create a library of reports and images on the County website so that Commissioners can easily find them to share on social media. In response to query by Chairman Long, he related that the survey results included in the report are from last year and that staff will report on the newest survey at the upcoming strategic planning session.

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 30.** Appointment of Technical Management Committee representative for Solid Waste.

Deborah "Deb" Bush was appointed to fill the position vacated by Janice "Nan" Bennett.

Responding to query by Commissioner Justice, Mr. Woodard referred to the County Code, noting that it specifies the term length for members appointed by combined municipalities, and Chairman Long pointed out that the terms of the Board's two appointments are not addressed.

Discussion ensued during which Commissioner Justice suggested that while the Committee is made up largely of staff and technical experts, there should be a timetable for reappointments so that citizens can apply if interested, and Mr. Woodard indicated that staff could initiate a process to attract applicants for appropriate positions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, 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

31. Appointment to the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area Citizen Advisory Committee.

Chairman Long distributed ballots; whereupon, responding to a request by Commissioner Seel for a recommendation, Commissioner Welch named three candidates and provided background information. Later in the meeting, Chairman Long announced that Angela Wilson has been appointed to the Committee by a majority vote.

32. Appointment to the Pinellas County Historical Commission.

Commissioner Gerard's individual 2017 appointment of Vincent Luisi approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that the appointment 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

33. County Commission miscellaneous.

The members wished everyone a Happy New Year and offered prayers and condolences to the families of Indian Shores Mayor Jim Lawrence and Lealman community activist Ray Neri and commented on their contributions and service.

Commissioner Seel

- Thanked Grants Compliance Manager Cheryl Reed and Neil Brickfield of the Police Athletic League for working out an arrangement with Duke Energy to use land owned

by the utility for a recreation field in the Coral Heights community. She noted that St. Catherine Siena Church, through the Diocese of St. Petersburg, has purchased a property in the neighborhood from which it is providing food and hope.

Commissioner Gerard

- Referred to earlier comments by citizen Gail Conroy regarding the County's use of pesticides and herbicides and asked whether more environmentally friendly alternatives have been evaluated. Commissioner Seel noted that the Extension Service offers a landscape maintenance class and asked whether the Board could be given an overview; whereupon, Mr. Woodard provided input and agreed to schedule a presentation for an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Eggers

- Related that he attended the Mayors' Council meeting this week; that former Chairman Justice's letter regarding Tourist Development Council appointments was discussed; and that he asked the members to provide the requested information as quickly as possible.
- Indicated that the Mayors' Council is seeking a speaker to address how the County will coordinate with the cities to campaign for renewal of the Penny for Pinellas sales tax; and Mr. Woodard indicated that he is scheduled to speak before the Council early this year.
- Mentioned the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations in St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Dunedin, and Tarpon Springs, and indicated that he is looking forward to attending the parade in St. Petersburg.
- Noted that the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency Board is having its annual retreat and strategic planning session later this month.
- Related that a town hall meeting will be held in Palm Harbor on January 26 to review the status of the 2000 Strategic Master Plan, noting that the goal will be to bring back suggestions from the community for the Commission to consider.

34. County Commission Board Reports.

Commissioner Justice

- Noted that the Wastewater/Stormwater Task Force will meet on January 30 and receive a summary of recommendations from the Technical Working Group, which has spent months studying the situation.
- Related that the recently hired executive director of the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. was not able to relocate from Iowa to Florida; that deputy Helen

King has been named interim director; and that the search for a new executive director is underway.

- Related that the first Historic Preservation Board meeting of 2017 is January 18.
- Indicated that the Tampa Bay Estuary Program has become part of the Florida Estuary Alliance, which brings together the five estuary programs and allows for the streamlined soliciting of funds and better organization for policy initiatives.
- Reported that the Gulf Consortium met in Orlando and reviewed project requests from each of the respective counties, noting that Pinellas County was by far the most organized with respect to the process, thanks to the efforts of Andrew Squires, Kelli Levy, and their staff.

Commissioner Seel

- Related that she received an orientation to the Early Learning Coalition, noting that her participation on the Board will complement her work with the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB).
- Related that the JWB will approve funding recommendations at its January 11 meeting, and noted her disappointment that the Florida Dream Center will not receive grant funding to expand the Adopt-A-Block program or establish a Homeless Prevention Training Center. Responding to query by Chairman Long, she noted that the grant for the Training Center would have funded computers, but the County may be able to provide help through its surplus supply.

Commissioner Gerard

- Noted that she received her orientation to the Public Safety Committee recently and that she is looking forward to serving.

Commissioner Eggers

- Congratulated Commissioner Morroni on being named Chairman of Forward Pinellas for 2017 and related that Executive Director Whit Blanton received a positive performance review. Thanked Commissioner Seel and St. Petersburg Councilmember Jim Kennedy for their years of service on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board.
- Noted that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will hold its regional transportation summit on February 16.
- Indicated that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) will hold a workshop on January 13 at which there will be discussion about regional transit and the regional governance study.

- Related that the Tampa Bay Water Board has had considerable discussions about the use of reclaimed water for potable drinking and/or protection from salt water intrusion, noting that such use is not coming soon and that discussion with residents will be important.
- Noted that there has been significant monitoring by Tampa Bay Water and the Department of Environmental Protection in the area around the Mosaic spill.

Commissioner Welch

- Echoed Commissioner Eggers' appreciation for Commissioner Seel and her leadership on the MPO over the years.
- Related that the CareerSource/WorkNet Pinellas Executive Committee met concerning issues arising from the termination of the agency's auditor and that an ad-hoc committee will meet on January 17 to review the bylaws and Interlocal Agreement with the County.
- Discussed correspondence from St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman indicating that the City cannot contribute to the electric bus project until Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Woodard indicated that pending a firm commitment from the City for Fiscal Year 2017 or 2018, \$118,000 of the BP Oil Spill funding would be available for potential reallocation by the Board.

Chairman Long

- Related that the PSTA Executive Committee met last week and decided to retain a consultant whose major responsibility will be to work with the Board at its upcoming strategic planning meeting to define success in order to better establish goals and objectives for the executive director.
- Noted that the Regional Planning Council will hold a transportation summit on February 16, and nationally known speakers will share information about what a regional system could look like and available funding options.
- Referring to the American Manufacturing Skills Initiative (AMskills) and the WorkNet/CareerSource Pinellas Science Center, expressed concerns regarding the practice of fundraising by a quasi-governmental agency, and discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:33 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

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Deputy Clerk

Chairman