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BCC 3-7-17 #6

From: Vandenberg, Courtney
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Walsh, J Doyle; Bachteler, James J
Cc: bccassistants
Subject: RE: RE: Public Hearing Items for BCC 03-07-17
Attachments: City of Dunedin - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; City of Largo - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; Indian Rocks Beach - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; Kenneth City - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; Kenneth City 2nd Ltr. - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; South Pasadena - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; St. Pete Beach - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; St. Petersburg - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf; Town of Belleair - Blue Laws Ltr..pdf

Attached are the letters that were received last year regarding the "blue laws". These were received prior to us considering an ordinance change however, but they are in reference the topic.

No new correspondence has been received by our office.

Courtney Vandenberg

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From: Walsh, J Doyle
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Bachteler, James J <jbachteler@co.pinellas.fl.us>
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Subject: RE: RE: Public Hearing Items for BCC 03-07-17
Importance: High

I don't believe so but, asking the other Staff to confirm they didn't received anything. Thanks

Jordan Doyle Walsh
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Chair, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
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From: Bachteler, James J
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Walsh, J Doyle <dwalsh@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Public Hearing Items for BCC 03-07-17

Good Morning, Doyle.....

Have there been any letters or e-mails to the Commissioners related to the Public Hearing Items for this morning's meeting?

Thank You and Have A Pleasant Afternoon

James Bachteler

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August 19, 2016

The Honorable Charlie Justice, Chair
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: City of Dunedin Support for Amendment or Abolition of "Blue Law"

Dear Chairman Justice:

As you know, this issue was brought before the Pinellas County Council of Mayors back in April. After discussion, we determined the best approach was to have each individual city and their councils discuss what we felt was appropriate for our communities.

As requested, I brought this back to our Commission with a recommendation that we ask various local business organizations and city advisory committees to take the issue up and advise us of their findings.

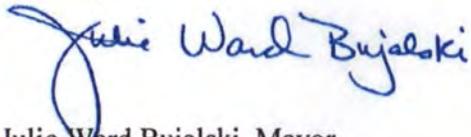
We heard from our Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Dunedin Merchant's Association and our Social Services Committee, which include various local clergy. None of these organizations had any objections. It is also important to note that our law enforcement is handled by the Sherriff. He had no objections as expressed to the Mayor's Council.

The item came back to a regularly-scheduled public Commission meeting of August 18, 2016, where we reviewed all of the information received. By unanimous vote, we concluded that we are in support of Pinellas County abolishing the Blue Law and changing the commencement time of alcoholic beverage sales on Sundays to 8:00 a.m. (which is the same as any other day). This was based on the fact that this change would have an "opt-out" clause for those municipalities that chose to do so.

Letter, The Honorable Charlie Justice, Chair (con't.)
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We hope this helps you in your deliberation. Please feel free to contact myself or any of our Commissioners if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Ward Bujalski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayor
City of Dunedin

Cc: Dunedin City Commission
Pinellas County Council of Mayors
The Honorable Mayor, Rick Kriseman
Mark Woodard, Pinellas County Administrator



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May 18, 2016

The Honorable Charlie Justice, Chairman
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Justice:

At the Work Session held on May 10th, the Largo City Commission discussed the repeal by the County of the prohibition of sales of alcoholic beverages before 11 am on Sundays. Neither the City Commission nor the Largo Police Chief objected to the repeal and, in fact, saw no significant impact of this change on the City of Largo.

Please be advised that the City of Largo supports the County Commission's amendment of its ordinance to allow alcohol sales at 8:00 am on Sundays.

Sincerely,

Woody Brown
Mayor
CITY OF LARGO



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May 20, 2016

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Re: City of Indian Rocks Beach's Support for Amendment or Abolition of "Blue Laws"

Dear County Commissioners:

This letter is respectfully sent by the City of Indian Rocks Beach's Board of Commissioners to communicate their support for the amendment or abolition of the so-called "Blue Laws," governing the sale of alcohol on Sundays.

As you are likely aware, Pinellas County ordinarily bars the sale of alcohol between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays. This time period is extended from 12:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. This restriction specific to Sundays is commonly referred to as a "blue law." Specifically, Section 6-29 of the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances states that all business establishments dealing in alcoholic beverages shall remain closed on each Sunday from the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., unless a municipality requires shorter opening hours.¹ Further, Section 6-30 (b) of the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances provides that licensed vendors ordinarily "shall not dispense beer, wine, or liquor . . . between the hours of 12:01 a.m. Sunday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday."²

The City of Indian Rocks Beach respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners to align the restrictions for the sale of alcohol on Sundays, with the applicable regulations every other day of the week. The City does not believe a county-wide restriction on the sale of alcohol before 11 a.m. on Sundays effectively serves the public welfare. The City also asks that as the Board of County Commissioners makes such a change, that it does not infringe on the right of individual municipalities in the County to preserve such restrictions, if they wish.

Respectfully,
CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

R.B. Johnson, Mayor-Commissioner

cc: Mayor Kriseman, City of St. Petersburg

¹ Pinellas County Code of Ordinances Section 6-29 "Closing Hours"

² Pinellas County Code of Ordinances Section 6-30 (b) "Exceptions to Article"

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May 20, 2016

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
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Re: Town of Kenneth City's Support for Amendment or Abolition of "Blue Laws"

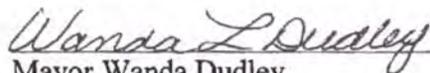
Dear County Commissioners:

This letter is respectfully sent by the Town of Kenneth City's Mayor and Council to communicate their support for the amendment or abolition of the so-called "Blue Laws," governing the sale of alcohol on Sundays.

As you are likely aware, Pinellas County ordinarily bans the sale of alcohol between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays. This time period is extended from 12:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. This restriction specific to Sundays is commonly referred to as a "blue law." Specifically, Section 6-29 of the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances states that all business establishments dealing in alcoholic beverages shall remain closed on each Sunday from the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., unless a municipality requires shorter opening hours. Further, Section 6-30 (b) of the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances provides that licensed vendors ordinarily "shall not dispense beer, wine, or liquor . . . between the hours of 12:01 a.m. Sunday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday."

The Town of Kenneth City respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners to align the restrictions for the sale of alcohol on Sundays, with the applicable regulations every other day of the week. The Town does not believe a county-wide restriction on the sale of alcohol before 11 a.m. on Sundays effectively serves the public welfare. The Town also asks that as the Board of County Commissioners makes such a change, it does not infringe on the right of individual municipalities in the County to preserve such restrictions, if they wish.

Respectfully,



Mayor Wanda Dudley

cc: Mayor Kriseman, City of St. Petersburg

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August 22, 2016

Charlie Justice, Chairman
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: Town of Kenneth City Support of Amendment or Abolition of "Blue Laws"

Dear Chairman Justice,

The following letter is in response to your request for municipal feedback regarding Mayor Kriseman's discussion on the same at the February Mayor's Luncheon.

Immediately following the February 2016 Mayor's Luncheon, Mayor Dudley presented this item to Town Council for discussion at our regularly scheduled monthly Town Council meeting. Following Council discussion, there was consensus for Mayor Dudley to report the Town of Kenneth City support for the subject amendment. Furthermore, Chief Kevin Riley of the Kenneth City Police Department had no objection to the issue.

We sincerely hope that this helps you in your deliberation. Please feel free to contact me, or any of our Commissioners if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Campbell".

Matthew Campbell
Town Manager

Cc: Pinellas County Council of Mayors
Mark Woodard, Pinellas County Administrator



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August 31, 2016

Charlie Justice, Chairman
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court St.
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chair Justice,

At the August 23, 2016 Administrative Workshop, the City Commission discussed the prohibition of sales of alcoholic beverages before 11 a.m. on Sundays. The City Commission does not object to the County Commission amending its ordinance to allow for alcohol sales at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Max V. Elson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Max V. Elson
Mayor



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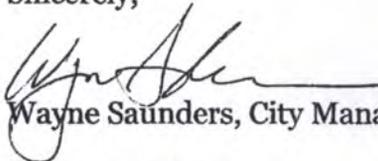
October 14, 2016

Charlie Justice, Chairman
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court St.
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chairman Justice:

The St. Pete Beach City Commission, at their meeting held Tuesday, October 11th, 2016, voted unanimously to support the City of St. Petersburg request to repeal the prohibition of sales of alcoholic beverages before 11 a.m. on Sundays. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Commission action.

Sincerely,


Wayne Saunders, City Manager

Cc: Rick Kriseman
Mark Woodard



CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

RICK KRISEMAN, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

Thursday April 14, 2016

Charlie Justice, Chairman
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court St.
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chair Justice:

Earlier this year, I contacted County Administrator Mark Woodard to discuss the County's repealing of the prohibition of sales of alcoholic beverages before 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Sec. 6-29. - Closing hours.

(b) All such business establishments shall remain closed on each Sunday from the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., unless any municipality in Pinellas County establishes shorter opening hours as provided in section 6-31 of this article.

Administrator Woodard requested that I bring the issue to the Pinellas County Mayors' Council to allow the Mayors of the municipalities within the County to weigh in on this issue.

As such, I first brought up the issue at the February meeting and again at the March meeting, during which thorough discussion of the pros and cons took place. While no opposition to the repeal was voiced at either meeting, it was requested that the mayors survey their city councils to identify any concerns that might be expressed.

At our recent April meeting, I requested the Council send a letter to the County Commission reporting on our desire to move forward. In response to that request, a couple of mayors said that they had not yet brought it up with their councils, and the Mayor of Seminole voiced her opposition to the repeal.

Because each Mayor had not yet discussed the issue with their councils, no formal vote to send a letter to the Commission was taken. Instead, it was agreed that each city would notify the County Commission individually of its desire to move forward with the repeal of the Sunday morning prohibition.

Please be advised that I have discussed this with St. Petersburg City Council members and on their behalf, as well as that of the business owners in our city affected by this restriction and our citizens, ask that the County Commission amend its ordinance to allow for alcohol sales at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

Sincerely,

Rick Kriseman, Mayor

TOWN OF BELLEAIR

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September 13, 2016

The Honorable Charlie Justice, Chair
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
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RE: Town of Belleair Support for Abolition of "Blue Law"

Dear Chairman Justice,

The Pinellas County Mayors' Council discussed this issue in April and decided that each individual city and their councils should discuss the issue to determine what was best for their communities.

On September 6, 2016, the Town of Belleair Commission unanimously supported the abolishment of the Blue Law and requested the drafting of this letter. Belleair has its own Police Department and it is important to note that there are no objections regarding this issue.

In conclusion, the Belleair Town Commission is in support of Pinellas County abolishing the Blue Law and changing the commencement time of alcoholic beverage sales on Sundays to 8:00 AM (which would be consistent with all other days).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. H. Katica", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Gary H. Katica
Mayor
Town of Belleair