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Citizens to be Heard

Agenda Item

Agenda date: July 17, 2018

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Topic: 1ST AMENDMENT / HOME RULE 2.02(G) RECLAIMED "VARIANCE" APPLICATION

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Pinellas County Commission July 17, 2018

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise "thereof"."

The free exercise "Thereof" clause, not as being "Therein" of this constitution. But "Thereof" birthed as a water jurisdiction under the 14th Amendment, in support of giving rise to Hamilton's 2nd Constitution "thereof", based on water. (An exercise) "thereof" Seen as the Separation of Church and State. And now, "thereof" to include the separation of Church and jurisdiction over water, seen as the literal owing of Religious Convictions in the Reclaimed Water "Variance Application. Taking liberty, property and life in the 14th Amendment. As Based on Thomas Jefferson's Religious Freedom to Depart from Almighty God.

In hindsight, The "free exercise "thereof"" clause of the 1st Amendment, as based on Thomas Jefferson's Religious Freedom to Depart from Almighty God, taking liberty, property and life, in the 14th Amendment, birthed as a water jurisdiction, seen as the literal owing of religious convictions in the Reclaimed water "Variance" is "in actuality" the vanquishing of Christianity!

The 1st Amendment, as *revealed* in this light, as backlit, in variance, as applied "in actuality" is in total dis-respect of Almighty God. And, is in total dis-respect of the Establishment of the Religion of Christianity.

The 1st Amendment, Free Exercise "thereof" clause is an act of *Blasphemy against the establishment of the religion of Christianity*; Birthed as a water Jurisdiction "thereof" under the 14th Amendment.

Furthermore, the Florida State Constitution Article 1 section 3 does not prohibit sectarian institutions from exercising themselves as public agencies "thereof" (freely) practicing in the dissolution and dis-respect of Christianity.

As clearly stated in the reclaimed water "Variance" application.

The turning off of my essential water access, over my refusal to pay for the AdHoc reclaimed water "Availability fee" (twice) is a violation of my Human right to religion.

And is in violation, against the establishment, of Home Rule Charter section 2.02(e) which pursues the protection of Human rights from discrimination based on Religion.

"And (soon) the subtlety of a pin drop will be heard by all".

any such official may be removed from office, except for those officers for which removal is provided under the state constitution.

(b) Just and equitable taxation while recognizing other local governments jurisdictions to set their own millage. The grant of the powers contained herein shall not be construed in any way to allow the county to claim any portion of any city's ten-mill taxing power; RESERVED FOR THE JURISDICTION?

(c) [Public property.] Proper use of public property belonging to Pinellas County government.

(d) [Public records.] Full access to public records and proceedings of Pinellas County government.

(e) Protection of human rights. The county shall establish provisions, pursuant to state and federal law, for protection of human rights from discrimination based upon religion, political affiliation, race, color, age, sex, or national origin by providing and ensuring equal rights and opportunities for all people of Pinellas County.

(f) Protection of consumer rights. The county shall establish provisions for the protection of consumers.

Sec. 2.03. Exercise of powers.

All powers of the county shall be exercised in accordance with this Charter; or, if the Charter contains no provision for execution, then by ordinance, resolution or action of the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 2.04. Special powers of the county.

The county shall have all special and necessary power to furnish within the various municipalities the services and regulatory authority listed below. When directly concerned with the furnishing of the services and regulatory authority described in this section, county ordinances shall prevail over municipal ordinances, when in conflict. Governmental powers not listed or described in this Charter or granted to the county by general statute or special act shall remain with the municipalities.

(a) Development and operation of 911 emergency communication system.

(b) Development and operation of solid waste disposal facilities exclusive of municipal collection systems.

(c) Development and operation of regional sewage treatment facilities in accordance with federal law, state law, and existing or future interlocal agreements exclusive of municipal sewage systems.

(d) Acquisition, development and control of county-owned parks, buildings, and other county-owned property.

(e) Development and operation of public health or welfare services or facilities in Pinellas County.

14th AMENDMENT CONSTITUTION SELF

TO ELECT? THEIR POWERS!

DIRECT TAX ARTICLE 1 SECTION 2

POWER WITHIN A POWER

NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

VIOLATION RECLAIMED WATER "VARIANCE"

DIRECT TAXATION ARTICLE 1 SECTION 2

380.08 FEE (SIMPLE) TITLE

14th AMENDMENT

COUNTY CITIZEN CORPORATE

DISTRICT LEVY SELF-JUDICIAL "THEREOF" IN THE 14th AMENDMENT

VANQUISHMENT?

RECLAIMED WATER VARIANCE IS IN VIOLATION!

SUPPLY RATE

AD-HOC ORDINANCE 97-103 AD-HOC SECTION 126-509

SUPPLY/RATE vs PRIVILEGE/OPPORTUNITY

ABSOLUTE BILL OF SALE FULL WARRANTIES OF TITLE AND RELEASE OF COUNTY LIEN

COUNTY "AS SOLD" 298.36 380.08 170.09 127.01

"CLEARING HOUSE" STATE 103.3107(11)

103.3107(11) CLEARING HOUSE NOT UTILITY?

FACILITY vs UTILITY

NOT COUNTY?

NOT UTILITY?

NOT A COUNTY UTILITY AIDING & ABETTING

LIBERTY, PROPERTY & LIFE

BODY CORPORATE 373.019(15)

UTILITY

3RD PARTY PRIVILEGES

CITIZEN SECURITY MILLAGE-RATE BOND-YIELD

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U.S. Constitution › First Amendment

First Amendment

The First Amendment guarantees freedoms concerning religion, expression, assembly, and the right to petition. It forbids Congress from both promoting one religion over others and also restricting an individual's religious practices. It guarantees freedom of expression by prohibiting Congress from restricting the press or the rights of individuals to speak freely. It also guarantees the right of citizens to assemble peaceably and to petition their government.

Learn more...

Amendment I

SENATE?
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

HAMILTONS 2ND CONSTITUTION
BASED ON WATER
ABSENT CHRISTIANITY!

THOMAS JEFFERSONS!
FREEDOM TO DEPART
FROM ALMIGHTY GOD

FREE EXERCISE "THEREOF"
IS A TOTAL DISRESPECT OF CHRISTIANITY

FUNNY

"FREE TO PRESS" THE LIBERTY, PROPERTY
AND LIFE OF THE GENTILES IN
THE 14TH AMENDMENT "THEREOF"

Wex Resources

- First Amendment
- The Establishment Clause
- Establishment Clause
- Lee v. Weisman (1992)
- Van Orden v. Perry (2005)
- Free Exercise Clause
- Free Exercise Clause
- State Action Requirement
- Free Speech
- Forums
- Captive Audience
- Prior Restraint
- Libel
- Slander
- Defamation

14th
AMENDMENT
WATER
JURISDICTION

PRIVILEGED ARE BRITISH BROTHERS
AS DECLARED!

TAX FREE ARE 12-TRIBES OF ISRAEL

LOSS OF LIBERTY, PROPERTY AND LIFE
IS IMPOSED ON THAT OF THE
CHRISTIANS/GENTILES
DIE!

"THEREOF" BIRTHING WATER JURISDICTIONS
UNDER THE 14th AMENDMENT VANQUISHING CHRISTIANS,
DISSOLVING CHRISTIANITY GIVING RISE TO HAMILTONS
2ND CONSTITUTION BASED ON WATER.

**Text of Section 3:
Religious Freedom**

There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace or safety. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.⁽¹⁾

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AGENCY "THEREOF"?

THOMAS JEFFERSON:
FREEDOM TO DEPART FROM
ALMIGHTY GOD.

IN THE STATE
VS

OF THE STATE

GEORGE WASHINGTON:

"TO INDIRECTLY UNDERMINE THAT
WHICH CAN NOT BE DIRECTLY
OVERTHROWN."

IN
OF THE
STATE

SAME
ENTITY
IN/OF
ITSELF

JEWISH
"HIGH SEAS" PREJUDISM!

TO DISSOLVE?
153.03(7)(II)
TO DISSOLVE GOVERNMENT
153.03(7)(II)

ESTABLISHMENT
VS
AGENCY
VS
INSTITUTION

TO DISSOLVE (NOT TO AID) CHURCH,
THUS, GIVING RISE TO SECTARIAN (JEWISH)
INSTITUTIONS
AS AN EFFIGY

EFFIGY

HAMILTONS 2ND CONSTITUTION
BASED ON WATER IS AN EFFIGY!

PUBLIC TREASURY AND AGENCY "THEREOF"
ARE ONE IN THE SAME ENTITY.



EMINENT DOMAIN
153.03(5)
STATUTE

Application for Variance
From Pinellas County Code 82-3
County Reclaimed Water Shortage Conservation Measures

PRIVATE
PUBLIC
PARTNERSHIP

Important Instructions and Information

→ RECLAIMED WATER FACILITY (NOT UTILITY)

- Pinellas County may grant a variance from the terms of Pinellas County Code 82-3, County Reclaimed Water Shortage Conservation Measures, when such variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in hardship, irrigation system limitations, religious convictions, or the health and safety of the applicant

- Written application for a variance shall be submitted to the Pinellas County Utilities Conservation Department.

- The application for variance shall demonstrate that:
 - The variance shall not be in conflict with any other applicable ordinance or state law
 - The variance will not adversely affect the reclaimed water supply
 - The variance will not violate the general spirit and intent of the ordinance nor will it be inconsistent with the County Comprehensive Plan

- Pinellas County shall consider a variance from the County Reclaimed Water Shortage Conservation Measures as soon as possible after submittal of the written application.

- In granting any variance, Pinellas County may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to assure conformance.

- Violations of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this section.

- Application shall be mailed to the following location:

Pinellas County Utilities Conservation Department
14 South Fort Harrison Avenue, 4th Floor
Clearwater, FL 33756

- For personal assistance, please call the Reclaimed Hotline at (727) 464-4273

FEE (SIMPLE)
TITLE
ORDINANCE
97-103
SECTION
126-509(A)
RESOLUTION
95-286
IV (C-2)

IS/HAS

EMINENT.
DOMAIN

STATUTE
153.03(5)

VIOLATION
HOME RULE
CHARTER
2.02(E)

RECLAIMED WATER TAKES TITLE TO YOUR PROPERTY IN RESOLUTION 95-286 IV (C-2) AND ORDINANCE 97-103 SECTION 126-509. IT IS PART OF A LAND ACQUISITION / APPROPRIATION. ALL YOUR PROPERTY, BOTH PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY, IS BEING TAKEN AS PART OF THIS EMINENT DOMAIN CONTRACT IN STATUTE 153.03(5).

Petition for Variance County Reclaimed Ordinance PC 82-3
Revised 10/16/2009

THIS ENTITY OF INTEREST IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THE 14th AMENDMENT TO USURP YOUR PROPERTY, LIBERTY, HEALTH AND SAFETY, LITERALLY!



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TO
Hon. Chair
KEN Welch

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<http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/pinellas-county-orders-mandatory-evacuations-for-mobile-home-residents/2336597>

Published: September 8, 2017

Updated: September 8, 2017 at 04:58 AM

Excerpt:

Pinellas County ordered its first evacuations on Thursday as Hurricane Irma continued its march to Florida.

Officials ordered everyone who lives in low-lying areas or mobile homes to evacuate. Access to beach communities will be restricted starting at 10 a.m.

ref·u·gee

NOUN

refugees (plural noun)

1. a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

OVER

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http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm/Ch0560/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&SearchString=&URL=0100-0199/0125/Sections/0125.0104.html

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<https://taxcollect.com/tourist-development-faqs/>

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Related.

➤ Other info/news for your consideration/ the definition **of refugee**
... a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or **natural disaster**.

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-hurricane-maria-puerto-rico-refugees-housing-20171102-story.html>

1. 'We Have Nowhere Else to Go': Shelters Closing to ...

www.governing.com/.../tns-fema-florida-puerto-rico-refugees.html

Apr 20, 2018 · "At a minimum, the deadline for TSA (Transitional Shelter Assistance) should coincide with the end of the school year for mainland states," the lawmakers wrote. "After Hurricane Maria devastated the island, more than 10,000 students from Puerto Rico enrolled in Florida schools.

2. Florida lawmakers seek aid for Puerto Rican refugees ...

<https://nsfblogs.com/2018/04/18/florida-lawmakers-seek-aid-for...>

The Florida lawmakers sent a letter today to FEMA Administrator Brock Long and Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló, after FEMA officials told federal lawmakers they plan to cut off Transitional Shelter Assistance, or TSA, to more than 1,600 refugees — including 600 in Florida — as soon as Friday.

Sidebar

State Rep Sprowls. If not knowing can you find out?

Do these refugees that had to move to Florida be it living in a hotel or motel have to pay the FL TDT? Or did FEMA have to? Please advise

- Once again, I do not think citizens during or facing the effects an weather emergency should be considered a 'Tourist' nor should have to be burdened with the FL TDT...how about you?

What you say.

Respectfully your constituent – the family of

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Apr 20, 2018 · "At a minimum, the deadline for TSA (Transitional Shelter Assistance) should coincide with the end of the school year for mainland states," the lawmakers wrote. "After Hurricane Maria devastated the island, more than 10,000 students from Puerto Rico enrolled in Florida schools.

2. Florida lawmakers seek aid for Puerto Rican refugees ...

<https://nsfblogs.com/2018/04/18/florida-lawmakers-seek-aid-for...>

The Florida lawmakers sent a letter today to FEMA Administrator Brock Long and Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló, after FEMA officials told federal lawmakers they plan to cut off Transitional Shelter Assistance, or TSA, to more than 1,600 refugees — including 600 in Florida — as soon as Friday.

Sidebar

State Rep Sprowls. If not knowing can you find out?

Do these refugees that had to move to Florida be it living in a hotel or motel have to pay the FL TDT? Or did FEMA have to? Please advise

- Once again, I do not think citizens during or facing the effects an weather emergency should be considered a 'Tourist' nor should have to be burdened with the FL TDT...how about you?

What you say.

Respectfully your constituent – the family of

normlupo@outlook.com

Preface

Mr. Chairman, to be clear and in my opinion, the following inquiry/overview is presented to inform is **NOT about me, rather about WE**, and together we can and should address this for the ***greater good**.
*greater good. Noun. **greater good**. The benefit of the public, of more people than oneself; that which is better and more correct.

Mr. Woodward

Verbal (Draft subject to change) presentation of July 17, 2018 before the Pinellas BCC/by Norm Lupo-Clearwater FL / norm.lupo@pinellas.gov 727 238-8873

3-min time allowance...so in summary.

- Norm Lupo – Clearwater. Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman/Commissioners/Staff:
Note: what I handed prior to speaking is an informational Addendum which you can read later.
- Mr. Chairman. I am here today to inquiry, in regards to FS 125.0104 aka the TDT **Tourist Development tax**
As to the current status that you, my elected BCC members may have, to include ^{the} County Attorney/Mr. Woodward ~~may have~~ as to any updates from Tallahassee as to addressing/amending this FS*to allow this or any other of the 66 counties to be allowed to 'waive' the TDT for a period of time, be it pre, during or post, when a Hurricane, such as Irma, came to Florida. * or has it been determined this local gov. body could have waived the TDT with Irma last year?
- This inquiry is based experiencing Hurricane Irma last year while knowing many citizens having to comply an evacuation order and many others finding shelter at a Pinellas area hotel/motel- **and yet having to pay the TDT**. That said, why would an evacuee or others e.g. families/seniors having to relocate **for essentials**, be recognized as a Tourist or having a *StayVacation*.
- Mr. Chairman/Commissioners, I brought this to your attention last year, starting with Comm Dave Eggers, **of the UNfairness** of having to pay the 6% TDT having to relocate from my home in Clearwater, **because of the effects of Hurricane Irma**, while my family was fortunate finding a hotel/motel in Pinellas county that had shelter and other essentials such as water, electricity, Wi-Fi, food availability, and so on.

In summary,

- As I am unaware of the current status, I am hoping you can provide an update after many months have placed while now in another Hurricane season, as to and if Tallahassee has or will be addressing this FS to **amend it to allow my BCC members (along with all 67 counties) to have/to approve a Moratorium when a Hurricane comes our way and waive the TDT for a period of time. I do not think evacuees and others like my families should face more stress or more costs experiencing a Hurricane or other severe weather. This is not about me, this is about making a meaningful revision with FS 125.0104 and that we all can work together** on this correction without delay.

Footnote, I have not heard back, prior to this meeting, from my Dist. 65 State House Rep Chris Spowls or his Clearwater office staff after seeking information as to what the state is doing, or planning on doing, in this regard to revisit this FS as suggested. FYI: FL. House Rep Spowls Clearwater office number is 794-2810 if the county would like to call and also try to find out what if anything Tallahassee government has done or will do, such as with new legitimation to address this ASAP.

From: Norman L - Correspondent

July 17, 2018

Subject: FW: 5 Questions to my Pinellas County Commissioner(s)

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Commissioner: (5) questions

1. Would you be so kind as to clearly explain why **Public comment** is listed so very far down on the agenda?
2. Do you think **this , near the end of the agenda, encourages** your constituents to want to come to speak under Public comment being so very far down on the agenda?
3. When and why did this occur?
4. Do you favor the Public comment way down on the agenda(s) or posted rather near the beginning of the BCC meeting?

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Meeting Name: Board of County Commissioners

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Meeting date/time: 7/17/2018 2:00 PM

Minutes status: Draft

Meeting location: BCC Assembly Room
Public Hearings at 6:00PM

Item 44 - Public comment

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<https://www.pinellascounty.org/budget/GeneralOrgChart.pdf>

PC Government Organizational Chart

CITIZENS

5th question:

Since CITIZENS are listed at the very top, why then is not Citizens Comment aka Citizens to be Heard at or near the top of the BCC Agenda(s)?

Thank you for your hopeful interest and anticipated answers before the meeting of July 17, 2018.

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Citizens to be Heard

Agenda Item

Agenda date: 7/17/18

Agenda item number (NOT case number): 44

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