

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

9:30 A.M.

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

*Pat Gerard, Chair
Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair
Charlie Justice
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel
Kenneth T. Welch*

ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Kathleen Peters, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Jeanette L. Phillips, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Reverend Becky Robbins-Penniman, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard, Dunedin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. National 2-1-1 Day Proclamation:
- Micki Thompson, President/CEO, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc.

Chair Gerard invited Ms. Thompson and 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares board members and staff to the podium and provided background information on the services provided by the non-profit organization. She read a proclamation recognizing February 11, 2020, as National 2-1-1 Day; whereupon, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares Board Chair Sallie Parks and Ms. Thompson provided brief comments and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

2. "I Am Pinellas" Employee Recognition Award:
- Thomas "Scotty" Hargett, Fleet Mechanic, Fleet Management

Chair Gerard and Mr. Burton invited Mr. Hargett and City of Indian Rocks Beach Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy to the podium; whereupon, they recognized Mr. Hargett for his dedication and work in the Fleet Management Division, and a video was shown highlighting the services he provides.

3. Partner Presentation:
- Gina Wilkins, CEO, The Kind Mouse

Ms. Wilkins provided an overview of the organization and introduced volunteers in the program; whereupon, a video was shown highlighting the services they provide to the community.

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.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

4. Case No. CW 20-01 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium, regarding 1.79 acres more or less, located at 11290 Walsingham Road.
- Ordinance No. 20-04 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-01. 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 Long, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch
5. Case No. CW 20-02 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.22 acre more or less, located on the west side of Alternate U.S. Highway 19, 180 feet north of Crystal Beach Avenue.
- Ordinance No. 20-05 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-02. 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 Welch, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch
6. Case No. CW 20-03 - City of Pinellas Park
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services, and Target Employment Center Overlay to Employment and Target Employment Center Overlay, regarding 0.45 acre more or less, located at 12551 U.S. Highway 19 North.
- Ordinance No. 20-06 adopted approving Case No. 20-03. 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 Long, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

7. Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re money making a muck!

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 8 through 18 (Item 10 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

8. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 14, 2020.

9. Vouchers and bills paid from December 29, 2019 through January 11, 2020.

Period: December 29, 2019 through January 4, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$87,055,091.46

Payroll - None

Period: January 5, 2020 through January 11, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$18,703,638.13

Payroll - \$3,896,266.04

Reports received for filing:

11. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-04 dated January 22, 2020 - Follow-Up Audit of Solid Waste Contract for Operation of the Waste-to-Energy Plant.

12. Dock Fee Report for the month of January 2020.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

13. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9343-19 adopted December 19, 2019, annexing certain property.

- 14. City of Oldsmar Ordinance No. 2019-09 adopted January 7, 2020, annexing certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

- 15. Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

Authorization granted. Surplus computers, monitors, copiers and projector screens from the Office of the Public Defender to be donated to Vincent House. Excluding donations to any interested governmental entities, not-for-profit agencies, or Social Action Funding List designees, the remaining miscellaneous assets are to be liquidated through public auction conducted by GovDeals.com under provisions of the existing approved contract. Distribution of proceeds approved as recommended in the Staff Report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 16. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Jody Vance v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-008495-CI - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
- 17. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Florence Santore v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-007702-CI-21 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

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Countywide Planning Authority

- 18. Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by the City of Gulfport.

Map adjustment received and accepted, as recommended by Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Reports received for filing:

10. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-02 dated January 22, 2020 - Audit of Traffic Management System Coordination.

In response to comment by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Burton stated that staff will follow up with regard to the audit findings.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

19. Ranking of firms and agreement with Birdsall, Voss and Associates, Inc. for advertising and promotional services pertaining to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 189-0284-P approved in the annual amount of \$14,465,000.00 for a sixty-month contract value of \$72,325,000.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Commissioner Eggers noted that the Tourist Development Council's Marketing Subcommittee provides transparency and ensures accountability with regard to the contract; whereupon, responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard indicated that discussions regarding the firm's local account representative are ongoing.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

20. Recommendation from the Tourist Development Council to fund renovations to the Florida Holocaust Museum through the Capital Project Funding Program.

Recommendation approved to provide funding in an amount up to \$350,000.00. Staff authorized to negotiate the terms and final funding amount.

Upon the Chair's call for citizens wishing to be heard, David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, expressed his concerns.

Responding to comments by the objector, Commissioner Eggers indicated that the renovations will help protect public safety; that history and culture need to be preserved and protected; and that it is an appropriate use of Tourist Development Council funds, and Commissioners Seel and Welch concurred.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Human Services

21. Specific Performance Agreement with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc. for facility hardening through roof replacement.

Agreement approved providing funding in an amount not to exceed \$477,000.00, including \$71,550.00 for design and construction in Fiscal Year 2020 and \$405,450.00 to be reimbursed in Fiscal Year 2021 upon completion of the roof replacement.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Chair Gerard related that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is expanding its emergency shelter to accommodate 50 additional people.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Public Works

22. Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Starkey Road corridor sidewalk from Ulmerton Road/State Road 688 to East Bay Drive/State Road 686.

Resolution No. 20-8 adopted approving the agreement (FDOT Financial Project No. 437736 2 38 01, County PID No. 004229A) providing up to \$405,652.00 in federal funding for project engineering design. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji indicated that staff will follow up with regard to the scope of the project.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

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Supervisor of Elections

23. Fiscal Year 2020 Board Budget Amendment No. 1 to realign appropriation from the General Fund cost center to the Supervisor of Elections cost center within the General Fund.

Amendment approved realigning \$125,000.00 for unanticipated expenses related to the Presidential Preference Primary Election in March 2020.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY ATTORNEY

24. County Attorney Reports - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

25. County Administrator Reports:
- Annual Accomplishments Report

Mr. Burton referred to the Accomplishments Report and introduced a video highlighting the dedication and talent of County employees; whereupon, he related that the County Government Career Expo was a great success, thanked the Commissioners and partner organizations for their support, and showed a brief video of the event.

COUNTY COMMISSION

26. 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack provided updates regarding the listed priorities, noting the Board's current position and the status of the issues:

- National Flood Insurance Program/Risk 2.0
- Beach Nourishment
- Transportation/Infrastructure
- Offshore Oil Drilling

Mr. Lowack related that discussions are in progress pertaining to funding for local projects that create infrastructure resiliency, resurrecting bridge funding, and continued efforts to prevent offshore oil drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Deviating from the agenda, Commissioner Long related that City of St. Petersburg Councilmember Brandi Gabbard recently presented a request to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to provide a letter to Representative Chris Latvala and Senator Ed Hooper in support of opening the state statute to allow the use of Penny for Pinellas funds for affordable housing. Following discussion with input by Mr. Burton and Attorney White, it was determined that Chair Gerard would draft a letter to the Legislative Delegation stating that the Board has concerns regarding the matter and requesting further information.

Thereupon, referring to the Transportation/Infrastructure priority, Commissioner Eggers requested that the wording be amended as follows, and no objections were heard:
"Support the reauthorization of a transportation package that *also* includes funding..."

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 27. Appointment to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc. (Individual Appointment by Commissioner Peters).

Appointment of Rob Copenhaver approved for a one-year term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Vice-Chair Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 28. County Commission New Business Items - None.

The members commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Long

- Law enforcement and first responder appreciation dinner on February 15

Chair Gerard

- Dedication of John Morroni EMS & Fire Administration Center on February 13
- Dedication of Habitat for Humanity 600th home on February 13

ADJOURNMENT - 10:41 A.M.

Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk