

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

2:00 PM

Public Hearings at 6:00 PM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 2:02 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Dave Eggers

Others Present: Jewel White, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Michael P. Schmidt, Senior Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION by Reverend Clarence Williams, Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, St. Petersburg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week Proclamation:**

- Chris McLaughlin, Florida Survey and Mapping Society-Tampa Bay Chapter
- Susan Scholpp, Section Manager, Survey and Mapping Division, Public Works

Chairman Welch invited Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Scholpp to the podium and provided background information on the work performed by surveyors and mappers; whereupon, he presented them with a plaque and read a proclamation recognizing March 18 through March 24, 2018 as Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week. Mr. McLaughlin presented statistics regarding the current industry workforce in Pinellas County. Ms. Scholpp introduced her staff, and Chairman Welch thanked them for their work.

2. Newspaper in Education Week Proclamation:

- Sue Bedry, Newspaper in Education Specialist, Tampa Bay Times

Chairman Welch invited Ms. Bedry to the podium, presented her with a plaque, and read a proclamation recognizing March 5 through March 9, 2018 as Newspaper in Education Week. Ms. Bedry thanked the Chairman and the Commissioners and explained that the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program supports educators, students, and families throughout the Tampa Bay area by providing free newspapers to classrooms and provides a variety of free resources to educators.

3. Special Recognition:

- Jay Sewell, Coral Heights Local Neighborhood Association
(Commissioner Seel)

Commissioner Seel recognized Ms. Sewell for her work in the Coral Heights Community and thanked her for her persistence in working to bring improvements to the neighborhood, including streetlights, a soccer field, and a neighborhood food center; whereupon, she presented her with flowers and a certificate of recognition signed by the Commissioners.

4. Partner Presentations:

- Kathryn Driver, Executive Director, Housing Finance Authority
- Mike Sutton, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County

Housing Finance Authority

Ms. Driver provided an overview of the Housing Finance Authority and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, she discussed the Area Median Income for households in Pinellas County and the challenges faced by citizens looking for affordable housing.

Ms. Driver reported on the Community Housing Trust Fund Program and noted that during the ten-year period from 2006 to 2016, 2,000 units of affordable housing were provided.

Responding to query by Commissioner Justice, Planning Division Manager Bruce Bussey related that \$1 million of BP Oil Spill settlement funds were allocated to affordable housing; and that to date, \$750,000 has been allocated to an affordable family project, Palms of Pinellas.

Ms. Driver discussed the Penny for Pinellas Land Assembly Fund, presented slides with program statistics, and elaborated on projects funded, including the names of complexes, number of units, and household income thresholds. Discussion ensued, and at the request of Commissioner Justice, Ms. Driver agreed to provide a breakdown of overall project budgets and funding sources.

In response to query by Chairman Welch, Ms. Driver stated that funds are running low in the Housing Trust Fund, but there is still some money available for various programs. Chairman Welch requested that a map be created highlighting areas of the county where affordable housing has been provided. Ms. Driver agreed to provide the information and stated that she would like to obtain funding to establish more affordable housing in north county.

Habitat for Humanity

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Sutton provided an overview of the organization and noted that Habitat for Humanity built 59 homes in Pinellas County in 2017; and that out of 1,300 Habitat organizations across the country, Pinellas County is the second largest in terms of number of homes built.

Mr. Sutton briefly discussed a neighborhood revitalization initiative in south St. Petersburg and highlighted some of the organization's accomplishments in the last year; whereupon, he introduced Habitat for Humanity Board Chair Jason Clement, Chief Program Officer Candi Hagler, and Chief Operating Officer Ken Rush.

Mr. Sutton expressed his appreciation for the County’s partnership and announced the opening of Habitat for Humanity’s new office in south St. Petersburg; whereupon, he presented a cardboard check representing \$496,049.08 in property taxes paid by Habitat for Humanity homeowners in 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 20

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meetings held January 23 and February 6, 2018.

6. Vouchers and bills paid from January 14 through February 3, 2018.

Period: January 14 through January 20, 2018

Payroll - None

Accounts Payable - \$13,115,845.11

Period: January 21 through January 27, 2018

Payroll - \$3,445,344.68

Accounts Payable - \$10,022,292.72

Period: January 28 through February 3, 2018

Payroll - None

Accounts Payable - \$62,633,256.11

Reports received for filing:

7. Dock Fee Report for the month of January 2018.

8. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarters ended June 30 and December 31, 2016, and March 31, 2017.

9. Quarterly Donation Listing of \$500 or More for the quarters ended December 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

10. City of Seminole Notice of Ordinance Enactment and Public Hearings to be held February 27, 2018 annexing certain properties.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

11. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending January 31, 2018.

Development Review Services

12. Plat of Ozona Village of Palm Harbor, private street sign installation guarantee, and sidewalk guarantee for recording.
Plat and guarantees from GGR Ozona, LLP accepted and approved for recording.

Economic Development

13. Authority to advertise a Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act public hearing to be held on March 20, 2018 on behalf of Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc. for the proposed issuance of a Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority Industrial Development Revenue Bond (Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc. project), Series 2018.

Public Works

14. Award of bid to Layne Inliner, LLC for requirements of storm sewer cured-in-place pipelining, a Tampa Bay purchasing cooperative contract.
Bid of VacVision Environmental, LLC rejected on the basis of being non-responsive for not meeting bid requirements.

Contract No. 167-0513-CP (PID No. 00325A) in the amount of \$7,317,845.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 1,095 consecutive calendar days. Contract includes a provision for one 730 consecutive calendar day extension with price adjustments as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

15. Award of bid to Rowland, Inc. for the Georgia Avenue to Avery Bayou drainage improvement project.

Bid No. 178-0037-CP (PID No. 002116A) in the amount of \$894,519.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 270 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

16. Award of bid to R.J.P. Enterprises, Inc. for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2020 sidewalk and underdrain replacement projects.

Bid No. 178-0042-CP (PID No. 003497A) in the amount of \$1,398,780.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 1,095 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Real Estate Management

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

Authorization granted. Excluding any interested governmental or not-for-profit agencies, 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.

Solid Waste

18. Award of bid to EQ Florida, Inc. d/b/a US Ecology for requirements of household chemical waste collection services.

Bid No. 178-0085-B in an annual amount of \$650,903.50 (total amount, \$3,254,517.50) awarded on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a term of 60 months and provides for one price adjustment 24 months after award, as set forth in the Staff Report.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

19. 2017 Pinellas Community Housing Trust Fund Program Annual Report.
20. 2017 Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Year in Review Report.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

- 21. 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 \$1,414,215.00. Authority delegated to the County Administrator to approve additional grant funding for the program that may occur during the budget period of March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Public Works

- 22. Road transfer interlocal agreement with the City of Safety Harbor for the transfer of specific roadway segments.

Agreement approved transferring roadway segments as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the agreement; Clerk authorized to record the agreement, with exhibits, and the corresponding right-of-way map.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Real Estate Management

- 23. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of seven parcels consisting of nine tracts of vacant County-owned land in the Greater Ridgecrest area to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County for the construction of affordable housing.

Resolution No. 18-7 adopted pursuant to Section 125.38, Florida Statutes. County Administrator authorized to execute the legal instruments necessary for the conveyances, Chairman authorized to execute the County deeds, and the Clerk authorized to record the deeds and resolution.

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 Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

24. Exchange Agreement, Lease-Purchase Agreement, Ground Lease Reservation Agreement and Lease Agreement for New One-Stop South County Service Center.

Resolution No. 18-8 adopted authorizing execution of the abovementioned agreements with 2500 34th Street, LLC. The fiscal impact is as follows:

- Annual Lease expense for the:
 - Developer's property is estimated to be \$1,140,000.00.
 - Use of the entire County Property (Year 1) is estimated to be \$542,000.00.
 - Use of a portion of the County Property (Year 2) is estimated to be \$308,000.00.
- The estimated building purchase price is \$10,100,000.00.

Chairman authorized to sign the deed for the County property and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Woodard introduced the item, relating that Real Estate Management (REM) Director Andrew Pupke will provide a staff presentation; that Tax Collector Charles Thomas is in attendance; and that while Property Appraiser Mike Twitty is not in attendance, he has sent a letter in support of the item.

Mr. Pupke referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! South County One-Stop Service Center* and provided information regarding the replacement of the current center, relating that it will also be in the City of St. Petersburg. He discussed the current and proposed buildings, indicating that in 2015, REM received a request from the Tax Collector to relocate from 1800 66th Street North to another location in St. Petersburg; and that the Tax Collector is seeking a parcel that allows for an onsite driving course, a more conducive customer service area, and more public parking.

Mr. Thomas provided further information regarding the importance of moving to a new facility and requested that the members support the project. In response to queries by the members, he related that the facility would only be replacing the South County office; and that it has yet to be determined what will become of that location; whereupon, he briefly discussed the projected completion date.

Continuing with the presentation, Mr. Pupke discussed the search process for finding a suitable property, indicating that two developers had responded; that the 2500 34th Street North location had been chosen as the more appropriate project site; and that the members had directed that REM negotiate with the developer and subsequently bring forward a proposal regarding relocating the office; whereupon, referring to an aerial map and a site plan, Mr. Pupke pointed out the location of the subject parcel and reviewed the layout of the property.

Mr. Pupke provided information regarding the proposed transaction with respect to the land swap, the lease-to-purchase, and the lease-back of the existing service center; whereupon, he discussed budget impacts regarding the lease and provided a project timeline.

Commissioner Seel discussed the increased costs associated with leasing a building in addition to being responsible for operating expenses, and in response to her comments and queries, Mr. Pupke provided information regarding the rationale for the County not constructing the building, the ability of the development agreement to control costs, the intent of the Clerk to move to a mid-County location, and how the rental payment would be divided between the Tax Collector and the BCC, and Mr. Woodard provided input, relating that the capital costs that would go toward the purchase of the building would come from the Penny for Pinellas surtax.

In response to further queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Pupke indicated that the development agreement includes a financial breakdown of the project fee, which is based upon the total cost of the project, including the land; and that the fee is approximately \$636,000.00; whereupon, Commissioner Seel thanked Mr. Pupke and his staff for their due diligence and hard work.

In response to queries by Commissioner Justice and Chairman Welch, Mr. Pupke provided information regarding the construction phasing of the project, indicating that the developer has not shared any plans for the 66th Street property, and discussed existing operating costs for the current service center and how those costs would increase under the proposal; whereupon, he related that all information technology costs have been fully included in the building; and that Business Technology Services has been a part of the conversation.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 25. County Administrator Miscellaneous - None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 26. Outside Counsel Agreement with Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A. regarding potential opioid litigation.

Chairman authorized to execute the agreement.

Attorney White provided background information regarding the item, reporting that at the last meeting, the members had selected the Levin Papantonio Law Firm to provide legal services to Pinellas County regarding potential opioid litigation; and that her office had been directed to obtain more favorable terms, if possible. She presented information with regard to the revised terms, opining that they are very favorable to the County, and thanked Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell and Managing Assistant County Attorney Christy Pemberton for their hard work, and Chairman Welch provided input.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

- 27. County Attorney Miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Human Resources

- 28. Approval of ranking of firms and agreement with Personnel Solutions Plus, LLC for requirements of staff augmentation services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0388-P approved in an annual amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.00 (total amount, \$18,000,000.00). Contract is for a 60-month term commencing on April 1, 2018. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

29. County Administrator Reports:
- Budget Forecast FY19 - FY24
 - Land Development Code Update
 - Doing Things! TV - Lealman Community Campus

Mr. Woodard briefly discussed the three items to be presented under County Administrator Reports.

Budget Forecast FY19 - FY24

Jim Abernathy and Bill Berger, Office of Management and Budget, referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Budget Forecast: FY19 - FY24*, and discussed the following:

- Purpose of the Forecast; Forecast Document Overview
- Forecast Document - Assumptions
- Local Economic Outlook
- Tourist Development Tax Fund Forecast; Tourist Development Council Fund Forecast
- Sewer Fund, General Fund, and Emergency Medical Services Fund Forecasts
- Impact of Third Homestead Exemption - General Fund and EMS Fund
 - Potential Impacts to the Forecast
 - Ballot Language
 - Percent Eligible for Each Homestead Tier
 - Percent Eligible for Homestead Exemption
 - Estimated Fiscal Impacts; Balancing Strategies
- FY18 Service Enhancements
- Subsidized Services
- Citizens Guide to the Budget

Throughout the presentation, Messrs. Abernathy, Berger, and Woodard responded to queries by the members. Mr. Abernathy discussed the financial commitments and timeframes associated with Tourist Development Council Capital Project Funding and, referring to two charts, provided information relating to the Sewer Fund and General Fund Forecasts. Mr. Berger presented detailed information pertaining to the EMS reserves, millage, and cap, and the potential ramifications if the additional Homestead Exemption were to pass; whereupon, the members discussed quality of life issues and services that should be funded by the state or federal government, but are provided by Pinellas County in order to support the needs of the local community.

Land Development Code Update

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the item, indicating that the Land Development Code has not received a major update since 1990; that engineers, architects,

and local citizens have been involved in the process; and that the document is roughly 1,000 pages comprising ten chapters; whereupon, Planning Section Manager Scott Swearingen referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Land Development Code Update, The New Code*, and discussed the following:

- Objectives
- Pinellas County Strategic Plan
- Organization - Chapters
- Project Involvement
- Completion Strategy
- Noteworthy Modifications
- Moving Forward

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Swearingen provided additional information regarding the Board of Adjustment/Community Development Board and the post review process following adoption of the new Code; whereupon, he discussed the Federal Department of Transportation 3R process, relating that it stands for resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation; and that it will ensure that local roads are maintained properly.

Doing Things! TV - Lealman Community Campus

Mr. Woodard played a short video highlighting the new Lealman Community Campus.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

30. Public Comment.

Gerald Goen, Tarpon Springs, re climate change follow up/gun safety - submitted documents

Don Cocker, Pinellas County, re road construction/affordable housing

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Parkland: Under the gun constitutionally!

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re HB 7069, Black History Month

Reverend Kathleen Walter, Clearwater, re affordable housing

Bob Meehan, Clearwater, re Penny for Pinellas

Catherine Kristensen, Clearwater, re Penny money for affordable housing

Theo Benjamin, re affordable housing

In response to comments and queries by Mr. Goen, Chairman Welch related that the issue of gun safety will be discussed later in the meeting. Commissioner Long related that she is currently the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Chair and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Chair; that TBRPC has been working on initiatives related to sea level rise and climate sustainability; and that PSTA is working on two autonomous vehicle projects.

Chairman Welch responded to those who provided input regarding affordable housing and briefly discussed the Housing Trust Fund and Land Assembly Fund. He indicated that the

Housing Finance Authority and Habitat for Humanity had conducted presentations earlier in the meeting; and that he is willing to consider an ordinance pertaining to those Penny for Pinellas funds that would be utilized for affordable housing; whereupon, he discussed the importance of continued community involvement, noting that elections matter, and Commissioner Justice provided information regarding the initial request for an ordinance, and Commissioner Morroni provided input.

COUNTY COMMISSION

31. County Commission New Business Items:

- Reappointment of Dr. Thogmartin (Commissioner Welch)
- Crystal Beach Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funding request (Commissioner Eggers)
- CareerSource Pinellas Update (Commissioner Gerard)
- Public Safety - Input for Federal Delegation (BCC)

Reappointment of Dr. Thogmartin

Following consensus by the members, Chairman Welch related that he will submit his recommendation to reappoint Dr. Jon Thogmartin as Chief Medical Examiner to the Governor.

Crystal Beach MSTU funding request

Mr. Woodard related that the funding request came to Commissioner Eggers through the Crystal Beach Community Association; and that the Association is seeking \$32,650.00 for the construction of a gazebo. Referring to a mockup of the structure, he indicated that it would be erected on land owned by the County; and that staff would oversee the project to ensure that proper contracting and construction procedures are followed; whereupon, he discussed the amount of money available in the MSTU fund, relating that the request would draw down those funds by the amount of the project.

Commissioner Gerard indicated that she will support the project but wants to ensure that all communities across the county can take advantage of MSTU funding, not just those that have organized associations, and in response to her queries and those of Chairman Welch, Mr. Woodard agreed to provide a map and a spreadsheet regarding the spending of MSTU dollars.

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 Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

CareerSource Pinellas Update

Commissioner Gerard related that the CareerSource Tampa Bay Board of Directors voted yesterday to terminate President and CEO Ed Peachey and provide him with five months' severance pay; whereupon, she discussed a letter from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Inspector General and one from an anonymous individual with regard to the agency.

Commissioner Gerard related that she is not in favor of providing severance to Mr. Peachey; that Chairman Welch will be attending tomorrow's CareerSource Pinellas Board meeting on her behalf; that the Board received a very nasty letter from Mr. Peachey's attorney; and that she and Chairman Welch have received public records requests beyond anything to do with CareerSource.

Referring to the issue of Sunshine, Chairman Welch stated for the record that he had spoken with the following individuals before knowing that he would be attending tomorrow's Board meeting:

Jack Geller, CareerSource Pinellas Chair

Sandra Murman, CareerSource Tampa Bay Vice-Chairperson, Hillsborough County Commissioner

Kim Marston and Tom Bedwell, CareerSource Pinellas Executive Board members

Thereupon, Chairman Welch related that he and Mr. Geller had spoken about whether Mr. Peachey should be terminated with or without compensation; that he stated that Mr. Peachey should not be paid five months' severance at a cost of nearly \$150,000.00; and that he would state the same information at tomorrow's Board meeting; whereupon, he discussed the tactics that opposing counsel is using, in his view, to intimidate the Board members.

Chairman Welch reported that if the Executive Board votes to terminate Mr. Peachey with five months' severance, Mr. Marston intends to exercise an option to rescind the vote and bring the item before the full Board; whereupon, he reiterated that he will recommend termination with cause and no provision for severance, and Commissioner Gerard remarked that if the Board votes to provide severance, it should be held in abeyance until Mr. Peachey is cleared of all allegations, and discussion ensued.

Attorney White discussed the employment contract of Mr. Peachey, relating that because it expired in January and was not renewed, he would not be receiving severance but the settlement of a claim; and that because Florida is an at-will employment state, people can be terminated for any legal reason. In response to queries by Chairman Welch, Attorney White stated that she would be acting as the attorney for the County Commission; and that the CareerSource Board would require its own legal counsel, and discussion ensued with input by Commissioners Long and Justice.

Public Safety - Input for Federal Delegation

Chairman Welch indicated that during the recent joint County Commission and Federal Legislative Delegation meeting, Congressman Gus Bilirakis had requested that the Board offer recommendations to enhance public safety; whereupon, Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack presented issues regarding firearm safety for the members' consideration.

Following discussion, the members directed that a letter be sent to the Delegation with the following recommendations:

- Raise the age to 21 for all firearm purchases.
- Enact a ban on bump stocks.
- Require a universal background check on all firearm purchases, including purchases made at gun shows.
- Enact a ban on assault-style weapons, to include semi-automatic rifles that have a capacity to accept a detachable high-capacity magazine and are equipped with a pistol grip, including all AK, AR, and like models.
- Prohibit possession of firearms by individuals who are a threat to themselves or others as deemed necessary by a Judge.
- Utilize state and federal funding to provide for a minimum of one School Resource Officer at every school, without budget reductions to other critical school programs or resources.
- Use state and federal funding to invest in school hardening, without budget reductions to other critical school programs or resources.

In addition to the above recommendations, the members related that they are strongly opposed to arming school teachers with firearms.

32. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

The members reported on the activities of their assigned Boards and Committees and related or discussed the following items:

Commissioner Morroni

- The Value Adjustment Board met today, during which the final roll was approved; he was elected VAB Chair for 2018.
- The Pinellas Park Water Management District will meet on March 15; the Human Rights Board will meet on March 21.

- He provided the following update regarding Forward Pinellas:

The Regional Transit Feasibility Plan identified two corridors as having the greatest potential for catalyst projects.

Forward Pinellas staff presented proposed measures and targets for injuries and fatalities in Pinellas County for 2018.

The Board approved the Gateway Mid-County Master Plan Interlocal Agreement between the County and the Cities of Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg; the Board approved two amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Transportation Division Manager Sarah Ward retired after more than 32 years of service with the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Forward Pinellas.

He attended the Lealman Community Center Open House on Saturday.

His annual appreciation dinner for emergency personnel was held on February 17. The event attracted 560 people and raised over \$80,000.00, which was donated to Moffitt Cancer Center.

Commissioner Seel

- The Homeless Leadership Board will meet on Friday.
- She attended the Lealman Community Center Open House last Saturday and the Eco Fun Festival last Sunday.
- The Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) met last Friday. Tampa Bay Next and many residents from Seminole Heights and Tampa Bay Heights were in attendance. The attendees expressed a preference for either the Gold Standard Bus Rapid Transit or CSX Urban Rail. FDOT District 7 Director of Transportation David Gwynn had related that in order to look at CSX, all three Metropolitan Planning Organizations would have to agree that it was their number one project.

Commissioner Justice

- The Gulf Consortium met in Tallahassee in February and finalized the State Expenditure Plan for the consortium dollars. The plan now goes to the Governor's Office for review and public comment. The next Consortium meeting will be in Panama City in April.
- AARP provided a presentation to the Area Agency on Aging regarding age friendly communities.

- The next Historic Preservation Summit will occur on May 23 and is tentatively scheduled to take place at Stetson Law School. Finalization efforts continue regarding the annual review of Certified Local Government documentation.
- He thanked everyone involved in making the Lealman Community Center a reality.

Commissioner Long

- The TBARTA Board and the Policy Committee approved the job description for the new Executive Director. The agency is moving forward and seeking public engagement regarding the Transit Feasibility Study; it will be bringing a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting with regard to the recruitment process.
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) has begun its 2018 Spring Break Park and Ride Service between Downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach.
- PSTA will be voting on its Metropolitan Planning Organization representative on Wednesday. Following the Wednesday meeting, she will be returning with information regarding two pilot projects concerning autonomous vehicles.

Commissioner Gerard

- She attended the season kickoff of the Seminole Little League and a Citizens Alliance Project luncheon.
- Tampa Bay Water has been working through issues with regard to the City of Tampa wanting to build its own system for reclaimed water.

Chairman Welch

- The Tourist Development Council met last week; the County is still breaking records regarding the Bed Tax.
- Jeff Rohrs was selected as the permanent Business Technology Services Chief Information Officer at the February 12 BTS Board meeting.
- He thanked Commissioner Morroni for his 23 years of public safety dinners and banquets, noting that over \$500,000.00 has been raised for local organizations.
- He discussed the importance of the Lealman Community Center and the impact the Penny for Pinellas has to change communities.
- Commissioner Justice and he attended the In-Service Day for the BCC Departments, noting that the County Administrator received a standing ovation from the employees.

Meeting Recessed: 5:57 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:12 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

33. Q DA-02-01-18 (Premier Club Holdings, LLC)

A request for a second amendment of a previously approved development agreement to extend the duration of the development agreement for an additional five-year term, to provide additional time for the development of 71 multi-family residential units in four 6-story buildings with a building height up to 74 feet from finished floor elevation on Parcel A of the Feather Sound Golf Community containing approximately 6.4 acres located on the north side of Feather Sound Drive (street address being 2201 Feather Sound Drive) with the Development Agreement also including Parcels B & C totaling 14.3 acres (part of 02/30/16/00000/420/0100 & 01/30/16/00000/320/0200).

Resolution No. 18-9 adopted approving the development agreement extension. The Local Planning Agency (LPA) recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Woodard provided historical background information regarding the case, indicating that the original development agreement was approved in 2008, extended in 2012, and is before the members for an additional five-year extension; whereupon, he related that there are no changes to the terms or conditions of the agreement; that neighboring property owners were notified as per the standard process; and that the LPA unanimously recommended approval of the request, and Commissioner Morroni provided input.

In response to queries by Commissioners Justice and Morroni, Planning Department Zoning Manager Glenn Bailey discussed the various parcels that comprise the property and their respective development rights, indicating that the site plan would address parking, access, and similar issues; and that Parcel A contains 6.38 acres and is where the development is going to take place.

Mr. Bailey referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Case No. DA-02-01-18* and presented information regarding the request with respect to the subject area, the development agreement amendment, and the development agreement parameters. Referring to aerial and street level photographs, the Countywide Plan Map, and the concept plan, he pointed out the subject property and reviewed its layout; whereupon, he related that the proposed amendment is appropriate; and that both the LPA and County staff recommend its approval.

Dave Healey, Healey Consulting Services, related that he represents the applicant and provided further information concerning the request. He indicated that the second amendment would extend the development agreement to 2023; that the property has had several changes in ownership over the years; that the current owner is trying to retain the current clubhouse and still make the development work; and that the agreement would have to come back before the Board if any changes are made.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, John Peterpaul, Clearwater, presented his comments and concerns and responded to queries by the members.

In response to comments and queries by Chairman Welch and Commissioner Morroni, Mr. Bailey related that County Code requires notification to property owners within 200 feet of the subject parcel; that his office uses Property Appraiser records for those mailings; and that Mr. Peterpaul should have received notice; whereupon, Mr. Healey referred to the concept plan and pointed out the location of the four proposed condominium buildings, indicating that those buildings appear to be a couple hundred feet from Mr. Peterpaul's property. He reiterated that if the agreement is revised, it will need to come back to the members, and discussion ensued regarding distance considerations and notice requirements.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Bailey provided information regarding the location of the clubhouse and the tennis courts and how the County Code provides for minimum separation distances between multifamily and single-family residences; whereupon, Attorney White discussed the concept plan, indicating that the condominium building would need to be built in conformance with the plan as it currently stands or come back before the Board.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

34. Q Z-17-12-17 (Pinellas County)

A request for a zoning change from Preservation/Conservation to Resource-Based Recreation on approximately 12.4 acres located on the north side of Wilcox Road between Jackson Street and Pine Street in unincorporated Largo (second hearing).

Resolution No. 18-10 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Mr. Woodard stated that the zoning change would allow the area to be used for passive recreation in connection with the development of affordable housing in the Dansville community.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

ADJOURNMENT - 6:41 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman