

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 19, 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*

ROLL CALL - 2:02 P.M.

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

Others Present: Jewel White, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Jenny Masinovsky, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Chairman Welch.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Mosquito Control Awareness Week Proclamation:
 - Brian Lawton, Manager, Public Works
 - Glen-Paul Edson, Assistant Operations Manager, Public Works
 - Kevin Schnorr, Lead Spray Technician, Public Works
 - Diana Novich, Entomology Assistant, Public Works

Chairman Welch discussed the threat of mosquito-borne diseases and collective efforts to increase public education and awareness of the health benefits associated with safe mosquito-control methods and read a proclamation recognizing the week of June 24 through June 30, 2018, as Mosquito Control Awareness Week, and Messrs. Lawton and Edson thanked the Board and Mosquito Control staff.

In response to query by Chairman Welch, Mr. Lawton related that homeowners can “tip and toss” water-collecting items around their home to reduce breeding areas and limit exposure to diseases.

2. Clearwater Bar Association’s Law Day Poster Exhibition and Contest:
 - David R. Ellis, P.A.

Chairman Welch presented information regarding the Law Day celebration, noting that Pinellas County students in Grades 3 through 12 participated in various activities; that third and fourth graders were asked to enter a poster incorporating the theme, *Separation of Powers, Three Equal Branches*; and that all entries are on display in the Courthouse lobby; whereupon, contest co-chairs David Ellis and Shelly Beach presented awards to the winners for first, second, and third place in each grade, noting that posters were received from three schools.

Mr. Ellis thanked the Board for recognizing the students and Mr. Woodard for approving the exhibition.

3. Partner Presentation:

Pinellas County Prepares - 2018 Hurricane Season

- David Halstead, Interim Director, Emergency Management
- Rahim Harji, Assistant County Administrator
- Bryan Zumwalt, Director, Office of Technology and Innovation
- Barbra Hernandez, Director, Marketing and Communications

Chairman Welch introduced Emergency Management Interim Director David Halstead and provided information regarding his professional background, noting that he will serve during the search for a permanent director. Mr. Halstead related that the 2018 hurricane season started June 1; and that the *All-Hazards Preparedness Guide* has been distributed, noting the importance of having an emergency plan and toolkit in place.

Referring to a presentation titled *Doing Things! Pinellas County Prepares: 2018 Hurricane Season*, Messrs. Halstead, Harji, and Zumwalt and Ms. Hernandez provided information regarding the hurricane season, Emergency Management operations, public infrastructure improvements, special needs shelter registration and *Ready Pinellas* technological advancements, and public education campaign activities. They responded to queries by the members throughout the presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4 through 26 (Items 5, 19, and 25 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**4. Vouchers and bills paid from May 13 through May 19, 2018.**

Period: May 13 through May 19, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$11,156,789.23

Payroll - \$3,502,842.38

Reports received for filing:

6. Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended March 31, 2018.**7. Dock Fee Report for the month of May 2018.**

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

8. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for the Towns of Belleair and Kenneth City and the Cities of Gulfport, Safety Harbor, South Pasadena, Indian Rocks Beach, St. Pete Beach, and Treasure Island for the purpose of providing insurance through Public Risk Management of Florida Health Trust, together with an Affidavit of Authenticity.
9. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 9105-18, 9108-18, 9111-18, 9117-18, 9120-18, and 9126-18 and Ordinances Nos. 9134-18, 9137-18, and 9140-18 adopted April 4 and May 3, 2018, respectively, annexing certain properties.
10. City of Oldsmar Ordinance No. 2018-05 adopted May 15, 2018, annexing certain property.
11. City of Safety Harbor Ordinance No. 2018-09 adopted May 23, 2018, annexing certain property.
12. City of Tarpon Springs Ordinance No. 2018-11 adopted May 8, 2018, annexing certain property.
13. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes of the meeting held February 8, 2018.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

14. Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for security system upgrades at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.
(FDOT Financial Project No. 440692-1-94-01; Contract No. G0V03; County CIP No. 001583A) Agreement in the amount of \$437,500.00 approved. Chairman authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest.
15. Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Customs and Border Protection improvements at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.
(FDOT Financial Project No. 442214-1-94-01; Contract No. G0V04; County CIP No. 002878A) Agreement the amount of \$800,000.00 approved. Chairman authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest.

County Administrator

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

Public Works

17. Grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment pilot program for funding in the amount of \$7 million.

Application approved. County to provide \$9.31 million in matching funds through the use of current and planned Capital Improvement Projects funded between the County and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Purchasing

18. Award of bid to Smith Industries, Inc. d/b/a Smith Fence Company for a fencing materials and installation contract for the Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative.

Contract No. 178-0122-B in the annual amount of \$833,609.52 (total amount, \$4,168,047.60) awarded on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a term of five years and provides for price adjustments as set forth in the Staff Report.

Real Estate Management

20. Ranking of firms and agreement with Manhattan Construction (Florida) Inc., for professional design-build services pertaining to the St. Petersburg Justice Center Courts Consolidation Project.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0496-N, Phase 1, approved in the amount of \$636,927.00 (including \$30,000.00 in owner contingency). Contract is for a term of eight consecutive calendar months from the Notice to Proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

21. Award of bid to Clocktower Tax Credits, LLC for brokerage services pertaining to the sale of tax credits.

Contract No. 178-0192-B in the amount of \$305,321.04 awarded on the basis of being the most responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications in the form of the best combined net revenue to the County. County Administrator authorized to execute subsequent agreements for state tax credits between the County and the Purchaser. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Solid Waste

22. Ranking of firms and agreement with Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. pertaining to the landfill operations of Bridgeway Acres.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0517-P approved in the annual amount of \$12,400,000.00 (total amount, \$124,000,000.00, including \$1,000,000.00 in contingency funds). Contract is for a

term of ten years commencing on August 26, 2018, and provides for one three-year term extension, subject to mutual agreement by the parties. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

- 23.** Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc for the Roadway, Sidewalk and Drainage Improvement project at the Waste-to-Energy Facility.

Contract No. 178-0147-CP (PID No. 001602A) in the amount of \$1,115,390.25 approved on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 280 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

- 24.** Award of bid to Miller Pipeline, LLC for Pump Station #119 - Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation with Cured in Place Pipe Lining, Polyvinyl Chloride, and Chemical Joint Grouting project.

Bid No. 178-0216-CP (PID No. 002791B) in the amount of \$504,100.00 awarded on the basis of being the only responsive bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days from the Notice to Proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 26.** Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Brian Pawlik v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-002893-CI-8 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 5.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2018-11 dated May 24, 2018 - Audit of Pinellas County Capital Improvement Program and Infrastructure - Utilities.

Commissioner Eggers indicated that the report cites several opportunities for improvement, and requested that a summary of responses to date be provided at a future meeting, noting that the information will help monitor progress toward meeting the goals and objectives of the program.

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

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

Purchasing

19. Award of bid to Keystone Excavators Inc. for the Wall Springs Park Coastal Additions project.

Bid No. 178-0208-CP (PID No. 000062A) in the amount of \$3,487,186.40 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie referred to aerial photographs showing the park layout and provided a brief overview of the project. Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, he pointed out the location of the elevated observation deck and Camp Wai Lani.

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

Utilities

25. Award of bid to QRC, Inc. for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 potable water and reclaimed water repair services.

Bid No.178-0234-CP (PID No. 2246C) in the amount of \$1,982,480.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodward related that the contract sets forth negotiated unit pricing for anticipated expenditures; and that work orders are issued as specific needs are identified; whereupon, Utilities Engineering Director Kevin Becotte explained that a work order contract facilitates faster completion of repairs, particularly in emergency situations.

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

27. Agreement with the Sixth Judicial Circuit for the Drug Court Expansion Division Z program.

Agreement in the amount of \$599,928.00 approved providing program funding for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Planning

28. Resolutions granting ad valorem tax exemptions for four historic properties located within the cities of St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs.

Resolutions Nos. 18-31 through 18-34 adopted granting the exemptions, as follows:

- 18-31 136 19th Avenue Northeast, St. Petersburg, a contributing property to the North Shore Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- 18-32 449 11th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, a contributing property to the Round Lake Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- 18-33 312 East Tarpon Avenue, Tarpon Springs, a contributing property to the Tarpon Springs Historic District and to the National Register of Historic Places.
- 18-34 160 Read Street, Tarpon Springs, a contributing property to the Tarpon Springs Historic District and to the National Register of Historic Places.

Exemptions are valid for a period of ten years beginning on January 1, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2027. Chairman authorized to sign the tax exemption covenants and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

CareerSource Pinellas

29. Program Year 2018-2019 Planning Budget for WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas.

Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2018, approved for submission to the State Workforce Board.

CareerSource Pinellas Interim Director Jennifer Brackney referred to the Transition Update information included in the presentation titled *Program Year 2018 - 2019 CareerSource Pinellas Planning Budget* and presented a timeline of transition activity, noting that she has been meeting on a regular basis with CareerSource Tampa Bay Interim Director Juditte Dorcy and Hillsborough County staff; that a tentative July 1 separation date was set; that multiple issues arose requiring that a request be made for an extension to September 1; and that the Executive Committee requested more clarification and additional commitment from staff before approving the extension.

Ms. Brackney provided information regarding the current staff, staffing plans, transition impacts and strategies, pending decisions, and staff alignment, and discussed issues that must be finalized before moving forward, noting that continuity of services to customers and staff is important to ensure the successful separation of the two organizations; and that the next CareerSource Pinellas Board meeting is on June 27. Referring to the upcoming retirement of the Human Resources Director, she noted plans to work with a consultant to review current HR activities, best practices, compensation and benefits, and business service incentives, and discussed preparations to have the agency's auditor review internal controls, relating that she hopes to present a report at the next Board meeting.

Following the presentation and in response to queries by the members, Ms. Brackney presented a brief update pertaining to the Science Center, and discussion ensued regarding the building's structural integrity, maintenance, renovations, expenditure plans, debt-service, revenue sources, leasing opportunities, building ownership, organizational structure and reconfiguration, operations, and partnerships.

Responding to queries by Chairman Welch, Attorney White reported that the governance model and best practice study and interlocal agreement update are underway; that she discussed the related issues and the urgency of the project with the consultant; and that a report should be brought forth soon.

In response to comment and query by Commissioner Seel, Ms. Brackney agreed to coordinate a meeting with AmSkills and CareerSource Pinellas to look into partnership opportunities.

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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

30. County Administrator Miscellaneous - None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

31. County Attorney Miscellaneous - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

32. County Administrator Reports:
- Inlet Management Study for Bunces Pass and Pass-A-Grille Inlets
 - Florida Amendment #1 (Additional Homestead Exemption) - Impact on Pinellas County
 - Doing Things! TV - Emergency Management Plan/Hurricane Safety Plan

Inlet Management Study for Bunces Pass and Pass-A-Grille Inlets

Mr. Woodard introduced the item, noting that the results of the Inlet Management Study, commissioned in 2015, have been much-awaited; whereupon, Environmental Management Division Director Kelli H. Levy referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Bunces Pass and Pass-A-Grille Inlet Management Study*, which has been made a part of the record, and indicated that the study was initiated to determine why excessive erosion is taking place at Mullet Key, also known as North Beach at Fort De Soto Park; that it provided an opportunity for development of a formal Inlet Management Plan with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP); that North Shell Key Pass was later added to the scope of the study to determine why it had closed; and that Mullet Key and Shell Key will be the focus of today's presentation.

Ms. Levy introduced Dr. Ping Wang, Coastal Research Laboratory, University of South Florida, who conducted the study. Dr. Wang identified its focus areas as (1) erosion and mitigation of Mullet Key Beach and (2) stability of North Shell Key Pass; whereupon, he continued the PowerPoint presentation, discussing the following: how inlets work and interact with adjacent beaches, purpose and uses of the study, the evolution of Shell Key, developing a sediment budget for each of the studied areas, and an Alternatives Analysis for Pass-A-Grille and Bunces Pass regarding beach nourishment sand sources and the reopening of North Shell Key Pass.

Dr. Wang and Ms. Levy presented the research findings, discussed next steps in the process, and responded to queries by the members, highlighting the following:

- At least 85 percent of Florida beach erosion is caused by inlets as they affect the natural movement of sand. Balanced sediment budget and dredging recommendations to the FDEP are based on the assessment of the interaction of inlets and beaches.

- Erosion of North Mullet Key is part of the natural sandbar attachment cycle, with the next attachment expected in 3 to 5 years; no infrastructure is being threatened, and significant beach growth will occur.
- Real estate development on Tierra Verde in the early 1970s did not contribute to the formation of Shell Key.
- Shell Key beach erosion and migration of its sand north and east landward led to the closure of North Shell Key Pass. Shell Key is very young and shoaling of the pass is a part of its formation process. Upham Beach nourishment did not have a significant impact on the pass closure, as its sands were accounted for elsewhere.
- Alternatives 8, 9, and 10 for reopening of the pass will involve initial and regular dredging to clear and maintain the opening; although Alternative 11 for a narrow connector channel would require no future maintenance, it would have an adverse impact on the environment.
- The coastal areas, including Shell Key, Mullet Key, and Pass-A-Grille, are gaining sand. Bunces Pass has been stable over the years and currently has a very strong tidal flow. Natural processes in the area should be allowed to continue.
- "Irma Pass," which opened up in the Shell Key Preserve area after Hurricane Irma, is significant and will be monitored for impacts relating to navigability and water circulation. It is possible to navigate through the pass during high tide and with an appropriately sized vessel. (Ms. Levy referred to a map of the Shell Key area showing how it can be navigated at the present time.)
- The Shell Key Management Plan Update will be finalized, discussed with the public, presented to the BCC, and submitted to the FDEP.
- Current data does not show an aggressive sediment accumulation trend in the Grand Canal area.

Responding to query by Chairman Welch, Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie indicated that presentation of the study and discussion of the final Shell Key Management Plan Update with residents of Tierra Verde will take place in August.

During discussion regarding Alternative 11 and responding to queries by the members, Ms. Levy indicated that in addition to County policies opposing new dredging, a review by the FDEP clearly indicates a lack of support for any dredging in the area, including the channel, because it would significantly impact the extensive sea grasses inhabited by nesting birds and turtles; and that obtaining required permitting would be very challenging.

Dr. Wang opined that the FDEP comments focused mainly on the Pass-A-Grille area; whereupon, he explained that North Shell Key Pass is not experiencing an increase in tidal flow due to the nearby inlets, and Ms. Levy emphasized that Shell Key is part of a greater ebb shoal in Tampa Bay, noting that the island gains a substantial amount of sand from offshore.

Mr. Woodard reiterated that the data showing various quantities of sand needed for nourishment from 1975 to 2014 reflects the unpredictability of the systems where dynamic forces are at play; that obtaining a permit from the State for reopening North Shell Key Pass as proposed by Alternatives 8 through 10 would be highly unlikely because of the need for repetitive dredging; and that while the connector channel proposed through Alternative 11 would provide a lasting passage, the costs of mitigating the environmental impacts could amount to millions of dollars over time, and Ms. Levy agreed, stressing that state regulations with regard to aquatic preserves are very restrictive.

Florida Amendment #1 (Additional Homestead Exemption) - Impact on Pinellas County

Mr. Woodard introduced a presentation regarding the Amendment 1 public education and information campaign, relating that it was created by Marketing and Communications in partnership with the Property Appraiser's Office and regional public information officers to ensure that voters are educated for the upcoming November referendum; and that upon receiving feedback from the members, staff will embark upon the campaign in collaboration with the Board and the elected officials at the municipal and state levels.

Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Florida Amendment 1 Impact on Pinellas County*, which has been made a part of the record, and related that the amendment would add a third homestead property tax exemption, which would be based on the assessed property value and apply to approximately one-third of the County's residential properties. He and Kevin McKeon, Property Appraiser's Office, provided detailed information regarding the exemption, including eligibility, impact on the residents and the County as a whole, and possible balancing strategies, noting that it is projected to result in a loss of \$42.5 million annually in tax revenue to support essential public services; whereupon, Mr. McKeon invited residents to check whether their property would qualify for any benefit under the exemption using an estimator tool available on the Property Appraiser's website.

Noting that there will be several amendments to be considered in the referendum, Mr. Berger provided information regarding Amendment 2 pertaining to a permanent 10-percent cap limiting property tax increases for non-homestead properties.

Mr. Berger stressed the importance of understanding the amendments and their effects and making educated decisions at the voting polls, and noted that both amendments would require 60-percent approval to pass and take effect on January 1, 2019; whereupon, he displayed a handout summarizing information regarding Amendment 1 that will be distributed to the public.

In response to queries by Chairman Welch, Marketing and Communications Director Barbra Hernandez discussed the multifaceted approach to disseminating information regarding the amendments to the public, noting that it will be similar to the process used during the Penny for Pinellas educational campaign. Mr. Woodard indicated that he had discussions with the Sheriff and the Clerk of the Circuit Court, who have expressed willingness to assist in getting the information out; and that staff plans to formally reach out to Constitutional Officers and municipal partners after today's presentation; whereupon, Chairman Welch reiterated the importance of informing the public, given the significance of the impact, and indicated his support of the approach that staff has developed to do so.

Doing Things! TV - Emergency Management Plan/Hurricane Safety Plan

At the request of Mr. Woodard, staff played a video highlighting the proactive collaborative efforts undertaken by the County toward preparedness for the hurricane season, including training staff and providing information to the citizens.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

33. Public Comment.

Greg Pound, Largo, re Truth

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Home Rule Charter interlocal "Nuclear" Agreement - submitted documents

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Please Repeal HB7069

COUNTY COMMISSION

34. Agreement with Southern Strategy Group of Tampa, LLC for State Governmental Relations Services.

Contract No. 178-0174-P approved in the annual amount of \$78,000.00 (total amount, \$156,000.000). Contract is for a 24-month term effective July 1, 2018, and provides for one 24-month extension. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack named the team members to be representing the County, and Messrs. Woodard and Lowack indicated where the names can be found in the Staff Report and backup materials. Attorney White provided input, indicating that the contract includes a provision giving the County the right to approve all personnel that will be performing services.

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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

35. Appointments to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the item, indicating that pursuant to recent legislation taking effect on July 1, the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB), formerly an independent agency with a board as its governing body, has been made a County department under the County Administrator; however, the Special Act does retain the Licensing Board.

Mr. Woodard noted that applications for PCCLB membership are included in the agenda packet, and requested that the Commissioners select 15 board members today, indicating that the remaining vacancies would be filled on a going-forward basis; whereupon, he noted that Glenn Wardell is the director of the new County department and is present in the audience.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Wardell clarified that because some membership categories do not have nominations, there would be a total of 11 members to be selected today from the pool of qualifying candidates, confirming that 11 will constitute a quorum, and Mr. Woodard provided information regarding the process utilized in soliciting applications, speculating that unwillingness to serve on the board may be attributed to the recent negative press coverage relating to PCCLB.

The following members from the corresponding categories were appointed for four-year terms following a ballot vote:

David Olivieri - *North County Building Official*
Michael Rodde - *Fire Official*
Justin R. Zinzow - *Consumer Representative*
Daniel J. Melker - *Consumer Representative*
Alan Holderith - *General Contractor*
Laurance P. Dickie - *Architect*
Ernest N. Lashlee - *Residential Contractor*
S. Douglas Erwin - *Electrical Contractor*
Marina P. Kron - *Mechanical or Class A Air Conditioning Contractor*
James I. Housh - *Roofing or Sheet Metal Contractor*
Michael E. Kelly - *Swimming Pool, Aluminum or Veneer Specialty Contractor*

36. Appointment to the Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation District (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Mark Strickland was appointed to complete the current term expiring on November 2, 2020 following a ballot vote.

37. Appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Responding to query by Chairman Welch, Attorney White confirmed that it is appropriate for the Commissioners to provide input regarding the candidates, and brief discussion ensued. Commissioner Eggers related that municipal library directors suggested selecting a candidate to represent the unincorporated areas.

Following a ballot vote resulting in a three-way tie and a subsequent brief discussion relating to the selection process, Commissioner Seel moved that Lynne E. Faimalie be appointed to the Cooperative; Commissioner Long moved that Chairman Welch make the appointment; and Commissioner Eggers moved that Danna Wilson be appointed, and Commissioner Justice seconded. Chairman Welch noted that Commissioner Seel's motion preceded that of Commissioner Eggers; whereupon, Commissioner Long seconded the motion that Lynne E. Faimalie be appointed to fulfill an existing term expiring September 30, 2019, and the motion carried unanimously.

Responding to query by Commissioner Long, Chairman Welch indicated that appointees for all the boards considered today will receive notification of their appointments.

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

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

38. Appointments to WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Economic Development Director Mike Meidel referred to a list included in the agenda packet and provided an update regarding the CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors, indicating that of the 35 current members, 23, including Commissioner Gerard, will continue serving, and 13 members' terms will expire on June 30; and that there is a maximum of 45 seats.

Mr. Meidel related that eight members need to be appointed today for a total 31-member board in order to comply with state and federal law; and that there are four required membership categories, noting that the number of appointments made in one category will impact the number of required appointments in others.

Responding to query by Chairman Welch, Mr. Meidel discussed quorum requirements; whereupon, he provided information regarding the candidates and guidance to the Commissioners during the selection process.

Discussion ensued following a ballot vote resulting in a three-way tie among *Workforce* category candidates Ronald Morgan, Kenneth Williams, and Winthrop Newton. Commissioner Long reviewed the credentials of Mr. Williams; whereupon, responding to query by Chairman Welch, Commissioner Justice moved that Mr. Morgan be appointed to the Board; Commissioner Long moved that Mr. Williams be appointed; and Commissioner Eggers moved that Mr. Newton be appointed; however, the motions died for lack of seconds, and the selection was made by means of an additional ballot vote.

The following appointments were made in the corresponding categories.

Celeste Fernandez - *Government, Economic Development, Community Development, and Other*

Rebecca Sarlo - *Education and Training*

Greg "Jack" Jarrell, Russell Leggette, Ronald Morgan, and Kenneth Williams - *Workforce*
David Fetkenher, Vivian Amadeo, Justin Bean, James England, Kay McKenzie, Scott Wagman, and Glenn Willocks - *Business*

39. County Commission New Business Items:

- Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) Funding Request - Tierra Verde Community Association (Commissioner Justice)
- Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition/Compact Signing (Commissioner Long)
- CareerSource Pinellas Update (Commissioner Gerard)

MSTU Funding Request - Tierra Verde Community Association

Commissioner Justice proposed that the Board support the Tierra Verde Community Association funding request for the installation of an LED sign at the association complex in the amount of up to \$20,000.00.

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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition/Compact Signing

Referring to a draft of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Creating the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition included in the agenda packet, Commissioner Long briefly discussed the ongoing efforts by various community organizations and committees within the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) to educate community partners regarding mitigation of the climate change effects associated with sea-level rise.

Commissioner Long indicated that adoption of the MOU by the participating governments of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties and the municipalities within does not commit them to any action other than coordinated mitigation activities to ensure public safety. She noted that the MOU is crafted to appeal to all participating regional representatives in the coalition, including those who have doubts regarding sea-level rise; whereupon, she requested input from the Commissioners concerning the MOU and action regarding its adoption, to be taken at the next BCC meeting, in order to proceed with the proposal.

Responding to queries by the members, Commissioner Long indicated that the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition will be analogous to the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact; that all stakeholders and elected officials will be meeting for annual

updates; that the participating counties are in the process of reviewing the document; and that more information on the topic of sea-level rise is available. Commissioner Eggers remarked that most of the regional representatives agree that sea-level rise is an issue, but have varying opinions regarding its magnitude; and that it is important for all to participate in the discussion.

In response to queries by Chairman Welch, Environmental Management Division Director Kelli H. Levy discussed the efforts undertaken with regard to development of the resiliency action plan proposed in Section 3 of the MOU, stressing the importance of working together and indicating that plan implementation will be led by the TBRPC, and Commissioner Long stated that she will provide additional information regarding the groups involved in the process to the Commissioners.

Chairman Welch provided positive feedback regarding the MOU, noting the importance of science-based decisions and holding the coalition members harmless of fiscal impacts; whereupon, he recognized that Pinellas would be the County most impacted by sea-level rise.

CareerSource Pinellas Update

Commissioner Gerard provided an update regarding CareerSource Pinellas and responded to queries by Commissioner Eggers, indicating that an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee meeting will take place on June 21 to select new officers; and that there is a concentrated effort to move more discussions from the Executive Committee level to the Board of Directors.

40. 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 Justice

- Presented information regarding recent and upcoming activities of the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas and the Gulf Consortium.
- Reported on attending recent community events, including opening of the Community Health Center of Pinellas at Lealman, Keep Pinellas Beautiful Annual Awards and Recognition Luncheon, and the Business of Pride event at Palladium Theater.
- Expressed a desire to attend tomorrow's Tourist Development Council (TDC) meeting, and brief discussion regarding the meeting agenda topics and presentations ensued. Chairman Welch indicated that he will forward a presentation regarding the impact of tourism on transportation to the members.

- Extended condolences to the family of local community activist and veteran William Walker.

Commissioner Long

- Discussed recent and upcoming activities of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority.
- TBARTA Executive Director Ramond Chiamonte plans to resign shortly and run for a seat on the Hillsborough County Commission.
- Noted an effort by the Florida Department of Transportation to ensure completion of projects allowing for better connectivity of Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.
- An express bus service was launched from Largo to Tampa International Airport.

Commissioner Gerard

- Provided information concerning the Health and Human Services Leadership Board, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Pinellas Park Water Management District, Value Adjustment Board, and Youth Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Eggers

- Reported on the recent and the upcoming activities of the Tampa Bay Water Board, Pinellas Schools Collaborative, School Transportation Safety Committee, and Forward Pinellas.
- Attended the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce Public Policy and Business Development Meeting.
- Related that Lindsay Ball was elected President of the Crystal Beach Community Association.
- Indicated that he will travel to Toronto to unofficially represent the Commission, noting that he will self-finance the trip.

Commissioner Seel

- Provided information regarding the Early Learning Coalition.

Commissioner Welch

- Thanked the leaders and sponsors of Write Field, indicating that it is an organization

mentoring middle school boys and noting that he was a keynote speaker at this year's graduation event.

- Indicated that Capital Funding Guidelines, including an out-of-cycle request from the City of Clearwater, will be discussed at tomorrow's TDC workshop. Mr. Woodard provided input and recommendations regarding the current TDC capital funding process, and discussion ensued.
- Provided an update relating to the search for the new County Administrator.

Meeting Recessed: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:10 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

- 41.** Resolution approving the FY 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan and authorizing actions related to the administration and operation of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs.

Resolution No. 18-35 adopted approving the plan and authorizing its submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Chairman or designee authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest applications, certifications, and HUD Grant Agreements, Specific Performance Agreements and Land Use Restriction Agreements, and Amendments; Chairman or designee authorized to sign Request for Release of Funds and Authority to Use Grant Funds; County Administrator or designee authorized to execute Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, and Land Use Restriction Agreements; Planning Director or designee authorized to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Review Online System; Planning Department Director or designee authorized to sign and file necessary forms, reports, and other administrative documents; and Planning Department authorized to hold a Needs Assessment/Performance Review Public Hearing in the first quarter of 2019 on behalf of the Board.

No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Gerard indicated that she would abstain from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest, and in accordance with the provisions of the Standards of Conduct Law, she submitted a Memorandum of Voting Conflict form, which has been made a part of the record.

Mr. Woodard related that annual adoption of an Action Plan is required by the federal government in order to qualify for up to approximately \$5 million of grant funding, noting that details of the proposed projects are included in the agenda packet.

In response to query by Commissioner Seel, Community Development Division Manager Bruce Bussey indicated that the Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds will be administered through the Community Development Division of the County Planning Department and not through the Homeless Leadership Board (HLB), noting that the County coordinates with the HLB; and that the funds would be used for a short-term rental assistance program.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

- 42.** Petition of Michael D. Mastry and Haines Road Holdings, and Mike's Haines Road Holdings to vacate a portion of a three-foot-wide public utility easement within Lots 1 through 10 and Lots 59 through 63, Block 1, Grove Park Vista Subdivision, Plat Book 12, Pages 8 through 10, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, lying in Section 2/31/16 and a portion of an alley lying and being within Lots 1 through 15 and Lots 60 through 63, Block 1, Grove Park Vista Subdivision, Plat Book 12, Pages 8 through 10, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, in Section 2/31/16. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Resolution No. 18-36 adopted granting the petition. Clerk authorized to attest and record the resolution. Letters of no objection received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Woodard provided an overview of the request; whereupon, he informed the Board of an administrative error made in the Notice of Public Hearing, which captured 10 of 15 lots involved in the vacation request; whereupon, he indicated that staff recommends that the Board consider the petition as advertised today; and that a separate action be taken with regard to the remaining lots at a later date.

In response to query by Commissioner Seel, Planning Department Zoning Manager Glenn Bailey indicated that the subject property is currently zoned C-2, General Retail Commercial, and upon the Chairman's call for the applicant's representative, Don Mastry, St. Petersburg, referred to an aerial photograph of the subject property and discussed the background and the basis for the proposal, noting that the Board had recently approved changes resulting in the current zoning and land use classifications; that the proposal is consistent with the intent of the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area where the property is located; and that the area would be improved.

In response to queries by the members, Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke referred to a sketch of the subject property and pointed out the location of the lots that were omitted from the advertisement, indicating that a public hearing regarding them will be set as soon as possible. Commissioner Eggers noted that he is supportive of the request, but expressed concern about taking two separate actions on a request pertaining to one large property, questioning the necessity of moving forward today. Mr. Pupke related that the staff recommendation is based on accommodating the public and the applicant appearing at today's hearing, in light of the late discovery of the error; whereupon, he addressed a question by Commissioner Seel regarding potential road improvements in the area.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

43. Q Z/LU-07-05-18 (Tin Danh)

A request for a zoning change from R-4, One Two and Three Family Residential to C-2, General Retail Commercial and Limited Services and a land use change from Residential Urban to Commercial General on approximately 0.10 acre located on the west side of 40th Street North, approximately 90 feet south of 54th Avenue North in Lealman (a portion of 03/31/16/51048/041/0130).

Resolution 18-37 adopted approving the zoning change and Ordinance 18-26 adopted changing the land use designation. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. One letter of objection has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Mr. Woodard noted that the subject property is located within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area.

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

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

44. LU-08-05-18 (BDG 39th Ave., LLC and BDG SR64, LLC)

A request for a land use change from Residential/Office/Retail to Commercial General on approximately 3.93 acres located at 10125 Ulmerton Road in unincorporated Largo.

Ordinance 18-27 adopted changing the land use designation. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

In response to query by Commissioner Gerard, Ronald Weaver, Tampa, indicated that he is the applicant's representative, confirmed that the subject site currently contains an Achieva

Credit Union, and described its location and the surrounding properties. Responding to Commissioner Seel's concern regarding potentially exacerbating the existing traffic issues in the area, Mr. Weaver discussed the proposal, indicating that it involves a 120-room hotel; that the purpose of the request is to increase the allowable density from 30 to 40 units per acre; and that because the associated traffic flow would be spread out and not concentrated in peak hours, it would not be substantially different than what would be allowed under the current land use.

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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

45. Q Z-09-05-18 (Susan Carol Watson and Mary Lou Tillman)

A request for a zoning change from RM-7.5, Residential, Multiple Family, 7.5 units per acre to R-5, Urban Residential on approximately 2.11 acres located at 2840 Summerdale Drive in unincorporated Clearwater.

Resolution 18-38 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT - 6:34 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk