

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 9:33 A.M.

Present: 6 - Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch
Absent: 1 - John Morroni

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; Lynn Abbott, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk; and Tony Fabrizio, Board Reporter.

INVOCATION by Reverend Randall Hehr with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Clearwater**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Presentations and awards:**

Thank You for Doing Business: Mercury Medical

Manufacturing Month Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Partner Presentation:

Forward Pinellas - Whit Blanton, Executive Director

Thank You for Doing Business Recognition: Mercury Medical

Plaque presented to Mercury Medical Executive Vice President of Business Development George Howe and Director of Marketing Deborah Olson. Chairman Justice provided background information about the company, noting that it was founded locally in 1963, and Economic Development Director Mike Meidel cited the importance of the medical device industry to the County's manufacturing sector.

Manufacturing Month Proclamation

Proclamation presented to Bay Area Manufacturing Association Executive Director Becky Jo Burton and Director Dennis Piotrowski. Chairman Justice provided background information on manufacturing in the county and read a proclamation recognizing October 2016 as Florida Manufacturing Month and October 7, 2016 as Florida Manufacturing Day.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Proclamation presented to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) Interim Executive Director Suzanne Horn. Chairman Justice read a proclamation recognizing October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, noting that CASA has provided support, safety, and advocacy to domestic violence survivors and their children for more than 35 years.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Calling forward Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County staff members Valerie Lee, Lisa Field, Tina Walker, and Monique Whitaker, Chairman Justice provided a brief overview of the Department's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and presented a proclamation recognizing October 2016 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Partner Presentation: Forward Pinellas - Whit Blanton, Executive Director

Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton and Board Chairman Jim Kennedy conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *A Regional Decision-Making Process for Tampa Bay*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record.

Following opening comments, Messrs. Blanton and Kennedy briefly discussed the merger of the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to form Forward Pinellas, noting that the organization and its Board of 13 elected officials is charged with addressing countywide land use and transportation concerns, and also works with other agencies to integrate transportation and land use solutions. Mr. Kennedy related that Forward Pinellas has been focusing on the Planning Emphasis Areas of enhancing beach access, improving connectivity in the Gateway Area, and creating a vision for the U.S. Highway 19 corridor.

Mr. Kennedy provided background information on the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group, noting that its membership includes three representatives from each of the Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco MPO Boards; and that the group's role is to speak as one voice to address regional transportation priorities; whereupon, he discussed the need for coordination among the myriad agencies and funding sources in the three-county area.

Mr. Blanton indicated that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing a new rule that would require that all MPOs in an urbanized area merge within a single metropolitan planning area, noting that the rule has an option that would allow MPOs to remain separate but create one set of planning products, including a Long Range Transportation Plan. He indicated that there may or may not be a final rule, as the federal government has bowed to the overwhelmingly negative comments and strong pushback from MPOs around the country and extended the time period to comment on the rule. He stated that Forward Pinellas provided comments, but has not taken a

formal position; whereupon, he suggested that Forward Pinellas work in conjunction with the Hillsborough and Pasco County MPOs to develop a single Long Range Transportation Plan regardless of whether the federal rule is enacted.

Mr. Blanton pointed out some upcoming transportation milestones in the three-county area, including completion of the Tampa Bay Premium Transit Study in 2018; whereupon, he proposed that a Regional Governance Study be conducted, and reviewed the process and considerations involved.

Concluding the PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Blanton gave a brief overview of Forward Pinellas's new Complete Streets program aimed at making roadways safer and more accessible for all modes of transportation, noting that funding will be provided to local governments for planning, design, and construction; and that applications are due in mid-December.

Commissioner Long referenced a memorandum dated October 7, 2016 that she sent to the commissioners and provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *A Regional Decision-Making Process for Tampa Bay*, which have been filed and made a part of the record. She gave an overview of her concept of a new government model for the region, the Regional Council of Governments, and indicated that the Board of Directors would consist of elected officials and others from Pinellas, Pasco, and Hillsborough Counties who would serve as the forum for regional decision-making on affordable housing, economic development, land use and redevelopment, and transportation.

Commissioner Long discussed how the Regional Council of Governments would address transportation, and indicated that she is proposing the following:

- The Council would function as the region's consolidated MPO and serve as the forum for regional decision-making.
- The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) would morph into the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC), as TBARTA is not financially sustainable and the two entities share the same missions, goals, and objectives.
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) would be combined.
- The Council would be similar to the TMA group already in place, except that TMA has no authority and no funding mechanism.

Thereupon, Commissioner Long asked that (1) the BCC send a letter to the federal government on the proposed federal rule and (2) add the item to its legislative package and join her in advocating that the Legislative Delegation make creating a Regional Council of Governments for the three counties a priority issue.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Commissioner Long confirmed that the PPC, Planning Commission, TBARTA, and the TBRPC would all become part of the

Regional Council of Governments, and discussion ensued with Mr. Blanton providing input regarding federal and state membership requirements for some of the entities and urging close attention to the details.

Commissioner Seel indicated that she supports regionalizing the three MPOs, but is concerned that this concept would create a large, unwieldy bureaucratic organization; whereupon, she suggested that the idea be forwarded to the TMA Leadership Group. She recommended bringing together the commissioners from the three counties and all the mayors, stating that she would prefer that it not be added to the legislative platform without the concurrence of the other leaders in the region.

Citing the Sunshine Law, Commissioner Long related that she has not been able to share the concept with her fellow commissioners, but has discussed it with many leaders in the region, including Senator Jack Latvala and most other members of the Legislative Delegation, former County Commissioner Susan Latvala, TBARTA Chairman Ray Chiaramonte, and TBRPC Executive Director Sean Sullivan; that the plan is a compilation of the ideas of dozens of people from the region; and that it would reduce the bureaucracy, save money in many areas, and focus on a single vision of better transportation throughout the region; whereupon, she lamented that while many millions of dollars come into the area, the funding is not directed toward that vision.

Commissioner Seel agreed that the number of agencies needs to be reduced, and expressed concern regarding the Legislative Delegation becoming involved before consensus is reached among the elected officials in the region, and Commissioner Gerard concurred; whereupon, Commissioner Long indicated that most of the agencies would have to be dissolved by legislative action since they were created by legislative act, except for the TMA. Commissioner Welch indicated that he supports moving forward, and suggested that the next step be getting consensus from all involved.

Discussion ensued regarding sending comments to the federal government about the proposed federal rule, and Commissioner Seel indicated that she would support the BCC writing a letter, as the comments from the MPO were not as regional as she would prefer. Commissioner Welch indicated that he does not want the integrated planning and land use functions to be impacted, and Mr. Kennedy confirmed that the comments from the MPO addressed the issue. Commissioner Eggers expressed support for a regional issue-based discussion and concern that the concept would end in a new regional taxing entity.

Thereupon, Chairman Justice directed that Vice-Chairman Long (1) work with staff to compose comments regarding the proposed new federal rule, (2) work with staff to plan a workshop on the issue, and (3) plan a meeting with the commissioners of the three counties. He indicated that the decision on whether to add the item to the legislative agenda would be made at a later meeting; and that he would add the issue to a future agenda.

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.

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

2. Case No. CW 16-23 - City of Clearwater

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public, Preservation and Recreation/Open Space to Public/Semi-Public, Retail and Services, Preservation, Recreation/Open Space and Residential Low Medium.

Ordinance No. 16-50 adopted approving Case No. 16-23. 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 Vice-Chairman Long, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrioni

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. Petition of Joseph and Eva Fuchs to vacate a portion of Beach Parkway right-of-way (legislative hearing).

Resolution No. 16-75 adopted granting the petition. Authority granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended that the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, Attorney Martin Awerbach, Clearwater, appeared and stated that he represents the petitioners.

Responding to the concerns of the Commissioners regarding the size of the vacation, Attorney Awerbach and Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke displayed a map and pointed out Beach Parkway, the property, and the portion to be vacated. They indicated that the vacation is being requested because a 36-inch County sewer pipe is inhibiting development of the property; that the owner wishes to build a single-family house to sell; that if the vacation is granted, the owner will grant an easement to the County so it can properly maintain the sewer pipe; and that similar vacations have been granted on the Parkway.

County Attorney Bennett, Senior Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell, and County Administrator Woodard provided historical information about the property and recent litigation, noting that Beach Parkway has its origin in a 106-year-old plat that has created issues regarding whether the pipeline actually lies within the easement; that the Fuchs in their litigation disputed the existence of the right-of-way; that as part of the settlement agreement, the Fuchs have already given the County an easement across the centerline of the pipe, wherever it lies on their property; that the easement given as part of the settlement will become null and void unless the vacation is granted; and that County Code would prohibit building a permanent structure on top of a County easement, and should one be built without a permit, it would be subject to being removed by injunction.

During discussion and in response to queries by the members, Mr. Pupke and Attorney Crowell indicated that the property owner has maintained the property; that the docks shown on the map are private and belong to the property owner; and that the property is not being used as public access to the beach, and no public access exists in the area.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

4. Ordinance amending County Code relating to emergency medical services and non-medical transportation of non-ambulatory persons.

Ordinance No. 16-51 adopted approving updates to County Code Chapter 54. Twelve letters in support of the ordinance have been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard related that Sunstar would continue to provide the Basic Life Support services. He discussed the emergency and nonemergency fee schedule and indicated that there would be an approximately 8-percent discount off of the Advanced Life Support transport fee, noting that 26 percent of the transports are nonemergency; and that the price incentive will likely reduce pressure on the County's emergency response capability and emphasize Basic Life Support.

EMS and Fire Administration Director Craig Hare confirmed that BayCare submitted a letter of support and, responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, related that the amendment currently pertains only to interfacility transports; and that the EMS Advisory Council Medical Control Board will decide whether the ordinance could be applied to 9-1-1 calls once the system is active.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

5. Ordinance establishing Foreclosed Property Registration procedures.

Ordinance No. 16-52 adopted as amended. One letter of concern regarding the proposed ordinance has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Development Review Services & Code Enforcement Department, Planning Department*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Development Review Services Director Blake Lyon provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, noting its alignment with the Strategic Plan. He indicated that consideration was given to a letter received from the Pinellas Realtor Organization, which may result in minor modifications to the draft ordinance.

Mr. Lyon reviewed the framework of the ordinance and related that it provides for a registration of properties on which a mortgage foreclosure has been filed; that it will not address abandoned properties; that an annual registration fee is required, and the fee structure will be addressed through a separate resolution; and that staff recommends that an outside service provider be procured to build and maintain the registry.

Mr. Lyon suggested that the proposed ordinance be modified in response to concerns of the Pinellas Realtor Organization to reflect that registration is required within 30 days after the foreclosure has been filed, rather than 10.

During discussion and responding to queries by the members, Mr. Lyon related that the mortgagee must have the property inspected within 10 days of becoming a mortgagee in possession; that the inspection process must occur every 60 days until the property no longer qualifies as a foreclosure; that the separate resolution will address the Realtors' concerns regarding the fees; and that the ordinance will only apply to the unincorporated areas of the county.

Mr. Lyon provided details of how the ordinance would affect a neighborhood and related that relief could be expected within three to six months, noting that 12 of the 24 municipalities in Pinellas County already have an ordinance. He discussed the term "structural rehabilitation program" and explained that properties with structural damage would be repaired using the funds generated by the registration fee; whereupon, in response to the concerns of Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard clarified that if repairs were made on private property using the fund, the County would seek reimbursement from the financial institution.

Commissioner Eggers requested that staff continue to seek ways to include abandoned properties in the ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that the item be approved as amended, changing the requirement for registration to 30 days after a foreclosure proceeding has been filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

6. Ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the County Code relating to animals.

Item deferred to a future meeting. Four emails in support of and 15 emails in opposition to the proposed ordinance have been received.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Pinellas County Animal Services*, which has been filed and made a part of the record, Animal Services Director Doug Brightwell reviewed the ordinance and explained that some of the definitions were changed and some requirements were added to provide clarification, augmentation, or standardization within the County Code and/or state statutes. He described the significant changes to the section pertaining to pet dealers, clarified the section on irresponsible owners regarding bite incidents, and related that language regarding striking or interfering with a law enforcement animal was deleted as it is covered under state statute.

In response to queries by Chairman Justice and Commissioner Welch, Mr. Brightwell indicated that the changes to the section on breeding will provide additional options for breeders and staff, make enforcement easier, and provide better protection to the animals and the customers, noting that the annual breeder's permit will cost \$150, include "hobby" breeders, and provide for an inspection.

Commissioner Eggers expressed concern that legitimate owners and businesses will be penalized and irresponsible owners will escape detection; that there is no way to distinguish between good and bad breeders; and that notice was not sufficient to allow for community input; whereupon, Mr. Brightwell described the steps taken to ensure that the public was informed of the changes and how input was gathered.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Brightwell explained how the ordinance addresses excessive barking. He related that the ordinance does not apply to unintended litters or circumstances where the animals are given away, noting that non-profit organizations such as the Humane Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are exempt from permitting; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers suggested that the ordinance be deferred due to the volume of last-minute community input and the difficulty with monitoring and enforcement.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Brightwell confirmed that ordinance violation penalties range from approximately \$150 for a first-time offense and escalate to a maximum of \$500; and clarified that dog trainers who do not board animals would not

be subject to permitting requirements. He discussed the difficulty of requiring male parents to be neutered, and agreed with the suggestion of Commissioner Seel that requiring advertisements to include permit numbers would be a good way to track non-compliant breeders once the permitting process has been finalized.

In response to queries by Commissioners Long, Gerard, and Eggers, Mr. Brightwell discussed the requirements for registration and inspection, and opined that the ordinance would not necessitate additional Code Enforcement staff.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals expressed their opposition to the ordinance and responded to queries by the members:

Susan Smith, Brooksville, Florida Association of Kennel Clubs President
Jana Simons, Seminole
Patricia Lichtenberger, St. Petersburg
Lori Landis, Seminole
Diane Miles, Pinellas Park
George Mesmer, Clearwater
Colleen Janssen, Clearwater
Kerrie Kuper, St. Petersburg
Daniel Stolz, San Antonio, FL, Clearwater Kennel Club President
Greg Pound, Largo

Several of the objectors suggested that the County create an Animal Advisory Committee, and members of the local Kennel Clubs offered their assistance. Concerns expressed by the objectors included:

Confusing definition of pet dealer.
Forced animal sterilization.
Multiple violations of Constitutional rights.
Protection already provided by Pet Lemon Law and buyer beware caveat.
Insufficient public notification and community input.
Lack of education re responsible breeding practices.
Vague and confusing language.
Responsible breeders penalized.
Current ordinance is sufficient.

The following individuals expressed their support for the ordinance and responded to queries by the members:

Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg
Stacey Hannouche, Clearwater, Humane Society of Pinellas
Scott Riley, St. Petersburg, SPCA Tampa Bay
Dan Hester, Seminole

Arguments in support of the ordinance included:

Dog breeding is a business, and most businesses require permits.
Would help solve problems regarding dog fighting and trafficking.
Provides for breeding standards and a process to enforce the law.
Would provide animal welfare and overpopulation protection.
Breeding-restrictive ordinances adopted in many Florida municipalities.

During discussion, Commissioner Eggers reiterated his concerns that insufficient notification was provided, suggested that the Board gather additional community input, and proposed that the Board create an Animal Advisory Board, as suggested by the Kennel Club members. Commissioner Welch discussed the current ordinance, proposed a higher level of enforcement, provided input regarding inspection criteria, and related that additional clarification of the ordinance and cleanup is necessary, noting his agreement with staff's intent, and Commissioner Long concurred; whereupon, Mr. Brightwell indicated that the ordinance will remain unenforceable unless it is rewritten.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long that the item be approved, with the caveat that staff reach out to the objectors to alleviate their concerns. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Gerard reiterated her concerns and requested that the Board convene a committee to discuss standards and capture public input in order to provide the proper oversight to protect the animals and consumers; whereupon, she recommended that further communication and community buy-in be sought before presenting the item for a vote, and Commissioner Seel concurred.

Mr. Woodard stated that the consensus of the Board is clear; and that staff will reengage community partners to address their concerns and offer another ordinance by the beginning of next year, and Commissioner Seel agreed with the timeline; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers reiterated that an Animal Advisory Board should be created, and Commissioner Seel concurred.

Mr. Brightwell and Attorney Bennett queried whether the Board would support codifying the guidelines today without making the changes to the definitions; whereupon, Chairman Justice indicated that the Board would not approve the item in any form today.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

7. Public comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re "ad hoc" water district levy
James McLynas, Indian Shores, re Sheriff Gualtieri
Greg Pound, Largo, re truth

Meeting Recessed: 1:01 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 1:35 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 8 through 18 (Items 15 and 17 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

8. Minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 2016.

Reports received for filing:

9. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarter ended December 31, 2015.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

10. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8914-16, 8917-16, 8920-16, and 8926-16 adopted September 1, 2016, annexing certain properties.
11. Southwest Florida Water Management District Fiscal Year 2017 schedule of meetings and a map depicting the District's boundaries.
12. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District public meeting schedule for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

13. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant award to expand and enhance Veterans Treatment Court.

Three-year grant award and corresponding Statement of Assurance approved for funding in the amount of \$975,000.00 (\$325,000.00 per year); no County match required.

14. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant award for Elevate:

Raising Problem Solving to Another Level.

Grant award and corresponding Statement of Assurance approved for year two funding in the amount of \$324,978.00; no County match required.

Real Estate Management

16. Declare surplus and authorize the sale of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

Excluding any interested governmental or not-for-profit agencies, assets to be liquidated through public auction conducted by GovDeals.com under provisions of the existing contract. Proceeds from the sale of miscellaneous equipment to be distributed to the General Fund, and the sale of designated computer equipment to the Business Technology Services Fund.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

18. Official acceptance of the Countywide Plan Map Adjustment submitted by the City of Safety Harbor.

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

Public Works

15. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on October 25, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance amending Section 170-199 of the County Land Development Code related to concrete paver and clay brick driveways in residential areas.

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard confirmed that the date for the public hearing has been changed from November 22 to October 25.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Real Estate Management

17. Purchase authorization for requirements of heavy and light duty vehicles and equipment.

Contract No. 167-0019-PB approved for a total expenditure not to exceed \$7,868,506.00 pursuant to the pricing, terms, and conditions of the following contracts:

1. Florida Sheriff's Association / Florida Association of Counties (FSA/FAC) contracts: police-rated, administrative, utility vehicles, trucks and vans, and heavy equipment.
2. National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA): heavy and utility equipment.
3. Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC).
4. U.S. Communities (USC) Government Purchasing Alliance.
5. Various State of Florida, Department of Management Services (DMS), vehicles, equipment and fleet contracts.

Commissioner Eggers requested a summary of the purchases, along with some historical background, noting that the cost seemed high to him. Mr. Woodard related that the item is brought to the Board annually; that this year's contract authorizes the purchase of \$7.9 million worth of rolling stock; and that the purchases are either budgeted in the County's vehicle replacement plan or, in the case of new, non-replacement equipment, in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard confirmed that this year's cost is higher than it would have been because the County is catching up on vehicle replacements deferred during the recession. He indicated that the recession provided an opportunity to "right-size" the fleet appropriate to needs; that there will always be some variability in the vehicle replacement plan; and that the budget will not be impacted because vehicle replacement is accomplished through a sinking fund to which monies are contributed in advance.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

19. Award of bid to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC for the Taxiway Rehabilitation Project - Phase 2 at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (companion to items 20 and 21).

Bid No. 156-0282-CP (PID No. 000036A) in the amount of \$8,388,100.80 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 360 consecutive calendar days.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 20. Second Amendment to the agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for construction administration services for the Taxiway Rehabilitation Project - Phase 2 at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (companion to items 19 and 21).

Amendment to Contract No.112-0413-CN approved increasing the amount by \$192,800.00 (including \$17,000.00 contingency) and extending the term through October 21, 2018; total revised estimated expenditure, \$1,088,359.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 21. Agreement with AVCON, Inc. for consultant services for the Taxiway Rehabilitation Project - Phase 2 at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (companion to items 19 and 20).

Contract No. 112-0413-CN approved in the amount of \$463,214.00, including owner contingency not to exceed \$30,000.00. Contract term is 600 consecutive calendar days, with a provision for one 12-month extension. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Convention and Visitors Bureau

22. Award of contract to Tourism Marketing Partnership for marketing services - United Kingdom, Ireland, and Scandinavia.

Contract No. 156-0386-LI approved for total expenditures not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 through September 30, 2021. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

23. Award of contract to Marion S. Wolf, d/b/a MSWolf Marketing, for marketing services - Central Europe.

Contract No. 156-0389-LI approved for expenditures not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 through September 30, 2021. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

24. Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Miles Partnership, LLLP (f/k/a Miles Media Group, LLLP) for technology marketing requirements on behalf of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Amendment to Contract No. 112-0250-P approved increasing the amount by \$375,000.00 and extending the term for three months through December 31, 2016; revised estimated expenditure, \$4,447,212.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Referring to the items approved under the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) heading, Commissioner Eggers requested a summary of the results of the marketing efforts.

CVB Deputy Director Tim Ramsberger related that visitation from Central European countries has increased 44.1 percent from 2010 to 2015; and that the CVB anticipates a 3.5 percent increase in hotel room sales during Fiscal Year 2017. Mr. Woodard indicated that the goal in marketing to the United Kingdom (UK), Ireland, and Scandinavia is to grow market share from those areas by 3.5 percent in the coming year; whereupon, Mr. Ramsberger noted that the County saw a 15.5-percent increase in market share from that region between 2010 and 2015.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Ramsberger indicated that bed tax revenues are rising in part because of tourism from the UK and Central Europe; that sales representatives are critical in helping the CVB understand where to concentrate its efforts; and that current challenges facing Florida are not expected to slow tourism. Chairman Justice added that many of the European markets still have storefront travel agencies, noting that the CVB's relationship with those businesses is incredibly important.

Human Services

25. Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund Grant Recommendations and Agreement to fund seven non-profit agencies.

Recommendations submitted by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board approved for distribution of \$53,000.00 among seven projects, as set forth in the Staff Report. Grant agreement with the listed agencies approved.

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

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

26. County Administrator miscellaneous:
FY 2016 Board Budget Amendment No. 11 for unanticipated expenditures due to Hurricane

Hermine.

Budget Amendment approved appropriating funds from emergency reserves within the General, Emergency Medical Services, Building Services, Airport Revenue and Operating, Solid Waste Revenue and Operating, Water Revenue and Operating, and Sewer Revenue and Operating funds.

Mr. Woodard indicated that the \$1.8 million in expenditures are detailed in the budget amendment; and that the amendment will create a "very clean" audit trail, which will optimize the County's opportunities to seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ATTORNEY

27. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

28. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointments of Kenneth City Mayor Wanda Dudley and Dunedin Mayor Julie Bujalski as Mayors' Council representatives.

Responding to query by Commissioner Long, Attorney Bennett confirmed that Mayor Bujalski is qualified for the appointment even though she is up for re-election and indicated that if she is not re-elected, the Board could deal with that at the appropriate time.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

29. County Administrator reports:
Animal Welfare Trust Fund Community Reimbursement Grants
Workforce Development.

Animal Welfare Trust Fund Community Reimbursement Grants

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and a new program utilizing Trust Fund revenue to provide mini-grants to community partners.

Animal Services Director Doug Brightwell gave an overview of the program, noting that the mini-grants help nonprofit partners provide low income citizens with such pet services as vaccines, heartworm tests for dogs, leukemia tests for cats, and sterilization. He related that \$49,800 has been allocated to the program for Fiscal Year 2017; that the grants have been set up in three categories (Preventive Care, Sterilization, and Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return); and that the community partners awarded one or more grants for this year are the Humane Society of Pinellas, MEOW Now, Operation SNIP, Pet Pal Animal Shelter, Rescue Pink, and SPCA Tampa Bay.

Workforce Development

Mr. Woodard and Director of Human Resources Holly Schoenherr conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Workforce Development*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. Citing Goal No. 1 of the County's Strategic Plan, Creating a Quality Workforce in a Positive, Supportive Organization, Mr. Woodard noted the importance of the County's nearly 32,000 employees in realizing its goals and vision.

Referring to a chart depicting the demographic breakdown of the County's workforce, Ms. Schoenherr related that the data came from an Equal Employment Opportunity plan submitted by the Office of Human Rights in 2015; that it reflects the portion of the workforce that falls under the Board of County Commissioners; and that while the County is doing well in several areas, the report shows that women in certain jobs and Asians and Hispanics are under-represented among classified employees.

Responding to queries by the Commissioners, Ms. Schoenherr and Mr. Woodard indicated that qualifications such as college degrees and certifications are factored into the populations used to compile the statistics; that the labor market information comes from the federal census; that the Office of Human Rights submits its statistics to the federal government biannually; that research reflecting trends in County workforce demographics will be made available to the Board; and that the Protective Services job category includes animal control officers, firefighters, and consumer protection

investigators, but not the Sheriff's Office.

Marketing and Communications Director Barbra Hernandez related that the County's talent recruiting efforts include community outreach, marketing programs, specialized information/educational materials, and partnerships. Responding to a comment by Commissioner Gerard, she indicated that her staff has sought input from the Youth Advisory Committee for a marketing brochure that is being developed for Millennials. At the request of Commissioner Long, she related in Spanish three reasons why Hispanics would want to work for Pinellas County Government; whereupon, Mr. Woodard pointed out that staff has produced a Spanish-language brochure outlining the County's Strategic Plan.

Workforce Development Manager Jack Loring, responding to query by Commissioner Seel, indicated that the County has employees who are involved in mentoring children in the Take Stock in Children program; that he would like to do more to develop the program; and that he will be meeting next week with a representative of the AMskills program to discuss establishing student internships.

Award of Department of Transportation SUN Trail Program Grant

Mr. Woodard related that the Florida Department of Transportation has awarded the County a Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Grant of \$5.7 million for Phase 2 of the Pinellas Trail Loop from John Chesnut Sr. Park to Enterprise Road and \$1.4 million for improvements where the Courtney Campbell Causeway meets Bayshore Boulevard.

Commissioner Seel thanked Brian Smith of the Florida Greenways and Trail Council for his advocacy and noted that the \$1.4 million portion will fund preliminary design and engineering for a trail overpass over State Road 60.

COUNTY COMMISSION

30. Appointments to the Tourist Development Council.

Trisha Rodriguez was appointed, and Timothy R. Bogott, Jen Carlisle, and Anthony Satterfield were reappointed following a ballot vote.

Later in the meeting, Managing Assistant County Attorney Michael Zas related that Ms. Carlisle and Ms. Rodriguez have waivable conflicts of interest; and that the Board previously waived a conflict for Ms. Carlisle.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Chairman Justice

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

31. Appointments to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc.

Carl Lavender, Jr. and Yolanda Roman appointed following a ballot vote.

32. County Commission miscellaneous.

Commissioner Seel

- Distributed a Forward Pinellas agenda item regarding the Federal Highway Administration Notice of Proposed Rulemaking pertaining to Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform.

Commissioner Eggers

- Thanked Mr. Woodard and Utilities Director Randi Kim and staff for their hard work to repair the sewer line break in Palm Harbor.
- Thanked Tarpon Springs for the ceremony last week honoring former Congressman Mike Bilirakis.
- Thanked Jerry Custin and the Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association for hosting a banquet last week in Oldsmar.
- Thanked David Downing for a tour of the Tourist Development Council offices.
- Announced that focus group meetings will take place on October 24 and November 15 regarding the Downtown Palm Harbor Master Plan.

Commissioner Welch

- Discussed his participation on the Sheriff's Juvenile Crime Task Force and potential grant funding to support case management services for youth, and requested that the Commission write a letter of support or add the matter to its list of legislative priorities, and discussion ensued.
- Provided an update on the WorkNet/CareerSource Pinellas issue discussed in his September 20 memorandum and at the September 27 BCC meeting, noting that the WorkNet/CareerSource Executive Board and Audit Committee met last week regarding termination of the audit firm's contract, stating for the record that he feels that the Audit Committee was misled. He indicated that an ad-hoc committee would

be formed to "clean up" the By-Laws and Interlocal Agreement with the County to address various issues. Lengthy discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the members that Commissioner Welch request financial information for the Science Center and move forward with the ad-hoc committee to address Commissioners' concerns.

Commissioner Gerard

- Requested that the Youth Advisory Committee's appointment to the Parks and Conservation Advisory Board be approved.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Commissioner Long

- Indicated that Chairman Justice will be on stage at the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club meeting on Thursday, October 13.
- Related that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority has received a \$500,000 Mobility Transit Sandbox Grant.
- Reminded everyone that Chairman Justice's task force on the countywide sewer system will meet at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 17 in the Digitorium on the Seminole Campus of St. Petersburg College.
- Wished her daughter, Anissa, a happy birthday.

Chairman Justice

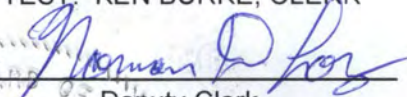
- Invited discussion on whether the County should consider issuing a moratorium on granting permits for new medical marijuana dispensaries, noting that Hillsborough County has taken that step in advance of the November 8 election. Following discussion and input by Mr. Woodard, Assistant County Administrator Jake Stowers, and Attorney Bennett, the members indicated general agreement that they would explore the matter at a future work session.

ADJOURNMENT - 3:08 P.M.



Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 

Deputy Clerk

