

# **Pinellas County**

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

**2:00 PM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

**ROLL CALL - 2:01 P.M.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - John Morroni

**Others Present:** Jewel White, Interim County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Christopher Bartlett, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

**INVOCATION by Reverend Wayne A. Robinson, Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in St. Petersburg****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Doing Things! Employee Recognition: Evelyn Esteva-Stephens, Finance and Accounting Analyst, Office of Management & Budget.

Chairman Long and Mr. Woodard recognized Finance and Accounting Analyst Evelyn Esteva-Stephens, relating that she is a 14-year financial services employee who assists departments with budget monitoring and development and demonstrates a positive attitude and a willingness to go above and beyond to help her coworkers; whereupon, a video was shown highlighting the services she provides.

2. National Park and Recreation Month Proclamation.

Chairman Long called Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie to the podium, along with Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board Chairman Mathew Eberius and Vice-Chairman Janet Martin, and presented them with a Proclamation recognizing July as National Park and Recreation Month; whereupon, the honorees thanked the Board and staff for their continued support.

Mr. Cozzie reminded everyone that the grand opening of the Coast-to-Coast Connector Trail will be held on July 20, 2017, at 9:30 A.M. at the southeast corner of Keystone and East Lake Roads.

3. Tampa Bay Business Journal 2017 Business of Pride Award, Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater.

Chairman Long congratulated David Downing, President and CEO of Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater, for the organization receiving the Business of Pride Award, relating that it was recognized for working to advance LGBTQ+ equality by including imagery and messaging in its mainstream marketing placements and its presenting sponsorship of St. Pete Pride, the largest celebration of its kind in Florida; whereupon, Mr. Downing thanked the Journal for the recognition and the Board for its support. He discussed the agency's objective to reflect diversity in destination advertising, noting the dedicated use of Tampa Bay residents in its television ads.

4. Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, Office of Management & Budget.

Chairman Long congratulated Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger, Budget and Finance Management Analysts Fredricka Jones and Don Mello, and team members for the organization receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award in recognition of the development of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. She presented information relating to specific criteria that was met and the outstanding ratings received; whereupon, Mr. Berger acknowledged the great work and coordination of Ms. Jones and Mr. Mello and thanked the Board, stakeholders, and staff members for their support and contributions.

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 33 (Item 21 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meetings held June 6 and June 20, 2017.
6. Vouchers and bills paid from May 28 through June 17, 2017.

Period: May 28 through June 3, 2017

Payroll - \$3,319,348.73

Accounts Payable - \$51,940,546.07

Period: June 4 through June 10, 2017

Payroll - None

Accounts Payable - \$11,551,474.51

Period: June 11 through June 17, 2017

Payroll - \$3,382,670.10

Accounts Payable - \$25,198,952.75

## Reports received for filing:

7. Pinellas County, Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Annual Financial Report, and Citizens' Guide to County Finances for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2016.
8. Southwest Florida Water Management District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2016.

## Miscellaneous items received for filing:

9. City of Clearwater Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for the Clearwater Beach Transit Facility, adopted by the City Council on April 6, 2017.
10. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 9005-17, 9019-17, 9022-17, and 9025-17 adopted June 1, 2017, annexing certain properties.
11. City of Dunedin Notice of Public Hearing to be held August 24, 2017, regarding proposed Ordinance No. 17-16 annexing certain property.
12. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, pursuant to Chapter 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

13. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending June 30, 2017.
14. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2017.

Development Review Services

15. Plat of Seminole Oaks for approval and recording.

Economic Development

16. Authority to advertise a Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act public hearing to be held on August 15, 2017, on behalf of Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc. for the proposed issuance of a Hillsborough County Industrial Development Authority Industrial Development Revenue Note, Series 2017.

Human Services

17. Approval of ranking of firms and Agreement with Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc. to provide system teams for the Rapid Rehousing Program. (companion item to no.18)

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0134-P approved in an average annual amount of \$363,162.80 for a term of five years commencing upon approval through September 30, 2021 (total contract amount not to exceed \$1,815,814.00). Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

18. Approval of ranking of firms and agreement with 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. to provide fiscal administration of the Rapid Rehousing Program. (companion item to no. 17)

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0135-P approved in the amount of \$711,201.00 for a term of five years commencing upon full execution by all parties. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Public Works

19. Ranking of firms and agreement with Waterfront Property Services, LLC dba Gator Dredging for permit modification and other professional services (Phase I) for the Lake Seminole Hydraulic Dredging Restoration Project. (companion item to no. 36)

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 156-0316-P approved in the amount of \$668,670.00 for a term of 12 months. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

20. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Clearwater for utility work associated with the Lake Avenue Culvert Replacement Project from Barry Avenue to Jeffords Street along Lake Avenue.

County Project No. 002125A. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Real Estate Management

22. Award of bid to Geyen Group South, Inc. for requirements of carpet cleaning services at various County buildings.

Bid No. 167-0216-B in an annual amount of \$265,355.00 (total amount, \$1,326,775.00) awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a term of 60 months and includes a provision for price adjustments at 12-month intervals as set forth in the Staff Report.

Bid from Cintas Corporation rejected on the basis of being non-responsive for not meeting bid requirements.

23. Award of bid to Kimszal Contracting, Inc. for requirements of interior painting services.

Bid No. 167-0296-B in an annual amount of \$322,750.00 (total amount, \$1,613,750.00) awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a term of 60 months and includes a provision for price adjustments at 12-month intervals as set forth in the Staff Report.

#### Safety and Emergency Services

24. Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - LIFELINE and Med Trans West.

Certificates issued in accordance with Chapter 54, Pinellas County Code, and Section 401.25, Florida Statutes. Chairman authorized to sign the certificates.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

25. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Andy G. Strickland v. Board of Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida - Circuit Civil Case No. 17-003622-CI-19 - action for declaratory judgment.
26. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of KLA Industries, Inc., a Foreign Profit Corporation v. Zachary J. Burns, Stratus Search, LLC, a Florida limited liability company and Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 17-003199-CI - constitutional challenge to the wage theft ordinance.
27. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Tina Lord and Walter Lord, her husband v. Pinellas County, et al. - Circuit Civil Case No. 17-001424-CI-15 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
28. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Teresa Kelly v. Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 16-005695-CI-19 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
29. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Walter E. Clark v. Pinellas County - US District Court, Middle District Case No. 8:17-CV-667-T-35-MAP - allegations of a violation of the Fair Housing Act.
30. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Noell Family, LLC v. Anthony Lollis, Patricia Lollis, and Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No.16-007492-CI - inverse condemnation.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

- 31. Official acceptance of the Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by the City of Clearwater.  
Map adjustment received and accepted, as recommended by Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council.

Sheriff's Office

- 32. Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending June 30, 2017.
- 33. Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending June 30, 2017.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Real Estate Management

- 21. Ranking of firms and authorization for staff to negotiate an agreement with the number one ranked firm, Creative Contractors, Inc., for professional design build services for the Courts Consolidation Project.

Contract No. 167-0160-NC. Ranking of firms approved and authorization granted to negotiate an agreement in an estimated amount of \$55,680,000.00.

In response to requests by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard explained that the contract covers the first of two phases of the Courts Consolidation Project and reported that the Phase 1 project scope includes new construction, renovations, and security upgrades at the Pinellas County Justice Center, noting that construction of a 1,000 space structured parking deck has been completed. He related that the second phase includes the renovation of floors two, three, and four at the St. Petersburg Courthouse and will be a separate construction project brought back to the Board in the future.

Mr. Woodard further explained that the County's purchasing ordinance was revised to reflect a scoring provision for bids that will ensure a rotation of contracts awarded among contractors, noting that an additional 50 points is awarded to firms that have not been awarded a contract in the amount of \$1 million or more for the last two fiscal years.

Responding to a request by Commissioner Seel, Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke presented a proposed timeline for the design and construction of the Justice Center project, noting that he will bring back a design proposal outlining the layout within the next four to six weeks.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Economic Development

**34.** Resolution approving B7060136103 as a Qualified Applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program.

Resolution No. 17-38 adopted approving Project B7060136103 as a Qualified Applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local county financial support (total local contribution amount, \$72,000.00, 50 percent of which will be paid by Pinellas County, to be paid over a series of fiscal years as determined by the State).

Mr. Woodard related that the project seeks to create 60 jobs with pay levels of at least 150 percent of the State of Florida average annual wage; and that Pinellas County is competing with locations in Georgia, Texas, and California.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni



Management and Budget

35. Fiscal Year 2017 Board Budget Amendment No. 3 to realign appropriation from the General Government cost center to the Supervisor of Elections cost center within the General Fund.

Amendment approved realigning \$245,000.00 for costs associated with Bilingual Language Compliance as required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, as enacted by Congress.

In response to query by Chairman Long, Mr. Woodard confirmed the amount, relating that the cost of compliance will be recurring, but it is anticipated to be a lesser amount going forward.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Public Works

36. Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Lake Seminole Dredging Project. (companion item to no. 19)

SWFWMD Agreement No. 10C00000082-A, Contract No. N191 (County PID No. 000157A) approved updating the original agreement dated June 1, 2010, and extending the expiration date from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2024. There is no change to the associated funding amount. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

37. Resolution supporting the honorary Roadway Designation of a portion of Interstate 375 as "C. Bette Wimbish Highway."

Resolution No. 17-39 adopted expressing support for the designation of that portion of Interstate 375/State Road 592 between Interstate 275 and State Road 595/4th Avenue and requesting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to create, place, and maintain the designated roadway markers. Clerk authorized to record the resolution.

No one responded to the Chairman's call for representatives of the Wimbish family; whereupon, Commissioner Welch provided biographical information regarding Ms. Wimbish and commended Senator Darryl Rouson for his work on the item.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 38.** Resolution supporting the honorary Roadway Designation of a portion of U.S. 19A/S.R. 595 between Tarpon Avenue and the Pasco County Line as the "Officer Charles 'Charlie K' Kondek Jr., Memorial Highway."

Resolution No. 17-40 adopted expressing support for designation of that portion of U.S. Route 19 Alternate/State Road 595 between Tarpon Avenue and the Pasco County line and requesting FDOT to create, place, and maintain the designated roadway markers. Clerk authorized to record the resolution.

Chairman Long recognized the family of Charles Kondek, Jr. and thanked them for their presence today and service to the community, and Commissioner Eggers echoed her comments.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 39.** Resolution supporting the honorary Roadway Designation of a portion of S.R. 580 as the "Senator Gerald S. 'Jerry' Rehm Highway."

Resolution No. 17-41 adopted expressing support for designation of that portion of State Road 580 in Pinellas County and requesting FDOT to create, place, and maintain the designated roadway markers. Clerk authorized to record the resolution.

Commissioner Seel expressed thanks to Senator Jack Latvala for his sponsorship of the item and provided a fond recollection of Senator Rehm, and Chairman Long related that she had worked with him in the Senate; whereupon, she thanked Scott and Mary Rehm for attending.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Real Estate Management

40. Interlocal Agreement with the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency to provide British Petroleum Economic Settlement funds to support the construction of a parking lot and address a budget shortfall in the Phase 1 Library Expansion Project.

Agreement approved providing for the reallocation of \$350,000.00 of Settlement funds to support the library expansion project.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

41. Declare a portion of County-owned land as surplus property and transfer the parcel to the City of Dunedin.

Resolution No. 17-42 adopted declaring County-owned property located on Michigan Boulevard as surplus and authorizing its conveyance to the City of Dunedin, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 125.38. Chairman authorized to sign the County Deed and the Clerk to attest. Clerk authorized to record the resolution and deed.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

42. County Administrator Miscellaneous: None.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

43. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Bradley and Valerie Yourth v. Belle Harbor Owner's Association, Inc., et al. - HUD Case No. 04-15-0788-8; PC Case No. 15-052 - alleged housing discrimination.

Outside counsel authorized to initiate litigation on behalf of the plaintiffs through the existing agreements with Gulf Coast Legal Services, Inc. or Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. for legal services.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

**44. Settlement in the case of Pinellas County v. Environmental Research and Design, Inc. and Tampa Contracting Services, Inc. - Circuit Civil Case No. 13-8168-CI-15.**

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated July 18, 2017.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

**45. Settlement regarding the case of Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, et al. v. The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority; Circuit Civil Case No. 16-002888-CI.**

Settlement approved. The Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District Board approved the proposed settlement on July 11, 2017.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Attorney White related that the District's Board had requested a minor revision specifying that the staffs meet within 60 days following the Penny for Pinellas referendum on November 7, 2017; that staff has indicated that the timeframe is reasonable; and that the provision has been included in the proposed agreement.

Commissioner Seel thanked Assistant County Administrator John Bennett and his staff for their due diligence and hard work, and Commissioner Eggers concurred.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

**46. County Attorney Miscellaneous: None**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

47. County Administrator Reports:
- Doing Things! TV - Waste-to-Energy Facility
  - Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation

Doing Things! TV - Waste-to-Energy Facility

At Mr. Woodard's request, staff played the County's latest *Doing Things!* YouTube video titled *Waste-to-Energy Facility*, which highlights how the facility burns waste to produce electricity and generate revenue through a purchase agreement with Duke Energy.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *FY18 Proposed Budget*, Mr. Woodard presented the Fiscal Year 2018 proposed budget in the amount of \$2,265,021,780 and noted that the budget reflects a 3.5-percent increase over the current year, primarily driven by inflation and the increased bed tax. He indicated that the General Fund has increased by 2.9 percent; that reserves will meet or exceed the 15-percent target by the final budget adoption time; that the Countywide and Municipal Services Taxing Unit millage rates and the 12 dependent Fire Districts will remain unchanged; and that once again, the County has the lowest per-capita debt of all of the urban counties in Florida. He noted that the Save Our Homes cap will increase to 2.1 percent, which ensures tax increases will be no higher than 2.1 percent for nearly 55 percent of all parcels in the county.

Mr. Woodard discussed the staff's accomplishments in support of the Board's Strategic Plan, specifically in the categories of a Quality Workforce, Public Health, Safety, and Welfare, Environmental Stewardship, Economic Growth and Vitality, and First Class Services; whereupon, he referred to the County's Annual Citizen Values Survey and reported on the quality of life, community characteristics, and the citizens' trust and confidence in County government.

In reviewing the budget for the departments under the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and other County agencies, Mr. Woodard indicated that the BCC Departments' total budget is \$1,476,747,140 which constitutes about two-thirds of the overall budget and is a 4.2 percent increase over the current year; that the Constitutional Officers' total budget is \$375,043,220, or 16.6 percent of the total, and reflects an increase of just 0.1 percent; and that the budget for all other agencies is \$413,231,420, or 18.2 percent of the total, reflecting an increase of 4.3 percent; whereupon, he reported a total of 5,268 full-time equivalent staff positions and discussed changes in staffing levels, noting that the BCC departments' staffing level of 2,100.6 positions is equivalent to the year 1989.

Throughout the presentation and responding to queries by the members, Mr. Woodard, with input by Office and Management Budget Director Bill Berger, reported on the following:

- Continued funding of OSHA training for County personnel
- Classification and Compensation study
- Commitment to green technologies
- Sea rise vulnerability and aquatic vegetation assessment
- Enhanced activity focused on sewer spills, infiltration issues, and other infrastructure
- Internal support of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board
- Penny for Pinellas renewal
- Potential revenue reduction pending the upcoming vote regarding additional homestead exemptions
- Allocation and options for the projected \$1.3 million overage in reserves

Referring to the budget timeline and requesting the members' feedback, Mr. Woodard noted that a budget work session is scheduled for August 3 and additional sessions can be scheduled if needed; that the Property Appraiser will be notified of maximum millage rates by August 4, and the Truth in Millage Notices will be mailed on August 21; that the first budget public hearing will take place on September 14 and the second on September 26; and that the new budget year officially starts on October 1, 2017; whereupon, he noted that the tentative budget will be posted to the County's Budget website on September 12.

Mr. Woodard thanked the members for their engagement, leadership, and guidance in the budget process and the Constitutional Officers, department directors, and staff for collaboration and converting policy into reality, and acknowledged partners in the cities and communities, the public, and customers for their involvement.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

##### 48. Public Comment.

Rick Smith, Indian Rocks Beach, re beach restoration project (representing Fifty Gulfside Condominium) (submitted document)

Sandy Holloway, Seminole, re Seminole water tower

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re three vote "coup" in the 12th amendment (submitted documents)

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re education excellence

Responding to comments by Mr. Smith regarding the Sand Key beach nourishment project, Chairman Long discussed the County's efforts to acquire perpetual easements from the beach property owners, and Mr. Woodard and Public Works Division Manager Kelly Levy provided input. Ms. Levy referred to maps and photographs, and indicated that over 400 easements are being sought from property owners by the County; and that 120 of those easements were needed for the current project, and discussion ensued.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

49. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items
- Municipal Services Taxing Unit Fund Request, Tierra Verde Community Association
  - Municipal Services Taxing Unit Fund Request, Cross Bayou Little League.

MSTU Fund Request, Tierra Verde Community Association

Tierra Verde residents Mary Ann Renfrow and Joseph Cruz thanked the members for the opportunity to enhance the public park area for Little League baseball. Ms. Renfrow noted that an agreement is now in place for the park to be the new home of Southwest Little League; that new bleachers and improved playground safety are part of the enhancements; and that hosted events are now being held at the park.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that up to \$12,000 for playground resurfacing and bleachers be funded from the MSTU Grant Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seal

MSTU Fund Request, Cross Bayou Little League

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that up to \$35,000 for electrical system repairs and up to \$10,000 for roof repairs/replacement be funded from the MSTU Grant Fund for the Cross Bayou Little League facilities. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seal

Responding to query by Commissioner Morroni, Mr. Woodard indicated that any remaining amounts in the current year budget for MSTU projects would roll over to the next fiscal year; and that an additional \$220,000 investment is budgeted in Fiscal Year 2018.

Commissioner Eggers

- Attended ceremonies for Tampa International Airport's new SkyConnect transport system to move people around the airport.
- Reported that the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency completed a draft ordinance regarding the selection process and term lengths of the advisory board, which will be presented to the BCC members for their approval at the regular meeting of August 1.

- Met with Joe Farrell and the Pinellas Realtor Organization to discuss the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program.
- Thanked officials from Allegiant Airlines for meeting to address concerns from residents on various topics.
- Met with Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, Chairman of the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC), which works to address riders' concerns with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board.
- Related that Tampa Bay Water received a proposed Interlocal Agreement regarding the use of potable water from the City of Tampa. More details will be provided in September.

#### Commissioner Welch

- Reported that Forward Pinellas received an update from Florida Department of Transportation Representative Bill Jones concerning Tampa Bay Next, Gateway Express, and plans for the Howard Frankland Bridge, and Commissioner Eggers provided input. He noted that he made a request for an explanation as to why the proposed project ends at Gandy Boulevard and does not continue further south to St. Petersburg.
- Noted that the Business Technology Services Board will meet on August 10 and will receive an update on the vertical integration process.

#### Commissioner Justice

- Indicated that new Executive Director Ann Marie Winter will be joining the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas as of July 19.
- Stated that the Canvassing Board will meet next week to perform the Logic and Accuracy test for the August 1 Lealman Referendum.
- Reported that the Gulf Consortium continues to discuss ways to join projects in different regions to leverage economic benefit.
- Noted that the Historic Preservation Board is set to meet on July 19 on various issues including an update on the Safety Harbor Cemetery situation.
- Related that the Tampa Bay Estuary Program is working to hire its new Executive Director by February 2018.
- A Farm Share event at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Ridgecrest will be held July 28. Volunteers are needed.



- Thanked Communications and other County departments for their education program to benefit students in the summer programs in the Lealman area.

#### Commissioner Seel

- Asked for the status of new signage to be located at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor; whereupon, Mr. Woodard indicated that the Park's entryway sign now includes a reference to the "capital city of the Tocobaga people."
- Commented on the process involving negotiations for the Seminole Water Tower and noted that there was a need for greater transparency while resolving the issue. Later in the meeting, the members provided input during brief discussion.
- Related that the Juvenile Welfare Board discussed an email sent to Senator Thad Cochran, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, regarding a proposed 25 percent cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Program. She noted that the Board is working on setting the millage rate for its proposed budget of nearly \$60 million; and that it includes \$1 million for non-operating and capital project requests.
- Related that the Homeless Leadership Board has produced a Homeless Resource Guide. She stated that the Board met on July 12 and discussed issues of emergency housing, shelters, and other matters.

Commissioner Seel conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Boley Centers Task Force of Family Homelessness* and discussed several projects that will help expand the number of beds available to homeless families with children. She noted that the county currently has 25 beds available; and that as of March 4 there were over 3,400 homeless children in the school system; whereupon, she provided information on the status of each project, and discussion ensued.

#### Commissioner Gerard

- Extended condolences to the family of former Seminole Mayor James "Jimmy" Johnson.
- Attended a recent Progressive Missionary and Educational state-wide conference at Innisbrook Golf Resort in Palm Harbor.

#### Chairman Long

- Related that Attorney White has been sworn in as President of the Florida Bar Foundation which helps provide greater access to justice through strategic grants and investments.
- Discussed Florida Association of Counties' priority to address opioid dependencies, and suggested that the County should develop a strategic plan to address the issue.

- Reported that Communications Director Barbra Hernandez provided information to the Economic Development Council regarding the Penny for Pinellas. The Council also discussed changing its meeting schedule to bi-monthly instead of quarterly.
- Indicated that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority has begun work on its State Legislative priorities for next year and will select its representative to serve on the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority at its next meeting.
- Noted that the Tourist Development Council will meet on July 19 to finalize Elite Funding recommendations from the subcommittee group, and is also working to complete its new bylaws.
- Announced that Mayor Johnson's funeral is on Friday, July 21 at Indian Rocks Baptist Church.

The members joined together to congratulate Attorney White for being selected to serve as the new County Attorney.

**Meeting recessed at 4:54 P.M.**

**Meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with all members present. Assistant County Administrator Jacob F. Stowers assumed Mr. Woodard's seat at the dais.**

## **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**

- 50.** Case No. CW 17-5 - City of Tarpon Springs  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Retail & Services, regarding 0.7 acre more or less, located on the southeast corner of Alternate U.S. 19 and Meres Boulevard (regular amendment).

Ordinance No. 17-18 adopted approving Case No. CW 17-5. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

51. Case No. CW 17-4 - Pinellas County  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Employment and Target Employment Center to Residential Low Medium, regarding 11.2 acres more or less, located at 500 Anclote Road (regular amendment).

Ordinance No. 17-19 adopted approving Case No. CW 17-4. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Don Cocker, a citizen of unincorporated Pinellas County, stated his concerns regarding the proposed amendment, and in response to his concerns, Attorney White related that the property in question is unique and isolated; that a zoning change and development agreement were approved by the Board in April; and that the development agreement contains provisions to protect a vast majority of the parcel as an employment center. She noted that the desire is to see it developed as a business center with associated residential, and Mr. Stowers provided input.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

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52. Q Z/LU-5-3-17 (Anclote Road Industrial Park, Inc.) (Final Adoption)  
A request for a land use change from Employment to Residential Low on approximately 11.23 acres (a portion of parcel 02/27/15/90810/000/0010) located at 500 Anclote Road in the unincorporated area of Tarpon Springs.

Ordinance No. 17-20 adopted changing the land use designation. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Mr. Stowers noted that the land use change is directly related to agenda item no. 51.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

53. Q Z-10-06-17 (Gaetano & Grace Critelli)  
A request for a zoning change from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial to C-2, General Retail Commercial & Limited Services and a Development Agreement limiting the use to a small restaurant (50 seats or less) with an optional drive-thru, prohibiting access to 77th Avenue North, limiting the rear (south) 25 feet of the property to drainage retention, screening and buffering, directing exterior lighting and amplified noise away from nearby residential properties, limiting building intensities and height to those permitted by the property's land

use and zoning designations, allowing vehicular access to the property only via the driveway located on the adjacent property to the west, and ensuring development occurs in substantial conformance with the submitted concept plan on approximately 0.55 acre located on the south side of Park Boulevard approximately 110 feet west of Oakhurst Road in the unincorporated area of Seminole.

Chairman Long related that the item has been withdrawn.

54. Ordinance amending the County Code regarding the redevelopment of mobile home parks; Chapter 38, Article III to add Division 4 - Section 38-100; and modifying Section 138-240(20) (second hearing) and Ordinance amending the Future Land Use and Quality Communities and the Housing elements of the County Comprehensive Plan to establish policies regarding the redevelopment of non-conforming mobile home parks as affordable housing (second hearing).

Ordinance No. 17-21 adopted amending the County Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance No. 17-22 adopted amending the County Code as set forth in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Stowers related that the ordinances are intended to encourage redevelopment of older mobile home parks with a high density of older units being utilized for housing. In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, he noted that the mobile home park must be active and not abandoned; that developers would be responsible for transitioning residents in a manner consistent with the mobile home relocation programs; and that he is not aware of any abandoned parks currently in the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

Responding to query by Commissioner Gerard, Mr. Stowers indicated that the County could consider ways to move forward should an abandoned park be involved in the future, and Attorney White noted that the changes are intended as a pilot program in the Lealman CRA; and that if successful, the ordinances could be modified further to include any future concerns.

Upon the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard on the matter, the following individuals appeared and stated their comments and concerns, and Mr. Stowers and Commissioners Gerard and Justice provided input:

Todd Pressman, Palm Harbor, representing Florida Manufactured Housing Association  
Don Cocker, unincorporated Largo area

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

Mr. Stowers noted that staff has prepared a presentation regarding small mobile homes and other housing available for possible use in high-density redevelopment.

At the Chairman's request, Long Range Planning Manager Scott Swearingen conducted the PowerPoint presentation titled *Providing More Housing Options for Pinellas County Residents*, discussed the benefits of middle-range housing products, and provided information on various housing options including duplex, triplex, townhome, stacked flat, and different types of smaller manufactured homes; whereupon, he briefly responded to queries from the members.

- 55. Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act Resolution for issuance by the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority of its Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, in an aggregate principal amount of not-to-exceed \$10,500,000.00 on behalf of Admiral Farragut Academy, Inc.

Resolution No. 17-43 adopted approving the issuance of the bonds pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:33 P.M.**

  
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 Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

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 Deputy Clerk

