

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Karen Williams Seel, Chair*

*Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*Charlie Justice*

*Janet C. Long*

*Kathleen Peters*

*Kenneth T. Welch*

**ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Jeanette Phillips, Finance Division Director, Deputy Clerk; and Michael Schmidt, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION by Rabbi Michael Torop, Temple Beth-El, St. Petersburg.****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Pride Month Proclamation:  
St. Pete Pride, Inc.
  - Luke Blankenship, Executive Director
  - Fernando Chonqui, Development Director
  - Chrys Bundy, President, Board Member
  - Nate Bruemmer, Vice-President, Board Member
  - Stanley Solomons, Treasurer, Board Member
  - Scion Crowder, Former President, Board Member
  - Susan McGrath, Board MemberEquality Florida Action, Inc.
  - Todd Richardson, Pinellas Development DirectorPinellas County Office of Human Rights
  - Paul Valenti, Director
  - Jeffrey Lorick, Compliance Manager

Chair Seel read a proclamation recognizing June 2019 as Pride month and noted that the St. Pete Pride Festival is the largest in the state and one of the most celebrated in the world; whereupon, the representatives thanked the Commissioners for their support of the LGBTQ community, and Mr. Valenti provided brief comments.

2. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:
  - Angela Dunkel, Engineering Technician, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Chair Seel, Mr. Burton, and Airport Director Tom Jewsbury recognized Ms. Dunkel for her work as an Engineering Technician, and a video was shown highlighting the services she provides.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.**

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

3. Case No. CW 19-09 - City of Largo  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services to Employment, regarding 0.49 acre more or less, located at 14584 66th Street North.

Ordinance No. 19-13 adopted approving Case No. CW 19-09. 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-Chair Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

4. Case No. CW 19-10 - City of Largo  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Employment and Target Employment Center to Retail and Services and Target Employment Center, regarding 6.4 acres more or less, located at 13501-13505 and 13563 Icot Boulevard.

Ordinance No. 19-14 adopted approving Case No. CW 19-10. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 13 (Item 6 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

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

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

## CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 7, 2019.

## Reports received for filing:

7. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2019-10 dated May 13, 2019 - Unannounced Audit of the Utilities Water Quality Management Petty Cash Fund.
8. Juvenile Welfare Board Financial Statements and Compliance Reports for the year ended September 30, 2018, along with Certified Annual Financial Report dated May 10, 2019.
9. Pinellas Planning Council Financial Statements, Supplementary Information, and Compliance Reports for the year ended September 30, 2018, and Reports of Independent Auditor.

## Miscellaneous items received for filing:

10. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 9250-19, 9253-19, 9256-19, 9259-19, and 9262-19 adopted May 2, 2019, annexing certain properties.
11. City of Seminole Ordinance No. 03-2019 adopted April 23, 2019, annexing certain property.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

12. Award of bid to All American Concrete, Inc. for the Ream Wilson/Pinellas Trail improvements at Old Coachman Road project.

Bid No. 189-0197-CP (PID No. 002933A) in the amount of \$499,431.07 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 190 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

13. Award of bid to TLC Diversified, Inc. for the Pump Station 190 upgrades and force main improvements project.

Bid No. 189-0230-CP (PID No. 003124A) in the amount of \$1,790,780.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest. Bid from TV Diversified, LLC rejected on the basis of being non-responsive for not meeting bid requirements pertaining to prequalification status.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Reports received for filing:

6. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2019-07 dated April 19, 2019 - Follow-Up Audit of Tax Increment Financing of Community Redevelopment Areas' Payment to Cities, with management responses.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Planning Department Director Renea Vincent provided extensive information regarding the follow-up audit, and discussed municipal reporting requirements and the schedule for enacting recommendations contained in the audit report. Chair Seel discussed the prospect of holding a CRA workshop later in the year, and Commissioner Welch expressed support, and discussion ensued regarding Redevelopment Trust Funds.

In response to further queries by the members, Ms. Vincent discussed the Management Response Memorandum located in the appendix of the audit report; whereupon, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Ken Burke provided additional information pertaining to the audit, indicating that Inspector General Hector Collazo would provide a written report regarding matters brought forward today, and brief discussion ensued.

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

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Management and Budget

14. Fiscal Year 2019 Board Budget Amendment No. 3 to realign appropriation from the General Government cost center to the Property Appraiser and Supervisor of Elections cost centers within the General Fund.

Amendment approved realigning \$240,990.00 from General Fund Reserves for Contingencies as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

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

15. Revisions to the Pinellas County food, beverage, recruitment, and awards-related expenses policy.

Policy revisions approved.

Mr. Burton indicated that the revised policy includes the following changes:

- Increases the not-to-exceed reimbursement amount to \$20,000.00 for relocation expenses for managerial employees at the department head level or higher, with Appointing Authority approval.
- States that certain Appointing Authority-sponsored and partner-related meeting expenses are allowable.

Mr. Burton related that staff recommends approval of the Review Transmittal Slips for associated recurring expenses for the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator.

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

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

### Real Estate Management

16. First Amendment to the agreement with Creative Contractors, Inc. for design-build professional services for the Courts Consolidation project at the County Justice Center.

Amendment to Contract No. 167-0160-NC in the amount of \$55,210,758.00 approved initiating Phase 2, the construction phase of the project. Agreement is effective for 1,059 consecutive calendar days from the notice-to-proceed date.

Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Courts Consolidation Project at County Justice Center* and presented information regarding project stakeholders, development phases, and budget considerations, and referring to a site plan and conceptual illustrations, pointed out various features and amenities to be included in the project.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Pupke provided information regarding the proposed entryway and how the new infrastructure will connect to the existing building. He reported that vigorous value engineering exercises have contributed to \$2.6 million in project savings; that the completion deadline is 30 months from January 2020; that project funding is through Penny for Pinellas III; and that the building will likely be LEED certified at the silver level; whereupon, Chair Seel noted that the contractor and the architect are both local firms.

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

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

17. Purchase and sale agreement with Ocean Terrace, L.P. for the property located at 13025 Starkey Road, Largo.

Contract for sale and purchase in the amount of \$3,825,000.00 approved for property currently leased by the Tax Collector.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke indicated that the Tax Collector has been a tenant at the Starkey Road location since 2004; that the current landlord wishes to sell the building; that REM focused on its purchase after reviewing various options; and that the owner was only willing to offer an 18-month lease extension; whereupon, he related that the costs associated with leasing versus buying are comparable.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long, Mr. Pupke related that Pinellas County owns the neighboring Supervisor of Elections' building and discussed the benefits of remaining at the same location, and Commissioner Justice and Mr. Burton provided input; whereupon, Chair Seel requested that various funding options be considered regarding the purchase of the building, including Penny for Pinellas dollars, and discussed the prospect of recovering additional fees with respect to state driver license and motor vehicle services performed by the Tax Collector.

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

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

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

18. County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Mr. Burton related that the Age Friendly Community Plan has been approved by AARP; that Human Services presented the plan to the Florida Council on Aging; and that it will be shared with local communities at the request of AARP; whereupon, he provided an update regarding the Duke Energy Park and Plug Program, and discussed potential charging station locations for electric vehicles and how the equipment will be accessed, noting that use of the service will be free.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

19. County Attorney Miscellaneous - None.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

## 20. County Administrator Reports:

- State Legislative Session Recap from Southern Strategy Group
- Airport Master Plan

State Legislative Session Recap from Southern Strategy Group

Laura Boehmer, Southern Strategy Group, introduced team members Seth McKeel and Sydney Ridley and provided a summary of the 2019 legislative session. She discussed the state budget, bills filed and passed, funding for various programs, and guiding principles/legislative priorities of the County.

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Boehmer, with input by Mr. McKeel and Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack, discussed transportation funding and obtaining grant dollars for septic-to-sewer projects, and provided information regarding the importance of alternative water supply projects to Tampa Bay Water; whereupon, she related that because the restitution aspect of Amendment Four was a contentious issue during the legislative session, it will likely return at a later time; and that there is no track record regarding the funding philosophies of the present governor, and Commissioner Justice provided input.

Airport Master Plan

Airport Director Tom Jewsbury provided background information regarding the Airport Master Plan and discussed how it is a comprehensive capital improvement planning document that is needed in order to receive federal funding. He reported that the last plan was completed in 2004; and that public meetings have been held and a website developed to educate and inform local residents; whereupon, he introduced Environmental Science Associates Lead Project Manager Doug DiCarlo, indicating that Mr. DiCarlo will be presenting the preliminary plan; and that the final plan will be presented later in the year.

Mr. DiCarlo referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport - Master Plan* and presented information regarding the following:

- Airport Master Planning Process
- Projections of Annual Enplanements
- 2017 (existing) and 2028 (10-year) Noise Contours
- Recommended Airfield Development Plan
- Preferred Terminal Alternative - Phases 1 to 5
- Preferred Terminal Alternative - Ultimate Build

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. DiCarlo, with input by Mr. Jewsbury, discussed the following:



- Passenger enplanements; noise contours
- FAA requirements regarding development of former Airco golf course property
- Taxiway improvements in support of eventual development of Airco parcel
- Terminal parking position for a wide body aircraft; length of runway
- Airport funding streams; prospect of mass transit

Thereupon, Chair Seel expressed appreciation for the comprehensive report and various activities taking place at the airport.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

### 21. Public Comment.

Ronald Stephens, Seminole, re Save the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Home Rule Charter 2.02(E) vs. Reclaimed Water "Variance" Application (submitted documents)  
Greg Pound, Largo, re Pinellas County Government

## COUNTY COMMISSION

### 22. County Commission New Business Items.

In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Chair Seel related that she and Mr. Burton spoke yesterday about the prospect of the members having a shade meeting regarding security.

### 23. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

The members provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and commented on various topics, as follows:

#### Commissioner Long

- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Florida Association of Counties and National Association of Counties annual conferences
- Recent panel discussion regarding sea level rise and fall
- Board of Adjustment and Appeals case regarding Canine Estates
- Marchman Bed prospective pilot program
- Belleair Beach lift station
- Prospect of using Dents Channel sand to nourish Upham Beach
- County Administrator evaluation scheduled for June 20

Commissioner Eggers

- Forward Pinellas, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Tampa Bay Water, Community Veterans Engagement Board, Transportation Management Area Leadership Group
- School Transportation Safety Committee, Healthy Kids, Canine Estates
- Oldsmar Memorial Day ceremonies, Honor Flight of West Central Florida
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class
- Meeting with Lakeshore Estates community members
- Mease Countryside Hospital expansion project groundbreaking ceremony
- Road Improvements and Planning Forum
- D-Day

Commissioner Gerard

- CareerSource Pinellas Board, Mayors' Council, Child Care Licensing Board
- Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony
- Clearwater Chamber of Commerce
- Pinellas County Veterans Services
- Clearwater/Upper Pinellas NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

Commissioner Justice

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Homeless Leadership Board, Stormwater/Wastewater Task Force
- Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony, Health Consortium
- Oldsmar Memorial Day ceremonies, Honor Flight of West Central Florida
- Clearwater/Upper Pinellas NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, Lealman Exchange
- *Governing* magazine

Commissioner Peters

- Cross Bar Ranch
- Environmental Management Division response to issue in Treasure Island
- Meetings regarding behavioral health/Marchman facilities
- Impact of Las Vegas shooting on emergency medical services

Commissioner Welch

- Florida Association of Counties Finance and Audit Committee, Mayor's Council
- Homegoing services for St. Petersburg "Courageous 12" Officer Freddie Lee Crawford and Evelyn Gardner, co-founder of St. Petersburg Chapter of Black Nurses Association
- Affordable housing communities in the City of St. Petersburg

Chair Seel

- Juvenile Welfare Board
- Housing Finance Authority and Pinellas County Education Foundation Community Heroes Program
- *On Common Ground* magazine
- Photographic art portraying government workers around the world
- New nonstop flights between Tampa and Amsterdam

ADJOURNMENT - 12:44 P.M.

Karen Seel  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By Norman D. Long  
Deputy Clerk

