

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Thursday, September 14, 2017

2:00 PM

Public Hearings at 6:00 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 - 2:02 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Karen Williams Seel (arrived at 6:02 P.M.)

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

INVOCATION by Reverend Jason Knott, First United Methodist Church of Dunedin**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Partner Presentation:
 - Hispanic Outreach Center - Sandra Lyth, CEO.

Andrea Vendetti, Hispanic Outreach Center Coordinator, noted that Ms. Lyth was not able to attend the meeting and read a speech on her behalf.

Ms. Vendetti thanked the Board, County Administrator, Sheriff's Office, School Board, and Office of Human Rights for their efforts to serve the county's Hispanic population, relating that it has grown to include representation from all over the Latin world. She advocated for expanding services to Hispanics in high-Latino-population communities and for local support of a legislative solution with regard to the phasing out of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals immigration policy that would offer a path to citizenship.

2. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation:
 - Hispanic Outreach Center.

Chairman Long read a proclamation recognizing September 15 to October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and presented a plaque to Ms. Vendetti, Intercultural Advocacy Institute Board members Blanca Gonzalez and Dr. Marvin Bright, and other representatives of the Hispanic Outreach Center.

3. Doing Things! Employee Recognition:
 - Jerry Irizarry, Environmental Specialist 1, Development Review Services

Chairman Long recognized Environmental Specialist 1 Jerry Irizarry, relating that he has worked for the County for more than 30 years, helps residents evaluate their tree-permitting requirements, and assists his colleagues with Spanish language outreach.

Staff played a video that highlighted the services Mr. Irizarry provides; whereupon, Mr. Woodard commented that he exemplifies the County's vision to be the standard for public service in America and recognized his wife, Myriam Irizarry.

Mr. Irizarry offered thanks and noted that his wife of 42 years is the County's first Hispanic female judge.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4 through 17 (Item 16 addressed under Regular Agenda)

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, 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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 4. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 15, 2017.

Reports received for filing:

- 5. Dock Fee Report for the month of August 2017.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- 6. Affidavits of Publication of Legal Notice published in the Tampa Bay Times regarding Notice of Forfeiture of Unclaimed Money pursuant to Section 116.21, Florida Statutes (Circuit/County Court of the 6th Judicial Circuit, Finance Division).
- 7. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9043-17 adopted August 3, 2017, annexing certain property.
- 8. Town of Kenneth City Ordinance No. 2017-02 adopted August 9, 2017, annexing certain property.
- 9. City of St. Petersburg Notice of Public Hearing held August 24, 2017, regarding proposed amendments to the Intown Redevelopment Plan.
- 10. City of Tarpon Springs Notice of Removal of Restrictive Covenant regarding certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

11. Award of bid to Gannett Fleming Project Development Corporation for the Advanced Traffic Management System Implementation Project on South Belcher Road from Park Boulevard to Druid Road.

Bid No. 167-0346-CP (PID No. 001030A) in the amount of \$2,591,876.35 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.

Solid Waste

12. Annual certification of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

Sitting as the governing body of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District, the Board approved the non-ad valorem assessment roll for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2017. Chairman authorized to certify the roll to the Tax Collector prior to September 15, 2017.

Utilities

13. Award of bid to KAT Construction & Materials, Inc. for the North Train Anoxic Gate Improvement Project at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility.

Bid No. 167-0415-CP (PID No. 002826A) in the amount of \$1,256,200.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 240 consecutive calendar days.

14. Award of bid to RTD Construction, Inc. for Fall Protection Phase II at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility.

Bid No. 167-0437-CP (PID No. 002827A) in the amount of \$1,391,105.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days.

15. Award of bid for pumping and tankering services for Pinellas County Utilities service areas.

Bid No. 167-0456-B in an annual amount of \$554,000.00 for a 60-month total expenditure of \$2,770,000.00 awarded to the following firms on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bids received meeting specifications:

1. EnviroWaste Services Group, Inc. - Groups 1, 2, and 4, Non-Emergency.
2. FCS, Inc. - Group 1, Emergency.
3. T. Wayne Hill Trucking, Inc. - Groups 2 and 3, Emergency; Group 3, Non-Emergency.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 17. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Pro Serv Industrial Contractors, LLC v. Argonaut Insurance Company, Covanta Projects, LLC, Covanta Energy Corporation, Covanta-Pinex, Covanta Projects d/b/a Pinellas and Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 17-001096-CI - alleged breach of contract.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Utilities

- 16. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the rescindment of contract award with DOer Products and Services, Inc. and re-award to Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC for preventive maintenance and repair of odor control units.

Rescindment of contract award and re-award of Contract No. 167-0188-B in the amount of \$1,485,422.80 for a term of 60 months beginning on June 30, 2017, ratified and confirmed.

Responding to Commissioner Eggers' request for additional information, Mr. Woodard related that the previous contractor was not meeting its contractual obligations, and, in accordance with the County's purchasing ordinance, the contract has been rescinded and awarded to the vendor that provided the next lowest bid. He indicated that the original contractor is disbarred from doing business with the County for two years and explained that the fiscal impact is an additional expenditure of approximately \$300,000 over the contract term.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Purchasing Director Joe Lauro clarified that the item was brought to the Board because the revised annual expenditure exceeds the County Administrator's delegated approval authority.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, 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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

18. Interlocal Agreement with Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, Second and Final Option of Renewal and Amendment 3 for the Pinellas County Health Program and Health Care for the Homeless Program.

Agreement approved extending the contract for 12 months effective October 1, 2017 and providing for an increase of \$121,382.00 over Fiscal Year 2017 funding levels due to an anticipated pay adjustment for state employees. Funding in an amount not to exceed \$11,662,170.00 provides primary care, preventive health, behavioral health, dental services, prescription assistance, and specialty care services for uninsured adults ages 18 to 64 who meet certain income-level criteria.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Public Works

19. Approval of ranking of firms and agreement with CMS Crawford Maintenance Services LLC for requirements of surface water maintenance services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0385-P approved in the annual amount of \$2,859,320.00 for a term of five years commencing on October 1, 2017 (total contract amount not to exceed \$14,296,600.00). Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard indicated that the contract pertains strictly to maintenance work in support of the Stormwater Assessment Program; and that the contractor will perform tasks such as removing exotic vegetation, clearing ditches, and stabilizing banks.

Public Works Director Rahim Harji clarified that there are no capital projects; and that funding is derived from the General Fund when maintenance is performed in non-unincorporated areas and Surface Water Assessment fee funds cannot be applied.

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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

20. Funding obligation letter and self-certification to the U.S. Department of the Army to complete a beach renourishment evaluation report to evaluate extending federal participation of the County's Shore Protection Project - Treasure Island Segment.

Chairman authorized to sign certification of financial capability and accompanying letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Following proper execution by the U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman authorized to sign the final agreement and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Morrone, 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 Morrone

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Real Estate Management

21. Second Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Industrial Realty Group, LLC for the Young-Rainey Science Technology and Research Center property to add an additional 300-day resolution period and to amend certain agreement terms.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Morrone, Mr. Woodard provided historical background information about the property and discussed the staff's motivation for completing the sale. He related that:

- The marketing of the Young-Rainey Science Technology and Research Center (STAR Center) was conducted through a Request for Negotiation process several months ago, and of the two proposals that were received, IRG's offered a substantially higher return.
- While the amendment would not change the sale price of \$10.1 million, it would eliminate IRG's obligation to pay the County up to \$2.25 million over 15 years at the time of five-year lease renewals by the core tenant, Raytheon.
- The Board approved a sale agreement with IRG including a 90-day review period on September 27, 2016, and an amendment extending the review period by 45 days was signed by the County Administrator in December.
- The transaction is hampered by numerous complexities stemming from the property's history. It was formerly owned by the U.S. Department of Energy and became part of a federal program in which facilities used to support national defense were converted to civilian operations.

- Staff's basis for recommending the sale of the property last year was that, while the facility has been self-supporting, the enterprise fund does not have sufficient resources to fund the significant capital expenses that are anticipated.
- Staff strongly recommends that the Board approve the amendment and support its efforts to complete the sale based on: (1) the STAR Center has achieved its goal of creating jobs as one of the most successful defense-to-civilian conversion projects in the country; (2) private ownership could take the business at the center to the next level without the investment of additional public funds; and (3) the facility would become a taxable property for purposes of ad-valorem taxes.
- Sale proceeds would be made available to the County for any authorized public use; however, staff would support reinvestment of the funds in economic development initiatives.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard indicated that staff believes the additional review time requested by IRG is reasonable based on the complexities of the property, including uncertainties related to future land and tenant leases and contamination issues. Commissioner Eggers opined that IRG has had sufficient time to do its due diligence and expressed concern about a provision in the amendment that would allow IRG to terminate the agreement without losing its \$100,000 deposit.

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

22. County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Mr. Woodard related that the Department of Parks and Conservation Resources has developed a draft of the 2017 Shell Key Preserve Management Plan to be reviewed by the Shell Key Advisory Group and interested members of the public; that comments will be heard on September 25 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Conservation Resources Administration Building, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo; and that Commissioner Justice represents the Board on the Advisory Group.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Morroni, Mr. Woodard indicated that the meeting is being held at the Largo location because it offers a large, centrally located public building

with ample parking, and Advisory Group members will be coming from various parts of the county. He noted that south county partners near the preserve have been advised of the meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

23. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Arthur Basner v. Heritage Village & Inn, LLC; HUD Case No. 04-17-6733-8; PC Case No. 17-011 - alleged housing discrimination.

Attorney White indicated that the case involves a claim of housing discrimination that was investigated by the Office of Human Rights.

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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

24. County Attorney Miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

25. Approval of ranking of firm and agreement with EmCare, Inc. to provide medical direction services.

Ranking of firm and Contract No. 167-0194-P approved in an average annual amount of \$814,358.00 for a term of five years commencing on October 1, 2017 (total contract amount not to exceed \$4,071,790.00). Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Gerard, Mr. Woodard confirmed that EmCare, Inc., is the County's current provider and was the only firm to submit a proposal.

At Commissioner Eggers' request, Jim Fogarty, Director of Safety and Emergency Services, provided an overview of the contract. He related that it provides for the online medical control and clinical privileges authority for the thousands of emergency medical technicians and paramedics that make up the County's Emergency Medical Services system; and that over the last five years, EmCare has provided the groundwork for growth management and the active monitoring of calls.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Tax Collector

- 26.** Resolution deferring the processing of 2017 tax deed applications on 2015 County-held tax certificates in conformance with Section 197.502(3), Florida Statutes.

Resolution No. 17-60 adopted deferring the processing for properties assessed by the Property Appraiser at values less than \$5,000.

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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

- 27.** Resolution approving the early extension of the 2017 tax rolls.

Resolution No. 17-61 adopted directing the Property Appraiser to extend the 2017 tax rolls and deliver the extended rolls to the Tax Collector on or before October 6, 2017, pursuant to Section 197.323, Florida Statutes; and directing the Clerk to deliver the resolution to the Property Appraiser.

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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- 28.** County Administrator Reports:
- Penny for Pinellas Update
- Hurricane Irma Update.

Mr. Woodard related that the Penny for Pinellas update would be deferred to allow additional time for the Hurricane Irma update; whereupon, he introduced the item, played a video showing storm impacts on the local community, and with input by Assistant County

Administrator John Bennett and Marketing and Communications Director Barbra Hernandez, conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Hurricane Irma, Response & Recovery*, a copy of which has been made a part of the record.

Mr. Woodard presented information regarding the Strategic Plan Alignment and discussed storm impacts relating to Hurricane Irma. He provided a critical path update relating to power restoration, hospital operations, debris clearing, sheltering of citizens, and pump station and intersection management; whereupon, he presented a timeline concerning preparedness, storm duration, and response and recovery.

Mr. Woodard provided information regarding the Emergency Operations Center. He indicated that the role of County Government relates to preparedness, response, recovery, and restoration; that significant public safety investments have been made over the past several years; and that the Penny for Pinellas has been instrumental in providing funding for hardened infrastructure; whereupon, Mr. Bennett provided detailed information regarding operations before, during, and after the storm, and next steps.

In response to queries by Chairman Long and Commissioners Eggers, Justice, and Morroni, Mr. Bennett provided information regarding curfew considerations, power generation and climate control, evacuation order compliance, reopening of schools, the upcoming after-action analysis, and the volume of telephone calls at the Citizen Information Center (CIC); whereupon, he discussed consumer protection, individual assistance through the FEMA tele-registration process, business assistance through the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Disaster Bridge Loans through the State of Florida, and Economic Development Director Mike Meidel provided detailed information regarding the various aspects of business support.

Ms. Hernandez provided information regarding the methods used to keep the public informed, including the CIC telephone line, Alert Pinellas, news releases, press conferences, and social media. She reported that multilingual safety tips and video updates were shared in Spanish, English, and American Sign Language on Facebook and Twitter, and discussed messages received and stories communicated by local residents on social media; whereupon, Commissioner Welch expressed appreciation for the hard work of staff and the exceptional communication that took place during the storm, and in response to his queries, Mr. Bennett related that locations will be set up around the county to help individuals navigate the FEMA process; and that the CIC telephone line is the main portal for questions and inquiries.

Commissioner Welch related that as a former Florida Power employee, he was shocked that Pinellas County lost 79 percent of electrical system capacity due to the storm. Responding to his queries, Mr. Bennett discussed future efforts to ensure resiliency and redundancy in the electrical system and provided information relating to intersection management efforts.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

29. Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Pinellas "De-Sides"
Susan Glickman, Belleair Beach, re Climate Change Compact

COUNTY COMMISSION

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

Dr. Tonjua Williams and Mr. Kim Marston, Jr. appointed for two-year terms, to expire June 30, 2019.

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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

31. Appointments to the Youth Advisory Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Commissioner Gerard related that the members were each given a worksheet containing the names of 14 students who have applied to be on the committee; that several are carryovers from last year and are reapplying; and that all are eligible. In response to queries by Chairman Long, she provided background information regarding the application process, indicating that it may change in the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, 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 Morroni

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

32. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items:

- Appointment to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) (Board of County Commissioners as a whole)
- Fiscal Year 2018 Legislative Priorities Discussion.

The members thanked everyone involved for their hard work during Hurricane Irma.

Commissioner Morrioni

- Reported that the Forward Pinellas meeting was cancelled in September due to Hurricane Irma; and that the members should be prepared for a longer than normal meeting on October 11.
- Stated that the Human Rights Board will meet in November.
- Related that the Value Adjustment Board will meet on October 3.

Commissioner Eggers

- Reported that a My VA Committee meeting took place during September; and that the group is doing impressive things with regard to the opioid safety issue.
- Related that Tampa Bay Water General Manager Matt Jordan will be providing the members with a detailed report regarding water delivery.
- Provided information regarding Bob's Vets, a group of veterans that meets for breakfast at Bob Evans restaurants around the county, stating that the veterans who meet at the 66th Street North location have extended an invitation to the Commissioners to join them.
- Requested that the County Administrator provide an update regarding the Toronto Blue Jays. Mr. Woodard indicated that the Dunedin City Council had scheduled a work session to take place on September 11 regarding the license agreement between the City and the team; that the meeting did not occur due to Hurricane Irma; and that he will provide further information after the workshop takes place.

Commissioner Welch

- Noted that the Business Technology Services Board is scheduled to meet on September 21.

Commissioner Justice

- Stated that he enjoyed serving on the Canvassing Board during the City of St. Petersburg Primary Election; that machine and manual recounts took place subsequent to Election Day; and that each and every vote is important.

Chairman Long

- Reported that the next County Attorney Oversight Committee is currently being scheduled in order for the CAOC members to finalize Attorney White's probationary status and preliminary evaluation.

- Related that the newly-revised Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Board has put in place new officers and new committees; that she was nominated to serve on the Policy Committee; that a conference call has been scheduled to discuss the skill set and criteria for the new Chief Executive Officer; and that the meeting was well attended by the general public and local partners.
- Stated that she, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Executive Director Sean Sullivan, and Florida Director of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Susan Glickman are working together to develop a Florida West Coast Climate Compact; that Duke Energy Florida President Harry Sideris has volunteered to partner in that effort; and that he will attend an upcoming County Commission meeting, provide information concerning resiliency and redundancy of the electrical system, and answer questions.

In response to query by Chairman Long, the members expressed support for having discussion at a future meeting regarding moving forward on a Climate Change Compact.

- Related that a small amendment is being considered regarding the bylaws of the Tourist Development Council; and that the Council will discuss Capital Project Funding recommendations and Elite Event Funding recommendations at its September 15 workshop and September 20 regular meeting.
- Reported that Representative Charlie Crist has put together two workshops regarding the Hurricane Irma recovery process; that the first workshop will take place at the Downtown Clearwater Fire Station on Friday, September 15 at 1:00 P.M.; and that the second workshop will take place at the Enoch Davis Center on Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 A.M.

Appointment to the PSTA (BCC as a whole)

Chairman Long recommended that Commissioner Eggers be reappointed to serve on the PSTA Board for an additional three years.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the appointment be approved.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Fiscal Year 2018 Legislative Priorities Discussion

Mr. Woodard introduced the item, relating that because the State Legislature has accelerated its deliberations regarding its annual session, his office is seeking input and guidance regarding the members' legislative priorities for the upcoming year; whereupon, Special Assistant Canaan McCaslin referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! 2018 Legislative Program-State* and discussed the following:

- 2018 Legislative Timeline
- 2017 Legislative Program
- 2017 Legislative Recap
- Other Items of Interest
- Appropriations Requests
- Proposed Priority Issues

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. McCaslin, with input by Mr. Woodard, provided information regarding the proposed priority issue of pursuing one-time funding for capital and the \$2 million appropriations request to benefit the Lealman Community Center, and Chairman Long and Commissioner Justice provided input; whereupon, Mr. Woodard related that his office is presently considering applications regarding the hiring of an Intergovernmental Liaison; and that Hurricane Irma has delayed the process by approximately one week, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Welch stated that action needs to be taken with respect to electrical infrastructure across the state; and that the 2018 Legislative Priorities should include an item urging the Legislature to require utility companies to study and implement strengthening measures for sustainability, and Commissioners Morroni and Gerard agreed, with Commissioner Morroni commenting that action needs to be taken soon.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Welch and Eggers, Mr. McCaslin, with input by Mr. Woodard, provided information regarding Community Redevelopment Areas and appropriations requests; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers related that as a designated Senior County, Pinellas County should focus efforts on addressing the needs of vulnerable seniors, and Chairman Long indicated that everyone needs to pay attention to potential efforts by the Legislature to rewrite how bed tax money can be utilized.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Woodard presented information regarding the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board, and discussion ensued with respect to Board appointments, the lack of qualified applicants to fill those appointments, a dwindling Board, financial challenges, future funding, and current enforcement; whereupon, he discussed Construction Licensing Board models used in other counties, including a hybrid model in Palm Beach County, and the advantages of having an entity created by Special Act.

In response to queries by Chairman Long, Attorney White discussed the drawbacks of enacting a countywide ordinance, relating that the municipalities have the ability to opt out at any time; whereupon, she related that there are significant benefits in having the Licensing Board structured as it is by a Special Act.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Harris related that while the Board Reporters attend and write minutes for Licensing Board meetings, they do not cover the Probable Cause Hearings. Commissioner Welch discussed the importance of Board

appointments, the need for the hearings to be recorded, and the need for an adequate level of funding to provide for information technology; whereupon, Mr. Woodard recommended that he be permitted to organize what has been discussed today and bring it back at the next Board meeting for further consideration and guidance.

Meeting Recessed: 4:52 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:01 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Deviating from the Agenda, Chairman Long indicated that Agenda Item No. 35 would be heard at this time.

- 35.** Resolution to approve proposed amendments to the St. Petersburg Intown Redevelopment Plan and approval of associated amendments to the Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the City of St. Petersburg regarding same.

Resolution No. 17-64 adopted approving amendments to the St. Petersburg Intown Redevelopment Plan (IRP) and approving the amended and restated Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the City of St. Petersburg regarding the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds in the Intown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). One letter in support of and one phone call in opposition to the resolution have been received.

St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman expressed appreciation regarding the collaboration between St. Petersburg and Pinellas County throughout Hurricane Irma; whereupon, he referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *City of St. Petersburg Intown Redevelopment Plan Amendments*, a copy of which has been made a part of the record, and discussed the following:

Summary of Amendments - Intown Redevelopment Plan and IRP Interlocal Agreement

- Provide ceiling of \$190,984,822 for total TIF contributions to complete the IRP program in Table 2 of the Plan and Interlocal
- Provide for future discussions if mutually agreed upon for
 - projects related to parking and transportation improvements with IRP and projects related to redevelopment of Tropicana Field
 - may include (a) defining a contribution to the Fund, (b) changing the Term, and (c) amending percent contributions made to the IRP Trust Fund

- Reallocate \$14 million in TIF funds from “Mixed Use Transportation Facility” in Table 2 to
 - up to \$10 million in Enhancements to Municipal Pier Project and/or Downtown Waterfront Master Plan Improvements in the Pier District
 - at least \$4 million for Downtown Transportation/Parking Improvements
 - any surplus from Pier District Enhancements to be used for IRP Transportation and Parking Improvements

Mayor Kriseman provided information regarding the chart titled *Amendment to Table 2, Intown Redevelopment Plan* and, referring to an aerial depiction of the Pier District, discussed planned TIF-funded enhancements, noting that the total enhancement budget does not exceed \$10 million; whereupon, he requested that the members approve the amendments to the Intown Redevelopment Plan and IRP Interlocal Agreement adopted by the St. Petersburg City Council in August 2017.

In response to queries by Commissioner Morroni, Mayor Kriseman indicated that if the entire \$10 million is not used for Pier District enhancements, the remaining funds would be utilized for downtown transportation and parking improvements; whereupon, Mr. Woodard discussed the creation of the CRA in 1981, execution of the Interlocal Agreement in 2005, total anticipated contributions to the fund by the County, and the timeframe through which the CRA is authorized.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Seel and Welch, Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger and Mr. Woodard provided additional information relating to the agreement and the financial obligation of the County, indicating that debt service and other financing costs were included in the document; whereupon, Mayor Kriseman indicated that projects related to transportation and transit will be needed to better move residents throughout the county; that parking projects in St. Petersburg will likely be accomplished through public/private partnerships; that his office is reviewing funding with regard to Bus Rapid Transit; and that no artwork will be purchased with TIF funds, and discussion ensued.

In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Mayor Kriseman indicated that the amendment does not change the geographic map; and that the St. Petersburg City Council has approved the amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and the Interlocal Agreement; whereupon, Commissioner Seel restated her concerns that the original dollar figure committed to by the members is going to increase due to the inclusion of financing costs, and at the request of Commissioner Justice, Attorney White provided information regarding the Interlocal Agreement, indicating that detailed language was included relating to the cost of issuance and interest on debt service.

Commissioner Eggers stated that he would like language included in the agreement that sunsets the CRA after 2022, and in response to his queries and those of Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard provided additional information regarding the timeframe of the CRA, indicating that even though the obligation of the County will likely end in 2022, the agreement technically lives on until 2032, and brief discussion ensued.

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 Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seal

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

- 33.** Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2017 Fire Districts Fund Budget for unanticipated fund balance in the Fire Districts Fund for the Tarpon Springs Fire District Budget.

Resolution No. 17-62 adopted appropriating earmarked receipts for a particular purpose (unanticipated fund balance in the amount of \$264,800.00). No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Mr. Woodard related that under the funding partnership with the municipalities, Pinellas County, through its Dependent Fire District, is responsible for funding ten percent of all capital costs within the Tarpon Springs Fire District; and that \$264,800.00 will be reallocated from the Reserve For Future Years to make the payment to Tarpon Springs for the recently-constructed fire station.

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 Seal

- 34.** Surface Water Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent fiscal years.

Resolution No. 17-63 adopted relating to the Provision of Surface Water Management Services; Providing for Recitals; Providing for Authority; Providing for Definitions; Providing for Legislative Findings of Special Benefit and Reasonable Apportionment; Providing for the Imposition of Surface Water Service Assessments and Surface Water Fees for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Years Subsequent Thereto; Providing for the Provision and Funding of Surface Water Management Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Years Subsequent Thereto; Providing for a Surface Water Service Area; Providing for Estimated Surface Water Service Costs; Providing for an Assessment and Fee Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and a Maximum Assessment and Fee Rate for Fiscal Years Subsequent Thereto; Providing for an Apportionment Methodology; Providing for the Approval of Surface Water Rolls for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Authorizing such Approval for Fiscal Years Subsequent Thereto; Providing for Certification of the Surface Water Roll for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Surface Water Service Assessments and Authorizing Certification for Fiscal Years Subsequent Thereto; Providing for Authorization of Collection of the Surface Water Roll for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Surface Water Fees and Authorizing Collection for Fiscal Years Subsequent Thereto; Providing for a Method of Collection; Providing for the Effect of Adoption of this Resolution; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Surface Water Assessment Rate for Fiscal Year 2018, \$117.74 per net equivalent residential unit [ERU]; estimated Fiscal Year 2018 revenue, \$19.6 million. Resolution allows for an annual rate increase not to exceed 3.0 percent of the immediately prior fiscal year and sets a maximum rate of \$128.66 per ERU for subsequent fiscal years.

Ms. Harris announced that the public hearing was properly advertised, the affidavit of publication has been received for filing, two letters have been received in opposition to the resolution, and the matter is properly before the Board to be heard.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, Yen Luc, Clearwater, appeared and expressed her concerns; whereupon, Mr. Woodard discussed the stormwater assessment and its purpose, and recommended that Ms. Luc speak with Public Works Environmental Management Division Director Kelli H. Levy who is in attendance and can provide more detailed information regarding her property.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Gerard, Mr. Woodard, with input by Ms. Levy, indicated that even though some residents are being charged a Pinellas County Surface Water Assessment and also a Pinellas Park Water Management District Assessment, the two entities engage in separate and distinct functions and maintain very different infrastructure; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding potential mitigation for residents who pay both assessments, and Mr. Woodard indicated that he would extend an invitation to the Water Management District to address the members.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard discussed the stormwater assessment, indicating that it provides greater equity to local residents versus using a property tax assessment; whereupon, he provided detailed information regarding the rate established for the current year, the maximum rate established for subsequent years, and at what point a public hearing would be required, and Commissioner Seel provided input.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

36. Resolutions adopting tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2018 (first public hearing).

Public hearing was held regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 tentative millage rates and budgets for Pinellas County; resolutions adopted approving tentative millage rates and budgets for the Pinellas County General Fund and Pinellas County Health Department (Nos. 17-65 and 17-66); resolutions adopted approving tentative millage rates and budgets for Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor

Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, South Pasadena Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection District (Nos. 17-67 and 17-68).

Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk, reported that no correspondence has been received regarding the tentative millages and budgets.

Chairman Long indicated that representatives of the Property Appraiser's Office are available to respond to anyone having questions or concerns about the assessed value of their property; and that Public Works Environmental Management Division Director Kelli H. Levy is available to answer questions regarding the proposed Surface Water Service Assessment that appears on the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice.

Chairman Long reviewed the sequence of events for the evening's proceedings, relating that even though Florida Statutes provide that a taxing authority may adopt tax levies and budgets of all its dependent special taxing districts and municipal services taxing units by a single unanimous vote, members of the general public can request that the Board discuss and adopt any of those items separately; whereupon, in response to her queries, no citizen requested that any item be separately reviewed.

Thereupon, Chairman Long opened the first public hearing on the tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2018.

Ms. Harris reported that the public hearing is being held in accordance with Chapters 129 and 200 of the Florida Statutes; and that the meeting has been duly noticed by the Property Appraiser's mailing of the TRIM Notice.

Chairman Long announced that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), as taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, the Dependent Special Districts, and the Municipal Services Taxing Units, as listed above will now proceed with the public hearings.

Mr. Woodard related that the percentage increase in the millage rate for all budgets, over the rolled-back rate, based on the maximum rates on the TRIM Notice, to fund the Fiscal Year 2018 Tentative Budget is a 5.84-percent increase over the aggregate rolled-back rate; whereupon, he indicated that the primary purposes for the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate are as follows:

- In the General Fund, including the Unincorporated Area MSTU and the Emergency Medical Services Fund, revenue increases are required to support personnel and operating expenditure levels that are driven by inflationary factors.

- In the Health Department Fund, the revenue increase is required to support implementation of school nurses in every Pinellas County public school.
- In the Public Library Cooperative MSTU, the Palm Harbor MSTU, the Feather Sound MSTU, the East Lake Library Services MSTU, the East Lake Recreation Services MSTU, and the Special Fire Protection Districts, revenue increases are needed to support increased expenditures by the agencies providing services for those districts.

Mr. Woodard conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! FY2018 Tentative Budget*, a copy of which has been made a part of the record, and noted that a schedule of changes to the proposed budget was distributed to the Board on August 31, 2017; that modifications include both Board-directed changes approved at BCC meetings or work sessions and technical adjustments related to accounting presentation, updated information, corrections, and other minor changes.

Following the presentation and in response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard provided information with regard to the General Fund Reserves.

Thereupon, Chairman Long announced that the Board of County Commissioners will continue the hearing as the taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, Dependent Special Districts, and MSTU levies, as previously referenced, by taking public comment from citizens who wish to be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.

No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to speak.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard indicated that if the Homestead Exemption Referendum were to pass in 2018, it would affect the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Chairman Long asked the members whether they wished to recommend any changes to the proposed millage rates or budgets, and none were noted.

Chairman Long announced that resolutions will now be considered to set the tentative millage rates and budgets; and that the amounts will not be finalized until the public hearing on September 26, 2017; whereupon; Mr. Woodard announced each of the resolutions separately, which have been made a part of the record.

Resolution No. 17-65 adopting the tentative millage rates for Fiscal Year 2018 for the Pinellas County General Fund and Health Department adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, 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 Morrone, and Commissioner Seel

Resolution No. 17-66 adopting the tentative budgets for Fiscal Year 2018 for the Pinellas County General Fund and Health Department adopted.

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

Resolution No. 17-67 adopting the tentative millage rates for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, South Pasadena Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection District.

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

Resolution No. 17-68 adopting the tentative budgets for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, South Pasadena Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection District.

At this time, Chairman Long closed the first public hearing on the tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, 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

- 37.** Authority to advertise the second public hearing to be held on September 26, 2017 relating to the tentative millage rates and budgets for the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget (regular agenda item).

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 - 7:11 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman