

# **Pinellas County**

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

**ROLL CALL - 9:34 A.M.**

**Present:** 6 - Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, John Morroni, and Karen Williams Seel

**Absent:** 1 - Kenneth T. Welch

**Others Present:** James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Lynn Abbott and Christopher Bartlett, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

**INVOCATION by Father Tom Anastasia with St. Matthew Catholic Church in Largo****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Presentations and Awards:**

Thank You for Doing Business - Working Cow Homemade Ice Cream

Civility Month Proclamation

Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

Emergency Medical Services Awards Recognition

Partner Presentation:

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council -  
Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno, Chairman

Chairman Justice congratulated Commissioner Morroni for receiving the 2016 Frank T. Hurley Tourism Person of the Year Award as chosen by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce at their annual Tourism Lunch last week.

**Thank You for Doing Business Recognition - Working Cow Homemade Ice Cream**

Plaque presented to Tim Pappas, President, and Libby Blanca, Assistant Vice President, of Working Cow Homemade Ice Cream. Chairman Justice provided background information about the company, and Business Development Manager Scott Talcott, Pinellas County Economic Development, provided input.

**Civility Month Proclamation**

Proclamation presented to Clearwater Bar President-Elect David Ellis.

**Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation  
Emergency Medical Services Awards Recognition  
Partner Presentation: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council**

Proclamation presented to Craig Hare, Director of EMS and Fire Administration. Mr. Hare recognized Chris Collins, Nick Eberhardt, and Eric Fayad as Paramedic of the Year, Emergency Medical Technician of the Year, and Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year, respectively, and on behalf of Pinellas Federal Credit Union, Vice President of Administration Gina Signor presented a \$100 gift certificate to each award winner.

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council Chairman, City of Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno, with input by Mr. Hare, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and provided history of the Council. He discussed the nature of its membership and current work, noting that as tourism grows, the number of emergency transports increases.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Hale stated that the increase in transport calls is no longer seasonal; that planning for the future includes ensuring the county's hospitals maintain capacity for the increased need; and that three areas of lapsed coverage in the county have been identified and are being addressed. Mayor Palladeno thanked the Board and staff for their strong support of the services that maintain a top level of care within the county, and the members collectively expressed their appreciation for all the men and women who serve.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

2. Ordinance amending Chapter 110 (Article VI) of the County Code involving special assessments for improvements to storm sewers and streets, including bike paths and sidewalks, by changing the repayment process from an assessment lien method of collection to the uniform method of non-ad valorem assessment collection (companion to item no. 3).

Ordinance No. 16-24 adopted. No correspondence has been received. Upon the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to speak, David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, appeared and stated his concerns.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

3. Resolution waiving interest and late charges incurred since the last billing date on paving, sewer and street lighting special assessment liens, and directing the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller to cease all billing efforts on these liens (companion to item no. 2) (regular agenda item).

Resolution No. 16-30 adopted. Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard estimated that interest and late charges to be waived total approximately \$3,500.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

4. Interlocal Agreement to reestablish the Largo Planning Area.

Interlocal Agreement approved. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

#### COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

5. Case No. CW 16-11 - City of St. Petersburg  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Multimodal Corridor, regarding 3.1 acres more or less, located at 2331 9th Avenue North (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance No. 16-25 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-11. 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 Morroni, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

6. Case No. CW 16-13 - City of St. Petersburg  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Low Medium, regarding 1.4 acres more or less, located immediately south of 3651 71st Street North (subthreshold amendment).
- Ordinance No. 16-26 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-13. Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.
- A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch
7. Case No. CW 16-12 - City of St. Petersburg  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium to Office, regarding 0.3 acres more or less, located on the south side of 77th Avenue, 140 feet east of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North (regular amendment).
- Ordinance No. 16-27 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-12. 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 Morroni, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch
8. Case No. CW 16-9 - Pinellas County  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 2.5 acres more or less, located at 2159, 2167, and 2175 McMullen Booth Road (regular amendment).
- Ordinance No. 16-28 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-9. 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 Seel, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

**9. Case No. CW 16-10 - Pinellas County**

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Very Low to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 9.4 acres more or less, located on the north side of Keystone Road, 100 feet east of Ranch Road (regular amendment).

Ordinance No. 16-29 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-10. Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Chairman Justice noted the following persons were present in support of the proposed amendment:

Katie Cole, Hill Ward Henderson, Applicant's Representative  
Eva Gialelis, Tarpon Springs  
Kamran Rouhani, Clearwater  
Michelle Fasnacht, Tarpon Springs  
Catherine Julian, New Port Richey  
Richard Marcel, New Port Richey  
Melissa Yost, New Port Richey  
Charles Puccini, Tarpon Springs  
Karen O'Connor, Tarpon Springs  
Paul Eckley, Odessa

Later in the meeting, Chairman Justice indicated that Tom Rask, Seminole, had submitted a request to speak on the matter and invited him to do so at that time. Mr. Rask stated that his comments were intended for the public hearings in general; and indicated that more detailed information within the hearing descriptions would be appreciated by the public.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

**10. Ordinance amending the Countywide Rules regarding Target Employment Centers, Transferable Development Rights, and Temporary Lodging Intensity Standards (first hearing).**

Responding to a request by Commissioner Morroni, Pinellas Planning Council Planning Division Manager Michael Crawford related that the Target Employment Center category was adopted in August 2015 as part of the updated Countywide Plan; and that the centers identify larger, employment based areas which allow for a higher floor area ratio. He noted that originally the centers were limited to 100 acres or greater; that the City of St. Petersburg has requested a reduction of the requirement to 10 acres; and that the Pinellas Planning Council recommends adopting the proposed change as a means to

encourage additional high wage jobs.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Crawford provided background information and indicated that the proposed amendment would increase Transferable Development Rights from 25 percent to 30 percent for the receiving parcel; and that Temporary Lodging Intensity Standards would allow an additional 10 percent floor area ratio for small parcels.

Attorney Bennett related that no action is needed at this time; and that the second hearing is scheduled for May 24.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

### 11. Public comment.

Greg Pound, Largo, re Truth

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Drove the Lien to a Levy

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Roots and Wings (submitted document)

Tom Rask, Seminole, re County Administrator

Elin Gottschalk, Palm Harbor, re Citizens Regarding Buses and Transportation

Estelle Loewenstein, Clearwater, re Appointment to Historic Preservation Board

## CONSENT AGENDA - Items 12 through 24 (Items 17, 20 and 21 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

## CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

### 12. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

### 13. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8828-16, 8839-16, and 8842-16 adopted April 7, 2016, annexing certain properties.

### 14. Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District Resolution No. 2016-01 adopted February 16, 2016, fixing the rate of non-ad valorem assessments in compliance with the Charter of the District.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

15. Substance Abuse Service Expansion Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration.

Grant funding approved and accepted in the amount of \$325,000.00 per year for the initial period of March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 to expand substance abuse services for the Health Care for the Homeless program; continued funding beyond Fiscal Year 2016 dependent upon satisfactory performance and Congressional appropriation. No County match is required. Authority delegated to the County Administrator to approve service provider contract with Operation PAR in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00.

Public Works

16. Award of bid to Olympus Painting Contractors, Inc. for the Bayside Bridge rehabilitation project.

Bid No. 156-0241-CP (PID No. 001033A) approved in the amount of \$277,085.86 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. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

18. Award of bid to TLC Diversified, Inc. for the emergency scrubber replacement project at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility.

Bid No. 156-0187-CP (PID No. 002748A/000847A) approved in the amount of \$569,600.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 160 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

19. Award of rebid to Star Controls, Inc. for phase one of the trunking system cellular upgrade project.

Bid No. 156-0234-CP (PID No. 01056A/2195) approved in the amount of \$432,100.00 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. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY



22. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Johanna Gabler v. Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 16-001942-CI-11.
23. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Paul A. Palmer and Amy Palmer v. Pinellas County Florida and First American Title Insurance Company - Circuit Civil Case No. 15-006423-CI-11.
24. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of James R. Yoes v. Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners - Circuit Civil Case No. 16-000784-CI-7.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

17. Ranking of firms and execution of agreement with King Engineering Associates, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Cross Bayou Canal flood control improvement project.

Ranking of firms and final negotiated agreement (Contract No. 145-0035-NC; PID No. 002124A) approved in the amount of \$741,494.00; contract term is 1,060 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Woodard discussed the nature of the project and indicated that it would be funded by the Penny for Pinellas; and that any need for construction will be evaluated upon the completion of the engineering study. He noted that approval would include all three phases of design; and that typically the engineering firm would not be involved in the construction phase of the project. Purchasing Director Joe Lauro concurred and indicated that a separate firm would be chosen to oversee the construction phase of the project, and discussion ensued.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

20. Award of bid to Rowland, Inc. for the annual sanitary sewer repair and extension program.

Bid No. 156-0233-CP (PID No. 001272B) approved in the amount of \$3,718,156.50 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar

days. Agreement provides for one 365-consecutive-calendar-day term extension in an amount not to exceed \$1,859,078.00 provided prices, terms, and conditions remain the same and approval is granted by the County Administrator. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Woodard discussed the nature of the project and indicated that it would be funded through the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

21. Award of bid to T B Landmark Construction, Inc. for the subaqueous force main crossing replacement project in Madeira Beach.

Bid No. 156-0192-CP (PID No. 001502A/2112) approved in the amount of \$1,649,999.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 294 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Woodard discussed the nature of the project and indicated that it would be funded through the Sewer Enterprise Fund; that an aged 20-inch force main within the Intercostal waterway will be replaced with a new 24-inch main; and that the existing main will remain in place as a backup.

Responding to query by Commissioner Morroni, Mr. Woodard related that items in the new automated agenda system identify municipal partners; and that the County uses that information to provide the partners copies of the information regarding the related item, including the date and time of the County Commission meeting.

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Human Services

25. Agreement with Suncoast Center, Inc. for administration of the Human Services Behavioral Health High Utilizer Pilot Program.

Contract No. 156-0045-L approved in the amount of \$964,442.00; contract term is one year with two optional one-year renewals, contingent upon the success of the pilot program. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Woodard indicated that the Suncoast Center, Inc. will administer the pilot program as the lead agency and partner with the Boley Centers and other not-for-profit behavioral and mental health service agencies.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

### Parks and Conservation Resources

26. Resolution supporting the continued service of the Historical Commission, clarifying the purpose and mission of the Commission, and providing for an effective date.

Resolution No. 16-31 adopted.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

27. Air Quality Consent Order A16-012 with Randazzo Builders, Inc.

Consent Order approved assessing a penalty in the amount of \$45,520.00 to resolve asbestos air quality violations. Chairman authorized to sign the Order.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

### Planning

28. Resolutions granting ad valorem tax exemptions for five historic properties located within the City of St. Petersburg.

Resolutions Nos. 16-32 through 16-36 adopted granting the exemptions, as follows:

16-32 836 16th Avenue Northeast (locally known as the Blair House, a Contributing

property to the North Shore Historic District)

- 16-33 7401 Central Avenue (a City Local Landmark known as the Sunset Hotel)
- 16-34 936 17th Avenue Northeast (a local residence that is a Contributing property to the North Shore Historic District)
- 16-35 656 1st Street North (a City Local Landmark known as the Thomas Whitted House)
- 16-36 1224 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street South, Everett Residence (a City Local Landmark known as the Henry Bryan House)

Exemptions are valid for a period of ten years beginning on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2025. Chairman authorized to sign the tax exemption covenants and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**29. County Administrator miscellaneous.**

At the request of Mr. Woodard, Workforce Development Manager Jack Loring introduced University of Central Florida students Chelsea Moore, Grecia Maldonado, Liz Bonet, and Frank Barberena and presented their background information, noting that they are exploring careers in Pinellas County government during spring break.

In response to queries by Commissioners Long and Seel, Mr. Loring discussed the process by which students are selected to participate; whereupon, Mr. Woodard indicated that the County offers volunteer programs and mentoring initiatives as part of an overall strategy to attract the next generation to its public service workforce, noting that this is the second group of externs from University of Central Florida; whereupon, the members congratulated the students and thanked them for their participation.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

**30. Authority for the County Attorney to initiate litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Codey Jacob Harper.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morroni, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that authority be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

**31. County Attorney miscellaneous.**

Attorney Bennett discussed the County Attorney's internship program and announced that Brent Sunnucks from Florida State University has joined his office as a summer intern.

**AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS**

Emergency Medical Services

**32. Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Non-Medical Wheelchair Transport Providers.**

Renewal certificates issued to the following providers in accordance with Section 54, Pinellas County Code. Chairman authorized to sign the certificates.

AVS Mobility, Inc.

CareCabee Transportation, LLC

Care Ride, LLC

Comfort Coach Wheelchair Transportations, Inc.

Express Medical Transporters, Inc.

Lifefleet Southeast, Inc. d/b/a American Medical Response (AMR)

Mac J Transport, Inc.

MedFleet, Inc.

Safe Choice Transportation Services, LLC

Tender Touch Transport Service, LLC

The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Inc. d/b/a TransCare Medical Transportation Services

Trinity Mobility, Inc., d/b/a A Trinity Wheelchair Transportation

Wheelchair/Stretcher Limo, Inc.

Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc.

In response to query by Chairman Justice, Assistant County Administrator John Bennett, with input by Mr. Woodard, related that the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Office and/or the Fraud Hotline may be contacted regarding issues with any of the wheelchair transport providers.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

**33. Reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.**

Beth Rawlins and William Holmes reappointed as Citizen Representatives.

In response to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard related that the term is two years; and that appointees may only serve two consecutive terms; whereupon, Commissioner Gerard indicated that Ms. Rawlins has only been on the board for a couple of years.

Assistant County Administrator John Bennett related that he has requested a review of the bylaws by staff and the County Attorney's Office to see they should be updated.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

Board of County Commissioners

**34. Authority to advertise public hearings to be held on June 7, 2016, for a resolution to approve the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Plan, an ordinance establishing a Redevelopment Trust Fund for the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area, and an ordinance amending Ordinance No.15-29 to rename the Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency.**

Mr. Woodard expressed gratitude to former Planning Director Gordon Beardslee, Planning Director Renea Vincent, Principal Planner Rachel Booth, Planning Manager Franklin Bowman, and the Citizen Advisory Committee for the tremendous work effort involved in crafting the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Plan.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, that authority be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency

35. Transmittal of the Proposed Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Plan to the Local Planning Agency for review and recommendations.

Commissioner Long briefly discussed the possible implementation of a bus service focused in the Lealman area.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

36. County Administrator reports: Community Engagement update.

Mr. Woodard provided an update regarding the Board's community activities, noting that last week's Community Conversation was a success; that approximately 80 citizens attended; that 350 people participated via social media; and that there were 1,400 simultaneous listeners to the presentation. He announced that the Board has been invited to attend a meeting of the Council of North County Neighborhoods on May 16 from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. and a Tierra Verde Community Association meeting on June 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.; whereupon, Commission Morroni requested that the Commissioners arrive in Tierra Verde a half-hour early to meet and greet the residents.

Mr. Woodard related that the Board had requested that Board meetings and work sessions be held in the community to engage the public; and that the following meetings have been scheduled:

- August 16 in Gulfport from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M.
- September 20 in Tarpon Springs from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.
- October 18 in Pinellas Park from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Justice thanked staff for the extra work to coordinate the outreach; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard indicated that it is appropriate for the members, as invited guests, to arrive at the community association meetings a half-hour early to meet with residents; that it is up to the Board's discretion whether to network prior to the community work sessions; and that he will brief the members with respect to community issues. He related that there are no specific items slated for the work sessions at this time; and that more dialogue regarding the meeting format will take place as the dates near; whereupon, Commissioner Morroni

noted the importance of getting the word out so that the public is aware of the different locations.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

### 37. Appointment of alternate member to the Historic Preservation Board.

Estelle Loewenstein appointed to serve a three-year term.

Chairman Justice introduced candidate Neil McMullen, noting that Estelle Loewenstein was introduced earlier in the meeting. He distributed ballots, and following the vote, the ballots were presented to the Clerk for tabulation. Later in the meeting, Ms. Harris related that there was a tie, with Mr. McMullen and Ms. Loewenstein each receiving three votes.

Following brief discussion and a second vote, Ms. Harris announced that Ms. Loewenstein had received four votes, and Mr. McMullen had received two; whereupon, the members congratulated Ms. Loewenstein on her appointment and thanked Mr. McMullen for his willingness to serve.

### 38. Extension of appointments to the Historic Preservation Board.

Appointments of John Barie, Wally Clark, and Gina Clayton extended to December 2018, aligning with the standard three-year term length of the Board.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Welch

### 39. County Commission miscellaneous.

The members discussed a recent newspaper article regarding Tampa Bay transit, and referring to comments attributed to Mr. Woodard, clarified his role with regard to bringing forward solutions to challenging County issues and the Board's role as the policymaker.

#### Commissioner Long

Requested a workshop focused on reducing government agency duplication by collaborating and partnering to utilize tax resources in a more efficient and productive manner to address transportation issues.

Extended condolences to Board Reporter Laura Todd and her family.



Commissioner Morroni

Expressed appreciation for the chance to represent the Board at the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Commissioner Gerard

Agreed with comments by Commissioner Long, noting that a different approach is needed to find a solution to transportation issues.

Commented on last week's Community Conversation and invited the public to provide input at upcoming meetings in various communities.

Commissioner Eggers

Encouraged Board leadership and increased public participation with regard to transportation issues, noting the many upcoming meeting opportunities.

Thanked Mr. Woodard, Assistant County Administrator John Bennett, and staff for assistance in reaching out and engaging in a flood discussion with the Tarpon Woods community.

Encouraged public discussion regarding the Palm Harbor Historic Master Plan Update and the changes to be implemented early next year.

Congratulated today's EMS winners, thanked the Emergency Medical community for its hard work, and expressed gratitude to the EMS personnel who responded to his emergency.

Noted the importance of John Bennett's water safety plan for Pinellas County.

Commissioner Seel

Cheered the stellar Emergency Medical system for saving lives.

Discussed the progress being made by the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group, comprised of representatives from the Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Related that the Metropolitan Planning Organization has merged with the Pinellas Planning Council and is now known as Forward Pinellas; and that three County Commissioners serve on its board.

Briefly discussed Penny for Pinellas transportation accomplishments, including the Gateway Express and ITS/ATMS projects, and noted that there are numerous public requests for an alternate east-west route.

Chairman Justice

Attended the Intercultural Institute for Alliances' luncheon last week with Commissioner Gerard and Mr. Woodard.

Attended the Tampa Bay Export Alliance International Town Hall last Friday.

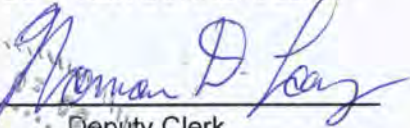
Congratulated FOX 13's Steve Nichols on his retirement.

**ADJOURNMENT- 11:54 A.M.**

  
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Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By



Deputy Clerk

