

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 9:34 A.M.

Present: 6 - Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman Karen Williams Seel, Jay J. Beyrouti, Dave Eggers, Charlie Justice, and Janet C. Long

Absent: 1 - Pat Gerard

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

INVOCATION by Chairman Welch.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Purple Heart Day Proclamation:
Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter JFK-1963:
 - Rich Weltz, Senior Vice Commander
 - Dale Burmesiter, Junior Vice Commander
 - Marc Brill, Adjutant
 - Reynaldo Valdes, Member
 - Stan Beach, Chaplain
 - Reverend Father Bob Swick, Member
 - Frank Chicollo, Sergeant-At-Arms

Chairman Welch invited Veterans Services Director Michael Hill and Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter members to the podium and provided background information on Purple Heart recipients; whereupon, he presented them with a plaque and read a proclamation recognizing August 7, 2018 as Purple Heart Day. Commissioner Eggers provided brief comments.

2. National Water Quality Month Proclamation:
 - Royce Rarick, Plant Operations Chief, Utilities
 - Matt Wotowiec, Water Quality Monitoring Manager, Utilities
 - Melanie Weed, Environmental Program Coordinator, Public Works
 - Josie Benwell, Project Coordinator, Public Works
 - David Downing, Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau

Chairman Welch invited the department representatives to the podium and discussed the importance of preserving and protecting the County's waterways; whereupon, he presented them with a plaque and read a proclamation recognizing August 2018 as National Water Quality Month.

3. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:
- David Hansen, Water Quality, Utilities

Chairman Welch and Mr. Woodard recognized Mr. Hansen for his work as a Senior Water Quality Management Specialist, and a video was shown highlighting the services he provides.

4. Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA) Awards:
- FWEA Public Education Award, Organization Category
- FWEA Biosolids/Residuals Program Excellence, Large Operating Facility

Chairman Welch recognized Utilities employees Ivy Drexler, Stephanie Kapfenstein, and Shea Dunifon for achievement of the awards and thanked them for their service; whereupon, Mses. Drexler and Dunifon provided information regarding biosolids operations and public education efforts at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility.

5. Public Works Accreditation Award:
- Doug Layton, American Public Works Association, Region IV Director

Chairman Welch provided background information regarding the accreditation program and recognized staff's efforts and commitment to setting the standard for public service in America. Mr. Layton commended the Public Works team, noting that there are only four accredited counties in Florida; whereupon, he presented the award to Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji and Public Works staff members Ivan Fernandez and Jessica Jones.

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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

6. Proposed modifications to the Pinellas County Code related to purchasing.

Mr. Woodard related that the proposed modifications are primarily housekeeping in nature, reorganizing and streamlining certain sections of the Code; that the only substantive change would memorialize practices that have been employed by the Purchasing Department for many years with regard to the County Administrator's delegated authority pertaining to maintenance, repair, and operating supply procurement; and that the proposed language grants the Administrator authority to increase purchases by up to 50 percent of the amount authorized by the Board.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard related that the proposed language is consistent with previous internal audit findings, and Purchasing Director Joe Lauro indicated that the Inspector General's Office reviewed the purchasing procedures

approximately ten years ago and the proposed language was approved at that time, noting that it provides more control while maintaining needed flexibility; whereupon, he clarified that he will continue to approve noncompetitive purchases and provide reports to the Board. Discussion ensued, and Deputy Clerk Harris provided input.

No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the matter be deferred pending review of the purchasing policies by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Finance Division, and the Inspector General's Office. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

7. Case No. CW 18-16 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from activity center and recreation/open space to activity center, regarding 172.5 acres more or less, generally located south of Drew Street, east of Prospect Avenue, north of Court Street, and west of Highland Avenue (regular amendment). (Companion to Item No. 8)

Ordinance No. 18-29 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-16. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager Rodney Chatman referred to various maps and photographs and provided an overview of the proposal; whereupon, he stated that staff has found the proposed change to be consistent with the Countywide Rules and recommends approval of the amendment.

In response to queries by Chairman Welch and Commissioner Seel, Mr. Chatman related that Items Nos. 7 and 8 are within the same overall planning area; that there are no plans to develop the subject property; and that the intent is to provide a uniform land use designation across all properties within the character district.

City of Clearwater Planning Manager Lauren Matzke appeared on behalf of the applicant, and responding to query by Commissioner Seel, confirmed that the proposed change is to provide consistency with respect to the Downtown Master Plan, and there are no plans to develop the parcel, noting that it is part of the City's stormwater system.

In response to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, Mary Arfaras, Clearwater, related that she owns a nearby shopping plaza; and that the businesses there will be adversely affected by a reduction of parking. She responded to queries by the Chairman, and Ms. Matzke provided input, noting that the matter relates to the completion of streetscaping along Cleveland Street; whereupon, Chairman Welch advised Ms. Arfaras to follow up with the City regarding her concerns.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

8. Case No. CW 18-17 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from activity center to activity center, regarding 10.9 acres more or less, generally located north of Nicholson Street, west of the Pinellas Trail, east of Clearwater Harbor, and within 285 feet of Cedar Street (regular amendment). (Companion to Item No. 7)

Ordinance No. 18-30 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-17. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager Rodney Chatman referred to various maps and photographs and provided an overview of the proposal, indicating that the amendment pertains to the Old Bay Character District located in the northern area of the Greater Downtown Planning Area. Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, he indicated that existing property uses would be allowed to remain; and that the City wishes to spur redevelopment in the District.

In response to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, Chris Biery, Clearwater, and Lee Hutton, Safety Harbor, expressed concerns pertaining to redevelopment of commercial property that they own within the subject area. Responding to query by Chairman Welch, City of Clearwater Planning Manager Lauren Matzke provided information pertaining to development of the North Marina Area Master Plan and its integration into the Redevelopment Plan, the City's vision for the area, and grandfathering provisions.

Discussion ensued; whereupon, Chairman Welch advised Messrs. Biery and Hutton to have further discussions with the City and to contact Mayor George Cretekos.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

9. Case No. CW 18-18 - City of Dunedin
Countywide Plan Map amendment from residential low medium to residential medium, regarding 0.3 acre more or less, located at 1722 Curlew Road (regular amendment).

Ordinance No. 18-31 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-18. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 10 through 25

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

10. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 17, 2018.

Reports received for filing:

11. Dock Fee Report for the month of June 2018.
12. Quarterly Report of Routine Dock and Dredge/Fill Applications Received from April 1 to June 30, 2018.
13. Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended June 30, 2018.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

14. City of St. Petersburg Notice of Public Hearing held August 2, 2018, regarding proposed amendments to the Intown Redevelopment Plan.

15. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for the Town of Indian Shores for the purpose of providing insurance through Public Risk Management of Florida Health Trust, together with an Affidavit of Authenticity.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

16. Service Area Competition grant application for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration for the Health Care for the Homeless program.

Application approved for grant funding in the amount of \$1,456,815.00.00. County Administrator delegated authority for the award and any future supplemental awards during the period of March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

Public Works

17. Ranking of firms and agreement with H.W. Lochner, Inc., for the 126th Avenue North improvement project from U.S. Highway 19 to 34th Street North Project Development and Environmental study.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0404-NC (PID No. 002925A) approved in the amount of \$919,917.66 for a term of 18 consecutive months from the notice to proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

18. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the ranking of firms and agreements with various firms for emergency debris monitoring.
Contract No. 167-0024-P with the following firms ratified and confirmed. Services to be provided on a contingency basis through December 31, 2022.

Rostan Solutions, LLC

Tetra Tech, Inc.

Thompson Consulting Services, LLC

19. Award of bid to Florida Safety Contractors, Inc. for Northeast Coachman at Old Coachman Road intersection improvement project.

Bid No. 178-0313-CP (PID No. 001020A) in the amount of \$1,414,487.52 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 420 consecutive calendar days.

- 20.** Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the Highland Avenue drainage improvement project.

Bid No. 178-0327-CP (PID No. 002308A) in the amount of \$1,728,508.80 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. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

- 21.** Award of bid to TLC Diversified, Inc. for sanitary sewer pump station repair, rehabilitation and improvement projects for FY 2018-2021.

Bid No. 178-0360-CP (PID No. 000964A) in the amount of \$5,722,777.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 1,095 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

- 22.** Award of bid to KAT Construction & Materials, Inc. for the McKay Creek reclaimed water pump station valve improvement project.

Bid No. 178-0386-CP (PID No. 003207A) in the amount of \$1,144,956.64 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 23.** Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Lori Condie and Jeffrey Condie v. Eniswood Homeowners' Association, Inc. and Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; Circuit Civil Case No. 16-006910-CI-20 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Sheriff's Office

- 24.** Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending June 30, 2018.
- 25.** Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending June 30, 2018.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTSAirport

- 26.** First Amendment to the Concession Agreement for food and beverages with First Class Concessions, Inc. for the airport terminal building concession at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Amendment to Contract No. 067-0660-P approved extending the agreement on a month-to-month basis effective August 25, 2018. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the item. In response to comments and queries by the members, Airport Director Thomas Jewsbury discussed the Request for Proposal process, indicating that the Airport wants to attract concessionaires who will offer a combination of national brand and local flair, and presented information relating to outreach activities; whereupon, he discussed the timetable for Customs improvements and how the airport is dealing with construction activities on adjacent roadways.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Jewsbury provided information regarding airline policies with respect to deplaning, ground operations, and inclement weather, and agreed to review the fee structure for use of the boarding bridges.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

- 27.** Eighth and Ninth Amendments to the agreement with Stellar Partners, Inc. for airport duty free services and gift shop concessions.

Amendments to Contract No. 990-0302-P approved extending the agreement on a month-to-month basis effective August 1, 2018 and providing additional revenue as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 28.** Revisions to the Capital Projects Funding Program Guidelines from the Tourist Development Council.

Revisions approved.

Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater (VSPC) Consultant Dennis Long provided background information regarding the Capital Projects Funding Program Guidelines and the substantive and non-substantive changes made by the Tourist Development Council. In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Long presented information concerning the economic impact study, streamlining of the evaluation process, funding guidelines, reimbursement of program participants, and bonding opportunities, and discussion ensued regarding the Tourist Development Tax, transportation and transit, beautification of Gulf Boulevard, and similar topics, and VSPC President and CEO David Downing provided input.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Update Regarding Philadelphia Phillies' Proposal

Mr. Woodard discussed a meeting between himself, Clearwater City Manager Bill Horne, and members of their respective staffs pertaining to a proposal by the Philadelphia Phillies. He indicated the subsequent to the meeting, the team could be submitting an amended capital funding request for renovation of its spring training facilities at Spectrum Field baseball stadium, and provided information regarding legal and statutory challenges concerning the use of Tourist Development Tax dollars to fund player dormitories and related matters, and discussion ensued with input by Attorney Zas, Chairman Welch, and Commissioners Eggers and Long.

Circle of Heroes at Veterans Reef

Chairman Welch discussed the Circle of Heroes at Veterans Reef project, and in response to his queries and those of the members, Attorney Zas provided information relating to

capital funding guidelines, state statute, and similar matters, and Commissioners Justice and Long provided input; whereupon, Preston Rudie, former staff member in the Office of Congressman David Jolly, provided detailed information regarding the project, including associated costs, public/private contributions, and requested Tourist Development Council funding.

Following lengthy discussion and in response to comments and queries by the members, Dr. Heyward Matthews provided additional information relating to the project, and Mr. Woodard discussed the process by which the members could proceed; whereupon, Chairman Welch confirmed the members' support for moving forward.

Economic Development

- 29.** Resolution approving B7032039894 as a qualified applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program.

Resolution No. 18-46 adopted approving Project B7032039894 as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local county financial support (total local contribution amount, \$48,000.00, 50 percent of which will be paid by Pinellas County, to be paid over a series of fiscal years as determined by the state).

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard related that the project seeks to expand an information technology business located in the City of St. Petersburg; that 40 employees are projected to be hired with annual pay scales of at least 150 percent of the average annual wage for the State of Florida; and that the company is also considering sites in Maryland; Virginia; Washington, DC; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Welch indicated that Item No. 36 would be addressed at this time, followed by Item No. 41.

Real Estate Management

- 36.** Resolution and Lease Agreement with Star-Tec Enterprises, Inc., dba TEC-Garage, for office space.
Resolution No. 18-49 adopted and lease agreement approved for office space located at 501 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg (Pinellas County 501 Building). Initial term of lease is one year, with automatic one-year renewals.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- 41. County Administrator Reports:**
Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Consultant Report
- Bob Morrison, President, Morrison & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Woodard introduced the item, relating that it is being brought forward in response to the members' interest in evaluating the existing Small Business Enterprise Program; whereupon, he introduced Bob Morrison, Morrison & Associates, Inc., indicating that he has completed a preliminary review and issued a preliminary report, which has been included in the members' backup materials.

Mr. Morrison referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Pinellas County Small Business Enterprise Program Enhancement Findings and Recommendations* and presented information regarding the following:

- Pinellas County Ordinance 2-165
- Target Audience Identification
- Existing Eligibility Criteria
- Recommended Eligibility Criteria
- Vendor Communication
- Communication - Quality Control and Validation
- Internal Small Business Systems Infrastructure
- Performance Assessment Tools
- Findings
- Governmental Organizational Chart
- Recommendations - Phases 1, 2, and 3

Following the presentation, Chairman Welch related that the members will have time to reflect upon the recommendations before the item returns at an upcoming BCC meeting.

In response to comments and queries by Chairman Welch, Mr. Woodard reported that funding has been built into next year's tentative budget which would resource the four positions that have been recommended; and that an investment has already been made regarding the Business to Government software referenced in the presentation; whereupon,

Chairman Welch discussed the importance of an Office of Supplier Diversity, and Mr. Morrison provided further information pertaining to vendor certification.

In response to queries by Commissioners Seel and Eggers, Mr. Morrison presented information relating to business and occupational licenses, best practices, and program monitoring.

Later in the meeting, Chairman Welch stated for the record that Michelle Ligon, Tierra Verde, had been present and had planned to speak in support of the item.

Meeting Recessed: 1:04 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 1:35 P.M.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Emergency Management

30. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management.

Resolution No. 18-47 adopted approving the agreement, enabling the giving and receiving of assistance following a major disaster.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Parks and Conservation Resources

31. Air Pollution Control Specific Operating Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Pinellas County.

Agreement approved to remain in effect for a term of three years.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Public Works

32. Road Transfer Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Belleair for the transfer of specific roadway segments.

Agreement approved transferring roadway segments as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the agreement; Clerk authorized to record the agreement and the corresponding right-of-way map.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

33. Construction Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the crossing surface replacement on McMullen Booth Road.

(CXST OP No. FL2151; County PID No. 002541A) Agreement in the amount of \$418,313.00 approved. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

34. Resolution dedicating a portion of County-owned property on Oak Street as public right-of-way.

Resolution No. 18-48 adopted. Clerk authorized to record.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Purchasing

35. Ranking of firms and agreement with Crowe LLP for auditing services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 178-0114-P approved in the amount of \$346,500.00 for the first year of services. Contract term ends with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022,

after the completion of audits for five fiscal years. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the agreement and engagement letter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Real Estate Management

- 37.** First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Mainstream Partners IV, LLC to expand existing warehouse space to support the relocation of the Sheriff's Dive Team and Major Accident Investigation divisions.

Amendment approved expanding the leased area by 2,400 rentable square feet. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 38.** County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Environmental Management Division Director Kelli Levy provided an update regarding the red tide algal bloom along the Gulf Coast, stressing that there is currently no red tide in Pinellas County. In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Eggers and Justice, she related that red tide is caused by a combination of factors; that nutrient-rich urban runoff has worsened the bloom and has had a devastating impact on marine life; and that it is unknown whether Lake Okeechobee is directly connected to the matter.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 39.** County Attorney Miscellaneous.

Attorney White recognized Managing Assistant County Attorney Amanda Coffey on attaining Florida Bar Board Certification as a specialist in local government law; whereupon, she

related that over 50 percent of the attorneys in her office are specialists, and discussed the certification process.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

- 40.** Increase to purchase authorization with Insight Public Sector Inc. for requirements of technology products, solutions, and related products and services.

Authorization granted to increase Contract No. 156-0248-PB by \$110,000.00, for a revised total expenditure of \$350,000.00 through April 30, 2019.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- 42.** Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re “long-standing” puzzle - submitted document

Mack Johnson, Largo

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Repeal HB 7069

Greg Pound, Largo, re Pinellas County

Edward Lewis, Seminole, re Purple Heart Park

Dot Miller, Seminole, re Purple Heart Park - submitted petitions

- 43.** Appointments to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Commissioner Long nominated Michael Bauer to fulfill an existing term expiring December 31, 2018.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

John Gray and Manitia Moultrie reappointed for one-year terms following a ballot vote.

44. County Commission New Business Items:
- PSTA Commissioners Appointments (Commissioner Welch)
 - Stand Your Ground Resolution (Commissioner Welch)

Commissioners Appointments

Chairman Welch reappointed the following members:

Forward Pinellas: Commissioners Eggers, Justice, and Welch.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority: Commissioners Eggers, Gerard, Justice, and Long.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Stand Your Ground Resolution

Chairman Welch discussed a recent event that occurred in Pinellas County relating to the Stand Your Ground Law. He opined that there are problems with the law; and that issues concerning Stand Your Ground need to be addressed by the State Legislature; whereupon, he requested that the members consider a resolution requesting that the Legislature address flaws in the law; and that the resolution also states support for Senator Darryl Rouson's call for a special session to address the matter.

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Chairman Welch and Attorney White provided information pertaining to the firearm regulation preemption issue; whereupon, Commissioner Justice expressed his support for the resolution, and Commissioners Seel and Eggers provided input.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Commissioner Long suggested that the members may wish to include resolution language regarding how media attention concerning tragic events can negatively affect tourism, and Commissioner Beyrouti provided input; whereupon, Chairman Welch related that he does not wish to revise the resolution language following the vote; and that additional conversation can take place during a legislative session.

45. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

The members reported on the activities of their assigned Boards and Committees and related or discussed the following items.

Commissioner Justice

- Discussed recent and upcoming activities of the Area Agency on Aging, Gulf Consortium, Historic Preservation Board, and Tampa Bay Estuary Program Management Board.
- Stated that he provided the members a County Attorney memorandum regarding the flexibility they have concerning designation of the County Seat for the purpose of operating County Government.

Commissioner Long

- Presented information regarding recent and upcoming activities of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority.

Commissioner Eggers

- Discussed recent and upcoming activities of the Community Veterans Engagement Board, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, and Tampa Bay Water.
- Related that the Whispering Souls African American Cemetery held a volunteer appreciation lunch; and that another opportunity to help restore the grounds will take place on August 11.
- Reported that he recently attended the *Transportation Solutions in Tampa Bay* conference.
- Related that he had met with another Hillsborough County Commissioner; and that he will be meeting with two Pasco County Commissioners during August.
- Indicated that local veterans should have an opportunity to provide input regarding the location of a memorial dedicated to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Woodard related that he would contact Veterans Services Director Michael Hill regarding the matter; and that War Veterans Park could be an appropriate place for such a monument or recognition.

Commissioner Seel

- Reported that the Homeless Leadership Board members were thrilled with the decision to provide funding for the emergency shelter.

Chairman Welch

- Related that the County Administrator candidate interviews will take place next week; and that Tourist Development Council appointments will occur on September 30.
- Reported that the appointment of PSTA Board member Brian Scott will end on September 30; and that following the normal advertising process regarding the upcoming vacancy, the members will vote on their next appointee; whereupon, Commissioner Long requested that Attorney White provide a legal opinion concerning Mr. Scott's appointment to the PSTA, and brief discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:35 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman