

Pinellas County

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



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

2:00 PM

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 - 2:02 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - John Morroni

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Jenny Masinovsky and Michael Schmidt, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION by Pastor J.C. Pritchett II with Faith Church St. Petersburg**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Justice related that the Commissioners are wearing law enforcement ribbons to honor the law enforcement officers around the country who lost their lives in the past week, as well as in support and appreciation of law enforcement officers and employees in Pinellas County; whereupon, a moment of silence was held in honor of the officers.

Chairman Justice provided an update regarding Commissioner Morroni, relating that he was admitted to Moffitt Cancer Center for treatment and will be away for at least a month; and that his assignments are temporarily shared among the commissioners; whereupon, he indicated that Commissioner Morroni thanked the members, staff, and public for the outpouring of support and, noting that the caringbridge.org website would be updated as to his condition, requested no phone calls, flowers, or gifts, as those cannot be received at the center.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**1. Presentations and Awards:**

Doing Things Employee Recognition:

Alex Campbell, Office Specialist, Parks and Conservation Resources

Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Thank You for Doing Business Recognition: Book Zurman, Inc.

Small Business Development Center Presentation - Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Director

Partner Presentation:

Tampa Bay Estuary Program - Holly Greening, Executive Director

Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

Presented to Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie, Chief Park Ranger Pamela Traas, Office Specialist Alex Campbell, and Chair of the Parks and Conservation Advisory Board David Kandz.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Presented to Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger and his staff.

Thank You for Doing Business Recognition: Book Zurman, Inc.

Chairman Justice and Director of Economic Development Mike Meidel provided information regarding the company and recognized its President, Brian Book, for service provided to veterans, noting that it played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Veterans Health Administration Health Information Model and the Federal Health Information Model, two of the largest health care systems in the United States; whereupon, Mr. Book thanked Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director Dr. Cynthia Johnson and her team for their continuous support.

Small Business Development Center Presentation - Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Director

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Dr. Johnson provided an overview of the organization, its purpose, accomplishments, and economic impact on the County in terms of creating/retaining jobs, generating sales, acquiring government contracts, and starting new businesses. In response to queries by the Commissioners, she related that her staff is comprised of three employees; and that the Pinellas County SBDC is number one in the region, consisting of seven Florida counties, for "student teams", which are semester-long partnerships of business students of the University of South Florida and St. Petersburg College with businesses for hands-on experience; whereupon, the Commissioners commended Dr. Johnson and her team for their efforts, stressing the importance of their work for local entrepreneurs.

Partner Presentation:**Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) - Holly Greening, Executive Director**

Ms. Greening referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Tampa Bay Update* and a handout titled *Tampa Bay Estuary Program: A Partnership for a Healthy Bay*, copies of which have been filed and made a part of the record, and provided historical information regarding the state of Tampa Bay in the 1970s and formation of the Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium; whereupon, she presented various charts and graphs depicting a significant decrease in nitrogen loading and water quality improvement, occurring despite considerable population growth, and the seagrass coverage from the 1970s to the present, noting that the goal of returning to the seagrass level of the 1950s, planned for the year 2045, was met in 2015. Ms. Greening stressed the importance of a collaborative approach to meeting the regulatory water quality goals,

as well as the goals to restore and protect the bay, and noted Pinellas County's active participation in the Consortium, including enactment of the residential fertilizer ordinance; whereupon, she discussed the Old Tampa Bay algae blooms and muck accumulation in Safety Harbor, and the study conducted by the TBEP and the Water Management District to understand their probable causes and evaluate costs and environmental benefits of the proposed management actions to improve water quality.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Long and Eggers, Ms. Greening indicated that the TBEP is working together with state and federal environmental agencies; and that the Florida Department of Transportation is evaluating options to help restore some of the circulation in the bay as it relates to the current construction on the Howard Frankland Bridge. She explained point-source pollution, noting that excess reclaimed water flowing into the bay from runoffs has significantly less nitrogen than treated wastewater discharged directly into Tampa and Hillsborough bays by several wastewater plants; and that while the presented options for cleaning the muck in Old Tampa Bay are expensive, previous experience shows that a lot of issues can be addressed by working together.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Greening indicated that the recent frequency of sewage spills is attributed to aging sewer infrastructure all around Tampa Bay and climate change resulting in increased rainfall. She provided information on fertilizer regulations in some of the neighboring counties and cities, and briefly discussed the negative effect of the proposed management actions to improve water quality of the Old Tampa Bay watershed on the sea level; whereupon, the members thanked Ms. Greening for her work, and Commissioner Eggers requested that Mr. Woodard provide a report on the current condition of the County's wastewater pipelines.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

2. Public comment.

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re education excellence for all students

Greg Pound, Largo, re truth

Rondale McDowell, St. Petersburg, re Constitutional and civil rights

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re ex post facto versus qualification requisite

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 22

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chairman Long, and Commissioner Morroni

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

3. Minutes of the regular meetings held June 7 and June 21, 2016.

Reports received for filing:

4. City of Tarpon Springs Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015.
5. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Financial Statements and Compliance Reports for the year ended September 30, 2015, along with Certified Annual Financial Report dated June 20, 2016.
6. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, pursuant to Chapter 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes.
7. Dock Fee Report for the month of May 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

8. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8847-16, 8850-16, 8853-16, 8856-16, 8859-16, 8862-16, 8865-16, 8868-16, 8871-16, 8874-16, and 8897-16, adopted May 5 and June 16, 2016, annexing certain properties.
9. City of Oldsmar Ordinance No 2016-05 adopted June 7, 2016, annexing certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

10. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2016.
11. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.

Public Works

12. Ranking of firms and execution of agreements with the top five ranked firms for requirements of continuing land surveying and mapping, subsurface utility locating, and geographic

information system services.

Contract No. 156-0014-CN approved with the following firms:

Cumbey & Fair, Inc.
Florida Design Consultants, Inc.
George F. Young, Inc.
King Engineering Associates, Inc.
Southeastern Surveying and Mapping Corp.

Agreements are for a period of five years, effective upon execution; upset limit is \$700,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$3,500,000.00; County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders provided the negotiated rates remain the same. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Real Estate Management

- 13.** Award of bid to Tappouni Mechanical Services, Inc. for the Air Handler Replacement Project at the Young-Rainey Science Technology and Research (STAR) Center.

Bid No. 156-0330-CP (PID No. 002594A) in the amount of \$341,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 150 days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

- 14.** Resolution authorizing the submittal of a construction grant application to Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services to receive a State 2016-2017 Budget Appropriation for the East Lake Community Library Expansion Project.

Resolution No. 16-46 adopted authorizing the County Administrator to sign the grant application and any necessary certifications.

Solid Waste

- 15.** Award of bid to Eau Gallie Electric, Inc. for the Uninterruptible Power Source Project at the Solid Waste Industrial Water Treatment Facility.

Bid No. 156-0247-CP in the amount of \$639,545.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 180 days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

- 16.** Award of bid to FCS, Inc. for requirements of grit removal services.

Bid No. 156-0406-B in the amount of \$1,812,500.00 awarded on the basis of being the

lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; contract is for 60 months and provides for price adjustments at 12-month intervals, as noted in the Staff Report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

17. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Teneshia Seymore, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lola Lewis v. City of St. Petersburg; County of Pinellas; Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Florida Department of Transportation - Circuit Civil Case No. 14-007466-CI-19 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Construction Licensing Board

18. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on August 9, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance amending County Code Chapter 22 (Buildings and Building Regulations), Article I (Countywide Building Construction Industry Regulations and Construction Codes), Division II (Enforcement of Countywide Standards) by revising Section 22-13 (Penalties for Violations).

Emergency Medical Services Authority

19. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - LIFELINE/Med Trans West.
Certificate issued in accordance with Section 54, Pinellas County Code, and Section 401.25, Florida Statutes. Chairman authorized to sign the certificate.
20. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Americhair Transport Service, Inc., a Non-Medical Wheelchair Transport Provider.
Certificate issued in accordance with Section 54, Pinellas County Code. Chairman authorized to sign the certificate.

Sheriff's Office

21. Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from April 1 to June 30, 2016.
22. Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts from April 1 to June 30, 2016.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

- 23.** Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Board Budget Amendment No. 4 supplementing the Medical Examiner and Real Estate Management General Fund Budgets for the DNA Laboratory.

Budget Amendment approved realigning \$75,000.00 from the General Fund Reserves for Contingencies for the hiring of a DNA Analyst, workspace modifications, and additional equipment and supplies for the processing of sexual assault kits.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Parks and Conservation Resources

- 24.** Contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services by the Environmental Lands Unit.

Contract in the amount of \$277,412.29 for Fiscal Year 2017 approved. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Public Works

- 25.** Resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program for FY 2017-2018 long-range budget plan with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolution No. 16-47 adopted; total funds requested, \$2,621,000.00.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Solid Waste

- 26.** Award of bid to County Recycling, Inc. for Lealman residential waste collection and disposal services.

Bid No. 156-0364-B in the amount of \$6,500,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for 65 months and provides for one 60-month term extension. Rates shall be adjusted as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the establishment of a franchise for curbside trash pickup in the Lealman community, its funding, and the original service provider, and related that as the initial ten-year commitment is ending, staff sought input from residents as to their preferences for future trash collection and recycling, which showed a high level of satisfaction with the current program and interest in recycling. He noted that upon conducting a competitive bid process, the original provider, County Recycling, Inc., submitted the lowest bid, increasing the current monthly rate by only four cents; and that recycling will be offered as a subscription-based service at \$3 per month; whereupon, Solid Waste Department Director Kelsi Oswald pointed out that the new monthly rate of \$14.02 will buy a higher level of service.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Welch, Ms. Oswald indicated that while some individuals in other communities have expressed interest in having the same franchise service, there has not been a group large enough to support development of another Municipal Services Benefit Unit; and that the Solid Waste Department staff serves as a technical resource providing assistance to communities. Solid Waste Program Coordinator Charles Mangio briefly discussed the franchising process and indicated that no survey to assess interest in franchising, such as in Lealman, has been conducted countywide; whereupon, Mr. Woodard related that the upcoming code enforcement survey of the unincorporated area will contain questions regarding the impact of waste collection providers on quality of life.

Thereupon, Ms. Oswald announced that Pinellas County has achieved the highest recycling rate in Florida, exceeding the State's 2020 goal. Responding to query by Commissioner Long, she indicated that staff reached out to the media to inform them of the achievement, and Mr. Woodard noted that the news can be read on www.wastedive.com; whereupon, the Commissioners commended staff on the high

recycling rate and success of the Lealman program, and thanked Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee member James Roberto for his partnership and involvement in various programs.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

27. County Administrator miscellaneous.

Mr. Woodard informed the Board that the Florida Department of Revenue awarded the County a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for beautification of the Pinellas Bayway in Tierra Verde in response to a letter of interest from the County; and that a Memorandum of Agreement will be brought back for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard related that a team of staff members is working with Jesse Rose, Chairman of the Tierra Verde Community Association's Landscape Committee, to ensure that the vegetation and planning of the beautification will not be disrupted by the Florida Department of Transportation's bridge replacement project or some of the trail improvements which are underway in that area; whereupon, Commissioner Long requested that a staff member be in contact with the Tierra Verde Community updating them on the progress of the project implementation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

28. Proposed settlement in the case of James E. Parks v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 15-003435-CI-15 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries and property damages.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum from County Attorney James L. Bennett dated July 19, 2016.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

29. Proposed settlement in the case of Frank Brinson v. Pinellas County; Workers' Compensation, Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims Case Number 16-010037SLR.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum from County Attorney James L. Bennett dated July 19, 2016.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

30. Resolution placing Charter Review Commission referendum questions on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot.

Resolution No. 16-48 adopted.

Attorney Bennett described the materials contained in the agenda package and indicated that under the Charter and state statutes, the six referendum questions recommended by the Charter Review Commission are to be placed on the ballot by a resolution; whereupon, he noted that Intergovernmental Liaison Mary Scott Hardwick provided excellent support in the Charter Review process.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

31. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services

32. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the reappointment of Chief Robert Markford and appointment of Chief Rob Angell as primary and alternate representatives, respectively, of the Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association, for two-year terms.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Sheriff's Office

- 33.** FY16 Board Budget Amendment No. 5 realigning appropriation from the General Government (Reserve for Contingencies) cost center to the Sheriff's cost center within the General Fund.

Amendment approved realigning appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for an unanticipated payment as outlined in the letter to the County Administrator dated June 16, 2016.

Mr. Woodard presented the item, and responding to queries by Commissioners Seel and Eggers, provided information regarding the Sheriff's liability insurance, explaining why the requested \$1 million is to be drawn from the BCC's Reserve for Contingencies, and Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger provided clarification as to the statutory requirement for the Sheriff to return all unspent funds as excess fees at the end of each fiscal year.

In response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Long, Sheriff's General Counsel Shannon Lockheart provided information pertaining to the motor-vehicle accident caused by a Sheriff's Deputy, from which the liability claim and, consequently, the request for the unanticipated payment have arisen. She indicated that the case is an anomaly; that the settlement for the allowed insurance maximum amount of \$16 million, consisting of \$1 million self-insured retention and \$15 million excess policy amount, would cap any future payments to the plaintiff; that based on the tragic outcome of the accident, a jury would likely award the plaintiff a much larger amount if the case were litigated; and that, normally, the half-million-dollar annual allocation to the Sheriff's budget that is used to settle liability claims is adequate; whereupon, Risk Management Director Virginia Holscher provided input regarding the County insurance policies.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- 34.** County Administrator reports:

Candidate Stadium Sites
FY 2017 Proposed Budget

Candidate Stadium Sites

Mr. Woodard related that Mike Meidel and Cindy Margiotta, Economic Development, and Tim Ramsberger, Convention and Visitors Bureau, worked on the report titled *Candidate Stadium Sites in Pinellas County, July 2016*; and that Ms. Margiotta will provide an overview regarding the purpose of the report and how it was crafted.

Ms. Margiotta indicated that the report is a high-level scan of ten candidate stadium sites; that several criteria were used when reviewing potential sites; that the locations have been placed in no order of preference; and that while it is not a definitive list of sites, it is a place to begin the conversation; whereupon, she related that acreage and ownership data was obtained through the Property Appraiser's Office.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard related that he had contacted St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman and Tampa Bay Rays President Brian Auld, informing them that the report would be coming before the County Commission. Mr. Woodard reported that he and Chairman Justice had spoken with Mr. Auld several months ago regarding the site selection criteria; that ten prospective properties were identified using a community analyst tool; and that the purpose of the report is to be responsive to Board direction and to provide a point of departure for future discussion.

Commissioner Long recommended that the report be forwarded to the Rays; and that a follow-up discussion be requested after the organization has had an opportunity to conduct its due diligence, and Commissioner Welch concurred; whereupon, responding to his queries, Ms. Margiotta agreed to compile information regarding sites considered in St. Petersburg other than Tropicana Field, including Toytown.

Commissioner Eggers related that information regarding more sites is better; that knowing the costs of building a stadium would be helpful; and that while partners may be needed, partnership opportunities could be reduced if the final site selection is outside the city limits of St. Petersburg; whereupon, Commissioner Long discussed the importance of determining if the Rays are committed to remaining in the local area, and Commissioner Gerard agreed that ongoing discussions should take place between the County and the Rays, and Commissioners Welch and Eggers provided input.

John Higgins, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the Rays, indicated that he welcomes the opportunity to meet with the Commission members and staff; that his office will be conducting its due diligence of the various sites; and that full and fair consideration will be given to all locations presented, and brief discussion ensued.

Meeting Recessed: 4:10 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 4:24 P.M.

Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget

Mr. Woodard referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! FY 2017 Proposed Budget, July 19, 2016*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, relating that during the presentation he will highlight the linkage between the Budget, the Strategic Plan, and *Doing Things!*; and that he will also share some of the key findings from the Citizen Values Survey; whereupon, he provided the following information:

- Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Summary
- Millage Rates; Citizen Values Survey
- Community Characteristics: Aggregate
- Total Budgets: BCC Departments; Constitutional Officers; and Other Agencies
- Staffing Levels
- Pinellas County Government - Mission, Vision, and Values
- Pinellas County's Strategic Plan: *Doing Things to Serve the Public*
- Things Done! Quality Workforce; Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; Environmental Stewardship; Economic Growth and Vitality; and First Class Services
- Themes that Shaped the Budget
- Budget Timeline

Following the presentation, Commissioner Welch expressed appreciation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and staff for the exceptional budget presentation, and related that because he will not be in attendance at the July 28 Budget Information Session, he will provide his comments in writing; whereupon, in response to his queries, OMB Director Bill Berger provided information regarding the General Fund forecast, relating that statutory requirements and other factors account for adjustments made during the process.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Woodard indicated that the Budget does not include the expenditure of the BP Oil Spill money; and that the \$7.1 million received is included in Reserves; whereupon, with input by Mr. Berger, he provided information regarding earmarked funding for projects in the unincorporated area, and discussed local recreation and youth sports programs.

Commissioner Eggers related that because discussions regarding the use of the BP funds will take place in the near future, the members may wish to decide on their individual priorities prior to the members meeting as one body. Following lengthy discussion, the members agreed to submit their individual ideas to Mr. Woodard by the end of business on August 1; and that discussion would be scheduled to take place on August 4.

COUNTY COMMISSION

35. Appointments to the Economic Development Council.

Mike Barbaro, William Noel McCormick, and William Ostrowski appointed and Charlie Allcott, Christy Howard, Steven Klar, Ron Mirenda, Diane Plomatos, and Michael Van Butsel reappointed for two year terms.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

36. Interlocal agreement regarding the high speed ferry pilot program.

Chairman Justice indicated that the item has been deferred to a future meeting.

37. County Commission miscellaneous:
CareerSource Pinellas Budget follow-up.

Mr. Woodard related that although the members had approved the CareerSource Pinellas work plan at the previous meeting, they had questions for CareerSource staff who were not in attendance; and that the organization's executive director is here today to respond to those queries; whereupon, Ed Peachey, President and CEO, CareerSource Pinellas, appeared and introduced board members and local business owners Lenné Nicklaus-Ball and Richard Peck.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Peachey clarified that WorkNet Pinellas is doing business as CareerSource Pinellas, as the Science Center, and as the Science, Technology, Education, and Innovation Center; whereupon, he reported that while the previous Science Center mortgage contained a balloon payment, it now has a 30-year fixed mortgage with Hancock Bank; and that WorkNet owns no other properties.

Mr. Peck discussed Science Center revitalization efforts and how the building is being utilized to provide manufacturing training programs for young people, relating that local manufacturers are in desperate need of trained individuals. Mr. Peachey indicated that grant revenue, fee-based services, and corporate sponsors are primarily funding Science Center operations; and that he recently received a \$2 million earmark grant from the State of Florida for the current fiscal year; whereupon, he provided information regarding the condition of the 35-year-old building and the various repairs that have been undertaken, relating that the Juvenile Welfare Board has provided funding to help with those repairs and improvements, and Mr. Peck provided input.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by Commissioner Long, Mr. Peck indicated that 150 students were placed in jobs following soldering training at the Science Center, and briefly discussed the AMskills apprenticeship program and the German Initiative Model; whereupon, Mr. Peachey related that he would be glad to provide a more detailed budget regarding the Science Center since the one provided

was condensed for presentation purposes, and Ms. Nicklaus-Ball presented information relating to fundraising activities.

Commissioner Eggers commented that the creation of manufacturing jobs is vital to the local community; that short- and long-term perspectives are essential; and that he would like future discussion regarding the Commission's role and the leveraging of County dollars to assist in manufacturing job training, and Mr. Peachey provided further information regarding Science Center programs.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Peachey related that the acronym NCEP stands for Non-Custodial Employment Program, and provided information regarding the loss of funding for the National Disability Institute, Home Builders Institute, St. Petersburg College, and BayCare Health Systems; whereupon, Commissioner Seel thanked Ms. Nicklaus-Ball and Messrs. Peachey and Peck for their leadership.

Meeting Recessed: 5:48 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:03 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

38. Case No. CW 16-17 - City of St. Petersburg

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium to Multimodal Corridor, regarding 2.1 acres more or less, located at 2500 34th Street North (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance No. 16-39 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-17. 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 Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chairman Long, and Commissioner Morroni

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

39. Case No. Q Z-14-6-16 (Palm Harbor United Methodist Church)

A request for a zoning change from A-E, Agricultural Estate Residential, R-R, Rural Residential and R-3, Single Family Residential to IL, Institutional Limited on approximately 9 acres located at 1551 Belcher Road in Palm Harbor.

Resolution No. 16-49 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

The members congratulated Michael C. Crawford, Planning Division Manager, Pinellas Planning Council, on his upcoming retirement and wished him well in future endeavors.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

40. Ordinance amending the County Code to add Section 2-147 relating to Surplus Lands.

Chairman Justice indicated that the item is being continued and will be considered by the Board at its August 9, 2016 regular meeting during the public hearing portion of the agenda.

41. Ordinance amending provisions of Chapter 90 of the County Code relating to Parks and Conservation Resources.

Ordinance No. 16-40 approved. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Welch commented that language regarding drones is now part of the Pinellas County Code.

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 Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

37. County Commission miscellaneous - continued:

Commissioner Long

In response to her queries, Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie provided an update regarding Fort De Soto infrastructure, including the repair and replacement of bumpers at the marina and fixing parking meters that experienced

glitches following a recent software upgrade.

Indicated that a Farm Share initiative will take place on August 5.

Related that the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club will be meeting on July 27 at the Marriott Hotel on Roosevelt Boulevard; and that discussion will center on the current state of law enforcement and policing throughout the nation and its impacts on Pinellas County.

Commissioner Gerard

Expressed appreciation to the men and women of local law enforcement agencies for their service and dedication.

Commissioner Eggers

Reported that he sits on a recently-formed Board called "My VA."

Commissioner Welch

Provided information regarding Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion in Pinellas County.

Chairman Justice

Related that the St. Petersburg City Council has appointed Councilmember Charlie Gerdes to replace Mayor Rick Kriseman as the City representative on the Tourist Development Council.

Wished happy birthday to various staff members.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:21 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk