

Pinellas County

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



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 27, 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 - 2:04 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 Christopher Bartlett and Michael Schmidt, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION by Pam Dubov, Pinellas County Property Appraiser

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Presentations and awards:

FEMA Community Rating System Plaque Presentation

Thank You for Doing Business: Triad Retail Media

Florida Native Plant Month Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Fire Professional of the Year Awards

Fire Administration Partner Presentation

FEMA Community Rating System Plaque Presentation

Floodplain Management Specialist Collis Brown, Floodplain Management Insurance Branch, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 4, thanked the members and conducted a presentation recognizing Pinellas County's recent achievement of a Community Rating System (CRS) Class 5 Rating. He provided background information on the County's history since joining the National Flood Insurance Program in June 1970.

Mr. Brown noted that there are 34,127 flood insurance policies in Pinellas County that represent more than \$7.8 billion in coverage; that policyholders in high-risk areas (Zones A, AE, and VE) can now receive a 25 percent discount on their premium; that policyholders in low-risk areas (Zones B, C, and X) are eligible for a 10 percent discount; and that annual savings for all policies total \$5,314,999 as a result of the County's participation in the CRS Program; whereupon, he identified the activities implemented by

the County that earned credits in the program.

Pinellas County Watershed Management Manager Rahim Harji conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and discussed the County's Floodplain Management Program and its recent milestones.

Thank You for Doing Business Recognition: Triad Retail Media

Plaque presented to Triad Retail Media Chief Executive Officer Roger Berdusco. Chairman Justice provided background information about the company, and Economic Development Director Michael Meidel provided input.

Florida Native Plant Month Proclamation

Proclamation presented to Mary McCahon, Carlton Rowlett, Sue Taylor, and Debbie Chayet of the Pinellas Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society; and Andy Taylor, Statewide Director of Development, Florida Native Plant Society. Chairman Justice provided background information about the society, and a recipient provided input.

Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Fire Professional of the Year Awards

Fire Administration Partner Presentation

Proclamation presented to Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire Administration Craig Hare and City of Safety Harbor Fire Chief Joe Accetta. Mr. Hare recognized Pinellas Park Fire Rescue Lieutenant Bert Williams, Pinellas County Emergency Fire Dispatcher Briggett Cerse, and the City of Largo Fire Rescue Special Operations Team as Fire Professional of the Year, Emergency Fire Dispatcher of the Year, and Team of the Year, respectively, and on behalf of Pinellas Federal Credit Union, Vice President of Operations Debra Collins presented a gift to each award winner.

Mr. Hare conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and provided information on the Fire Administration data-driven focus group which evaluates First Responder performance metrics, mapping, response times, and workloads. He noted that the group has submitted its work to the EMS Advisory Council for review; and that five additional paramedic positions will be funded in the next fiscal year upon the Board's approval of the proposed budget.

Referring to the presentation, Chief Accetta provided an update on the recent activities and accomplishments of the focus group.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

2. Public comment.

Greg Pound, Largo, re government
James McLynas, Indian Shores, re Sheriff Gualtieri
Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re education excellence
Gerald Goen, Tarpon Springs, re climate change - submitted documents

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 3 through 18)

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 3. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 23, 2016.
- 4. Vouchers and bills paid from July 17 through July 23, 2016 (revised) and August 21 through August 27, 2016.
Period July 17 through July 23, 2016 (revised)
 Payroll - None
 Accounts Payable - \$9,423,873.25

Period August 21 through August 27, 2016
 Payroll - \$3,180,203.62
 Accounts Payable - \$11,426,211.15

Reports received for filing:

- 5. Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended June 30, 2016.
- 6. Dock Fee Report for the month of August 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- 7. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8901-16, 8904-16, 8907-16, and 8910-16 adopted August 4, 2016, annexing certain properties.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

8. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.

Human Services

9. Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals.

Grant provides funding in the amount of \$800,000.00 per year for a total award of \$2,400,000.00 over three years to enhance mental health and substance use treatment services. No cost sharing/match required.

Management and Budget

10. Agreement with the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services for a State Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 budget appropriation for the East Lake Community Library Expansion Project.

Grant No. 17-PLC-06 appropriates \$1,000,000.00 to the County as property and building owner of the library; no matching County funds required. Expansion project is part of the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program budget.

Parks and Conservation Resources

11. Resolution supplementing the FY 2016 Air Quality Tag Fee Fund Budget for unanticipated state-shared revenue.

Resolution No. 16-67 adopted appropriating unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$213,250.00 to increase the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Parks and Conservation Resources Air Quality Division.

Planning

12. Annual updates regarding the County's Local Mitigation Strategy and Program for Public Information.

Reports received for filing.

Public Works

13. Traffic Calming Plan requiring the installation of a multi-way stop condition at Ridgemoor

Drive and Bridgeton Court.

Plan approved in accordance with the County's Residential Traffic Management program; cost of the installation is estimated at \$1,434.69, with an anticipated additional cost of \$236.70 per year for maintenance.

Real Estate Management

14. Ranking of firms and agreement with GovDeals, Inc. for online auction services of miscellaneous surplus items for the Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative and other assorted participants.

Ranking of firms and final agreement (Contract No. 156-0227-R) approved; 60 month contract for estimated total revenue in the amount of \$12,368,090 (estimated County revenue, \$594,430); Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

15. Declare surplus and authorize the sale of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

Opex 3690 Rapid Extraction Desk Model 51 letter-opening machine and ancillary computer equipment declared surplus and authorization granted for sale of the same in accordance with Chapter 274, Florida Statutes.

Safety and Emergency Services

16. Resolution supplementing the FY 2016 Emergency Medical Services Fund budget for unanticipated Ambulance Service Fees revenue.

Resolution No. 16-68 adopted appropriating unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 to authorize associated contractual expense above the original Fiscal Year 2016 adopted expenditure budget.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

17. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Cristina Dye, individually and as parent and natural guardian of Alysa Saiu, a minor - Circuit Civil Case No. 16-005298-CI-15 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

18. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on October 11, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the County Code relating to emergency services.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

19. Agreement for Medical Examiner and Forensic Laboratory Services.

Professional services agreement between Pinellas County and District Six Medical Examiner Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D., P.A., in the amount of \$5,199,960.00 for Fiscal Year 2017, approved.

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 Morroni

20. Legal Aid Services Agreement with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.

Agreement to provide legal assistance to eligible Pinellas County residents whose household income does not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines approved in the amount of \$362,829.48 for Fiscal Year 2017, payable in 12 monthly payments of \$30,235.79 each.

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 Morroni

21. Second and Final Option of Renewal with Bayfront HMA Medical Center, LLC, a Florida Corporation, d/b/a Bayfront Medical Center, to provide partial reimbursements for ambulatory and inpatient hospital care.

Renewal approved providing \$570,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2017 for authorized clients actively enrolled in the Pinellas County Health Program.

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 Morrioni

22. Contract with the State of Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Pinellas County Health Department for FY 2017.

Contract approved in an amount not to exceed \$4,064,110.00. County Administrator authorized to execute administrative amendments.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard briefly discussed the budget development process for Fiscal Year 2017, relating that the members had expressed their desire to expand the Dental Sealant Program to all 40 Title One elementary schools in Pinellas County and to targeted middle schools in economically disadvantaged areas; and that the proposal includes a decision package in the amount of \$179,000.00 for those expansion efforts.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, 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 Morrioni

Planning

23. Contract for Sale and Purchase to acquire a 1.19 acre parcel of land located at 5000 Main Street North, St. Petersburg, located within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area.

Purchase approved in the amount of \$195,000.00; Pinellas County to accept title to the property as owner.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Rachel Booth, Planning Department, indicated that the subject property is being purchased to further the Planning Department's land assembly goals within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA); and that there are a variety of potential uses for the property, including regional stormwater treatment or retention, workforce training, and commercial storage; whereupon, referring to a map, she pointed out the subject parcel and the boundaries of the Lealman Heights area.

Mr. Woodard reported that a Citizen Advisory Committee is presently working on the Redevelopment Plan, which will ultimately drive what the future use of the property will

be; and that the property is being acquired at less than 50 percent of the original asking price; whereupon, he indicated that the purchase is a good investment of public dollars, and Commissioner Welch agreed.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, 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 Morrioni

Safety and Emergency Services

- 24. Technical Rescue Team Agreement with the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg.

Agreement approved setting training reimbursement funding and establishing the responsibilities of the participants. Agreement term is five years with the option to renew for an additional five years. Annual expenditure of \$225,600.00 in compensation to the contractors is included in the Fiscal Year 2016 adopted budget for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund. Additional expenses associated with other Pinellas County obligations in the agreement are also budgeted at an estimated cost of \$291,700.00 in the Fiscal Year 2016 EMS and Fire Operations Budgets. The recurring expenses are included in the EMS and Fire Operations Budgets submitted for Fiscal Year 2017. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, 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 Morrioni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 25. County Administrator miscellaneous - None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 26. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

27. Increase to the purchase authorization with Unify, Inc., for requirements of Voiceover Internet Protocol telephone system equipment and maintenance services.

(Contract No. 156-0185-PB) Increase in the amount of \$325,000.00 approved for a revised total expenditure not to exceed \$725,000.00 through March 31, 2017. 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

Economic Development Authority

28. Purchase and Sale Agreement with Industrial Realty Group, LLC for the Young-Rainey Science Technology and Research Center property.

Sitting as the Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority doing business as the Pinellas County Economic Development Authority (EDA), the Board approved Contract No. 145-0359-P in the amount of \$10,100,000.00 for sale of the property located at 7887 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo, Florida, with the potential for three additional payments of \$750,000.00 each, pending successful five-year lease renewals by the STAR Center's anchor tenant. Chairman authorized to execute the deed and the Clerk to attest.

Economic Development Director Mike Meidel conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Young-Rainey STAR Center Sale Agreement*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and provided historical background information; whereupon, he discussed the following:

- Why Sell the STAR Center Now?
 - The goal of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was to transition the STAR Center to local government to save the facility and its related employment and technology
 - Horizon Capital Improvement Program expenditures are \$7 million through Fiscal Year 2021
- The Proposed Sales Agreement
 - Offer price: \$10.1 million
 - Additional payments: \$750,000 upon each five-year renewal by anchor tenant
 - \$100,000 deposit; 90-day due diligence period; 50/50 shared closing costs

- County to retain STAR Center reserve fund: >\$1.5 million
- Total Project Transaction Amount: \$12,350,000

- Decision Points to Consider
 - Difference between property appraisal and offer price
 - Holding costs; the EDA's mission

- Staff Recommendation: Sell
 - Celebrate success of the STAR Center as an economic development transition project
 - 100-percent profit from sale proceeds; Board could apply proceeds toward other economic development initiatives

Mr. Woodard provided additional information regarding the financial investment that has gone into the STAR Center over the past 21 years. He related that an analysis was initiated about seven years ago regarding the prospect of selling the facility; that in order to avoid approximately \$7 million in infrastructure investments, selling the site would be a sensible move; and that approximately \$10 million would be realized from such a transaction; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Meidel presented information regarding closing costs, operating costs, rental rates, revenues and expenses, and state and federal funding.

Commissioner Seel discussed the potential benefits of utilizing a commercial real estate firm to market the site, relating that she has been reluctant to surplus the parcel; that basing the sale on income value does not provide the best rate of return; and that she will not support the item because in her opinion the sale price is less than the value of the property.

In response to queries by the members, discussion ensued regarding the three ways to value the property, including an income approach, a market value approach, and a hybrid model of the two; whereupon, Messrs. Meidel and Woodard indicated that because one tenant occupies most of the site, not only are there risks assumed by the prospective buyer, but to Pinellas County if it continues to own the property, and Assistant County Administrator Paul Sacco provided information regarding the operating costs associated with the site.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Woodard confirmed that no dollars have been set aside or designated to fund the \$7 million in needed capital improvements; and that the \$10 million to be received from selling the STAR Center could be used for any governmental purpose. Mr. Meidel related that Industrial Realty Group (IRG) tends to buy and hold its portfolio; that it is one of the foremost repurposing organizations for distressed land; that he had requested and received Board approval to market the property; and that it has been up for sale for approximately 90 days; whereupon, Commissioners Long and Gerard related that they will support the item, and presented their reasons, with Commissioner Gerard relating that a broader discussion should take place regarding use of the proceeds, and Mr. Woodard agreed.

Commissioner Seel reiterated her concerns regarding the sale, indicating that there is a chance the buyer could decide to flip the property. Following discussion, with input by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard discussed the risks and costs associated with holding the property and razing the buildings in anticipation of a future sale at a higher price, and related that even if the property were to be flipped, it could provide an opportunity for additional capital investment and jobs; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Meidel discussed the issue of liability and site contamination.

In response to queries by the members, IRG Senior Project Manager Bill Tippmann provided background information regarding the company, indicating that its core business is adaptive reuse; and that the purchase of the STAR Center will be a long-term investment; whereupon, IRG Senior Vice President Debra Harrell presented detailed information relating to a public/private partnership in Sacramento County, California, in which her company was involved, and discussed the risks associated with having Raytheon as a major tenant and the possibility that it may not renew its lease, and discussion ensued.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrioni

Emergency Medical Services Authority

29. Resolution establishing a Water Rescue Grant Program.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board adopted Resolution No. 16-69 establishing the program and appropriating funds in the amounts of \$150,000.00 retroactive to Fiscal Year 2015-2016, and \$300,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Mr. Woodard reported that during the annual strategic planning session held at Weedon Island earlier in the year, the members had indicated that they wished to explore the idea of creating a water rescue grant program; and that his office and municipal partners have crafted a program that is data-driven, centers on meeting needs, and focuses on the strategic goal of ensuring public health, safety, and welfare; whereupon, he indicated that the program will employ a competitive process in which municipal partners will submit applications; and that those applications will be evaluated and awarded through a collaborative process, and Commissioner Eggers provided input.

Following a video presentation titled *Water Rescue Training*, Craig Hare, Director, EMS and Fire Administration, discussed the efforts of District Chief Tom Peters, Safety Harbor Fire Department, and local fire agencies to find faster ways of getting rescue personnel into submerged vehicles.

Fire Chief Joe Accetta, Safety Harbor Fire Department, conducted a PowerPoint Presentation titled *Doing Things! Water Rescue Program Update*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and referring to two maps, pointed out and discussed the various watercraft that can respond in rescue situations, including fireboats, marine units, and light marine units, relating that water rescue takes place in various bodies of water in and around the county, and provided information regarding other resources, including the Coast Guard and the Sheriff's Department; whereupon, he discussed the following High Priority Needs:

- Marine Unit dedicated to Lake Tarpon.
- Fire Rescue Boats capable of firefighting, multi-victim rescue, and heavy weather operations in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Clearwater and St. Pete Beach.
- Improved capability for Fire Rescue Units to rescue motorists from sinking and submerged vehicles by providing rapid diver equipment and training.

Thereupon, Chief Accetta provided the following information regarding the Fire Chiefs Support and Request:

- The Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association supports the Board of County Commissioners, through its EMS Authority, to establish the two-year Water Rescue Plan by resolution.
- The resolution provides for much needed funding from County EMS to the Cities and Fire Districts to provide support for operations, maintenance, equipment improvements, and expanded training.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Chief Accetta explained the difference between the two maps and what each represents, and discussed the Rapid Dive System; whereupon, Mr. Hare presented additional information regarding the Water Rescue Grant Program; and Mr. Woodard provided further information pertaining to funding.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Sheriff's Office

30. FY 2016 Board Budget Amendment No. 10 supplementing the Sheriff's General Fund Budget for increased Florida Retirement System costs.

Amendment approved realigning \$170,000.00 from the General Government (Reserve for Contingencies) cost center to the Sheriff's cost center within the General Fund.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

31. County Administrator reports:
Aging Friendly update.

Mr. Woodard reported that during the annual strategic planning session held at Weedon Island earlier in the year, the members had indicated that as one of their priorities, they wished to further review the idea of how to achieve an aging-friendly community; that staff and local partners have been working on various ideas that will be shared today; and that he looks forward to member feedback from a policy perspective.

Human Services Director Lourdes Benedict conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Aging-Friendly Community*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. She reviewed sections of the Strategic Plan relating to an aging-friendly community, presented a timeline regarding activities that have taken place in her department with regard to the initiative, and discussed next steps, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioners Long and Eggers, Ms. Benedict provided information regarding Meals on Wheels and a local adult daycare service; whereupon, with input by Mr. Woodard, she agreed to provide information concerning the costs associated with those programs.

COUNTY COMMISSION

32. County Commission miscellaneous.

Commissioner Eggers

- Thanked Joe Lopano and his staff for a recent tour of the airport.
- Related that last week's Partners in Zika Prevention Roundtable Discussion had been fascinating and informative.
- Indicated that the Oldsmar Chamber of Commerce had invited him to tour three local businesses that are on the move and doing well.
- Thanked Teri Gross of Gold Star Mothers for her leadership role in the organization.
- Stated that a Blue Jays workshop had taken place in Dunedin last night; and that another meeting will take place this evening.
- Reported that a Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Forum will take place on October 7 at 9:30 A.M. in Madeira Beach.

Commissioner Welch

- Noting that the County Commission is ultimately responsible for the governance of CareerSource (WorkNet) Pinellas, and referring to his memorandum dated September 20, 2016, expressed his concerns regarding termination of the contract with the organization's financial audit firm, and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that Commissioner Welch be authorized to move forward with the full support of the Board. 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

Commissioner Gerard

- Related that the first meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee had taken place last week; and that the students are enthusiastic to learn about Pinellas County Government.
- Attended a Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking in the Dansville community.
- Indicated that she had spoken with Pinellas County Housing Authority Executive Director Debra Johnson regarding the prospect of creating senior housing for grandparents raising grandchildren.
- Stated that she had received a memorandum from Tampa Bay Water indicating that it is taking precautions regarding the water supply following the recent Mosaic sinkhole.

- Thanked Assistant County Administrator John Bennett, the Human Services Department, and County staff for their hard work in getting transportation for clients, and Commissioner Long expressed her appreciation as well.

Commissioner Long

- Congratulated Commissioner Justice on receiving the Commissioner of the Year Award from the Pinellas County Osteopathic Physicians.

Chairman Justice

- Related that for his Chairman Appointment, he has reappointed Commissioner Gerard to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board.
- Indicated that the Lealman Farm Share Event will take place at the Police Athletic League facility at 39th Street and 54th Avenue on October 1 beginning at 7:00 A.M.; and that volunteers are needed for the event.
- Stated that this is National Diaper Awareness Week; and that he participated in a recent event that raised over \$300 for a local charity that provides diapers and baby supplies.

Meeting Recessed: 5:09 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:00 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

33. Resolutions to adopt final millage rates and budgets for FY 2017 (second public hearing).

Public hearing was held regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 final millage rates and budgets for Pinellas County; resolutions adopted approving final millage rates and budgets for the Pinellas County General Fund and Pinellas County Health Department (Nos. 16-70 and 16-71); resolutions adopted approving final millage rates and budgets for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, and the Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, High Point, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection Districts (Nos. 16-72 and 16-73); and resolution adopted approving the total final Fiscal

Year 2017 County Budget (No. 16-74).

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

Chairman Justice indicated that Pam Dubov, Pinellas County Property Appraiser, and Kevin Hayes, Deputy for Appraisals, are available to respond to anyone having questions or concerns about the assessed value of their property.

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

Thereupon, Chairman Justice opened the second public hearing on the final millage rates and budgets proposed for Fiscal Year 2017.

Chief Deputy Clerk Harris reported that the public hearing is being held in accordance with Chapters 129 and 200 of the Florida Statutes; that the meeting has been duly noticed by the "Notice of Proposed Tax Increase" and the "Summary of Proposed Budget" legal advertisements that were published in the September 23, 2016 edition of the *Tampa Bay Times*; and that affidavits stating proof of publication are to be received for filing.

Chairman Justice announced that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), as taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, the Dependent Special Districts, and the MSTUs, as previously referenced, will now proceed with the public hearings.

Mr. Woodard related that the percentage increase in the millage rate for all budgets, over the rolled-back rate, based on the maximum rates on the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice, to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 Final Budget is a 5.30-percent increase over the aggregate rolled-back rate; whereupon, he indicated that the primary purpose for the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate is due to the following:

- In the General Fund including the Unincorporated Area MSTU, Health Department Fund, and Emergency Medical Services Fund, revenue increases are required to support personnel and operating expenditure levels that are driven by inflationary factors.
- In the Public Library Cooperative MSTU, the Palm Harbor MSTU, the Feather Sound MSTU, the East Lake Library Services MSTU, the East Lake Recreation Services MSTU, and the Special Fire Protection Districts, revenue increases are needed to support increased expenditures by the agencies providing services for those districts.

Chairman Justice announced that the Board of County Commissioners will continue the hearing as the taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, Dependent Special Districts, and MSTU levies, as previously referenced, by taking public comment from citizens who wish to be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

In response to Chairman Justice's call for public comments, Donna Davis, Clearwater, presented her comments and thanked the members for their hard work on the budget.

Noting that no other citizens wished to be heard, Chairman Justice closed the public comment portion of the hearing and asked whether the members wished to recommend any changes to the proposed millage rates or budgets. In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard related that there is no proposed increase in either the Countywide or Unincorporated Area millage; that the stormwater rate is also unchanged; and that a multi-year utility rate increase was previously approved.

Chairman Justice announced that resolutions will now be considered to set the final millage rates and budgets; whereupon, Mr. Woodard announced each of the resolutions separately, which have been filed and made a part of the record.

Resolution No. 16-70 adopting the final millage rates for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Pinellas County General Fund and Health Department adopted.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, 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

Resolution No. 16-71 adopting the final budgets for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Pinellas County General Fund and Health Department adopted.

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

Resolution No. 16-72 adopting the final millage rates for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area MSTU, Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, South

Pasadena Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection District.

A motion was made by 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 Morrioni

Resolution No. 16-73 adopting the final budgets for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area MSTU, Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, South Pasadena Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection District.

A motion was made by 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 Morrioni

Resolution No. 16-74 adopting the total final Fiscal Year 2017 County Budget adopted.

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 Morrioni

ADJOURNMENT - 6:18 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk