

RESOLUTION 16-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PRIMARY BUSINESS POINTS FOR HMS FERRIES, INC. (HMS) TO OPERATE A HIGH SPEED FERRY PILOT PROGRAM; ALLOCATING FUNDS OF \$350,000 FOR THE PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Commission is dedicated to maximizing partner relationships, providing safe and effective transportation systems, and being a responsible steward of the public's resources; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution in support the high speed ferry project, subject to the review of a business plan and approval of equal funding by the governments of the cities of St. Petersburg and Tampa and Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, a business and operations plan was submitted to the City of St. Petersburg by HMS on May 3, 2016 and has been the subject of negotiation between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg City Council approved the primary business points at a June 9, 2016 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the primary business points, as agreed to by the City of St. Petersburg and HMS, are attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County will make an investment of \$350,000, as outlined in the primary business points, for the pilot program upon approval of an interlocal agreement between all four government entities; and

WHEREAS, the ferry pilot project provides an innovative opportunity for transportation for the citizens and the visitors to our area and provide an additional option to travel across Tampa Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, at a duly-assembled meeting held on the 2¹ day of June, 2016, as follows:

Section 1. That the Pinellas County Commission tentatively accept the primary business points as negotiated by the City of St. Petersburg, subject to approval of all four governmental entities.

Section 2. That the Pinellas County Commission shall revise the budget to provide \$350,000 to the pilot contingent upon the approval of the interlocal agreement by all four governmental entities providing funding for the ferry pilot project.

Commissioner Welch offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Morrone, and upon roll call the vote was:

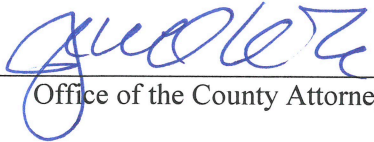
Ayes Justice, Long, Welch, Gerard, Seel and Morrone.

Nays Eggers.

Absent not voting None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY:



Office of the County Attorney