

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**Public Hearings at 6:00 PM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

**ROLL CALL - 2:02 P.M.**

**Present:** 7 - Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman Karen Williams Seel, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, and Kathleen Peters

**Others Present:** Jewel White, County Attorney; Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Lynn Abbott and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks

**INVOCATION by Reverend Watson L. Haynes, II, Pinellas County Urban League, St. Petersburg.****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Pinellas County Employee Choir Performance**

Chairman Welch invited the Choir to the podium and described the types of events where it performs; whereupon, he introduced the members and they sang *Silver Bells*.

**2. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:**

- Melissa Perez, Accounting Services Coordinator, Real Estate Management

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Perez for her work in the Fleet Management Division; whereupon, he invited Mr. Burton and Ms. Perez to the podium, and a video was shown highlighting the services she provides.

**3. Partner Presentation:**

- Bernadine King, Partnership Specialist, Atlanta Regional Census Center

Chairman Welch introduced Ms. King, who referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Road to 2020 Census: Focus on Florida* and provided background on the United States Census, its relevance and benefits to society, and its budgetary and political impacts.

Ms. King related that the Internet will be the primary method for households to respond in the 2020 Census, noting that there will still be other options available, and that it is important the education effort commences early; whereupon, she requested that the Board assist in the recruitment of Census workers by making public facilities available to people who want to apply for the jobs.

Ms. King presented a map indicating districts that underreported in the last Census and discussed barriers that need to be overcome; whereupon, Chairman Welch stated that the map reflects areas of poverty; and that the Board should discuss the Census when it meets next year to ensure that everyone is counted.

Ms. King recommended that the County form a Complete Count Committee (CCC), which is appointed by a community's highest elected official to develop activities to raise Census awareness among households, appoint a staff member to head it, and select a liaison to work directly with Census staff; whereupon, she requested that the Commissioners take an active role in efforts to educate the public about the Census.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Ms. King reported that Census data would be available for redistricting purposes after it is submitted to the President by the December 31, 2020 deadline; and that her staff would respond to requests for outreach training directed towards the Hispanic community once a CCC is formed.

At the request of Chairman Welch, Foundation for Healthy St. Petersburg Chief Impact Officer Joni James described the foundation's purpose, and indicated that the group is interested in partnering with the CCC to ensure that everyone is counted in the Census and that the County receives the Federal funding to which it is entitled.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 4 through 20)**

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

#### CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

4. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 23, 2018.
5. Vouchers and bills paid from October 14 through November 17, 2018.

Period: October 14 through October 20, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$16,079,242.48

Payroll - \$3,865,649.82

Period: October 21 through October 27, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$15,435,392.61

Payroll - \$2,638.16

Period: October 28 through November 3, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$61,948,760.62

Payroll - \$3,752,416.01

Period: November 4 through November 10, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$19,042,443.53

Payroll - None

Period: November 11 through November 17, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$9,984,678.48

Payroll - \$4,112,358.31

Reports received for filing:

6. Dock Fee Report for the month of November 2018.
7. Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended September 30, 2018.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

8. Clearwater Cay Community Development District proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Annual Operations and Maintenance Budget.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

##### County Administrator

9. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending November 30, 2018.

##### Human Services

10. Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Statewide Criminal Analysis Laboratory System Grant.

Grant agreement approved for funding in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2019 to supplement the Forensic Laboratory's operating costs. The agreement is effective retroactive to October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

##### Public Works

11. Award of bid to R.J.P. Enterprises, Inc. for FY19-21 sidewalk and underdrain replacement projects.

Bid No. 178-0582-CP (PID No. 003865A) in the amount of \$4,215,375.00 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. Contract has a provision for a 730-consecutive-calendar-day term extension providing for price adjustments as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

12. Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the South Creek Watershed Management Plan.

SWFWMD Agreement No. 19CF0001823 (County PID No. 003870A) for funding in the amount of \$375,000.00 approved; total estimated project cost, \$750,000.00. Agreement is effective October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

13. Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Brooker Creek Watershed Management Plan.

SWFWMD Agreement No. 19CF0001824 (County PID No. 003688A) for funding in the amount of \$450,000.00 approved; total estimated project cost, \$900,000.00. Agreement is effective October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

#### Real Estate Management

14. Award of bid to Southern Roofing Company, Inc. for the replacement project at the Fleet Management main garage building.

Bid No. 178-0453-CP (PID No. 002945A) in the amount of \$699,630.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 120 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

#### Risk Management

15. Annual report of claim settlements for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Report of claim settlements requiring the mutual consent of the County Administrator or his designee and the County Attorney in the range of \$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00 received for filing. Three claims settled for a total amount of \$112,500.00.

#### Utilities

16. Award of bid to Kloote Contracting, Inc. for the odor control installation project for Pump Stations 072, 109, and 183.

Bid No. 189-0021-CP (PID No. 003239A) in the amount of \$374,450.88 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 250 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

17. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Connie Plate v. Pinellas County; United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida Case No. 8:18-cv-02534-CEH-CPT - allegations of discrimination and retaliation.
18. Public Official Bonds for Public Officers.  
  
Public Official Bonds for Commissioners Eggers, Gerard, and Peters, in accordance with Chapter 137, Florida Statutes, approved.

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

19. Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by Pinellas County.  
  
Map adjustment received and accepted, as recommended by Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council.
20. Countywide Plan Map - 2018 Annual Update.  
  
Resolution No. 18-101 adopted accepting the amended Countywide Plan Map and directing that it be filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners as the official Countywide Plan Map, as recommended by Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, in its Resolution No. 18-5 adopted November 14, 2018, a copy of which has been made a part of the record.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

21. Resolution authorizing continuation of a \$4.50 Passenger Facility Charge at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.  
  
Resolution No. 18-102 adopted authorizing the Airport to submit Passenger Facility Charge Application No. 4 to the Federal Aviation Administration to allow continued collection of Passenger Facility Charge Fees to fund FAA approved projects. Total revenue to be collected in the new application is \$13.5 million.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

### Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 22.** Revision to the Elite Event Funding Guidelines from the Tourist Development Council.

Revisions approved, as outlined in the Staff Report and accompanying documentation.

At the request of Commissioner Long, Convention and Visitors Bureau President and CEO David Downing gave a brief explanation of the revisions; whereupon, he responded to her queries regarding the intent of the proposed changes, and Chairman Welch provided input.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Long

### Management and Budget

- 23.** FY19 Board Budget Amendment No.1 to realign appropriation from Reserves within the General Fund and Health Department Fund to various departments and agencies.

Amendment approved realigning \$519,350.00 from General Fund reserves for contingencies and \$315,000.00 from Health Department Fund reserves to support eight programs, as outlined in the Staff Report.

At the request of Chairman Welch, Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger provided a brief overview of the programs. Discussion ensued and responding to queries by the members, Assistant County Administrator Lourdes Benedict provided clarification regarding the home delivered meals program, relating that \$200,000 will supplement the existing appropriation to Neighborly Services; and that \$100,000 will support a pilot program in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging. She stated that there is a waiting list of 800 individuals for the meals program; that there is a 7-percent administrative fee applicable to the proposed pilot program; and that a committee has been formed to address the need for food in the senior community.

Responding to concerns expressed by Commissioner Seel, Ms. Benedict indicated that the pilot is in response to feedback received from seniors asking for more food choices; and that competition would provide more selections, and discussion ensued with regard to nutritional standards, duplication of services, accountability, and program monitoring.

Commissioner Seel requested information regarding the status of the STARS program and the proposed north county location, and Mr. Berger stated that a full proposal is available and will be shared with the Board.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

### Public Works

- 24.** Coastal Route Funding Agreement with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for the Jolley Trolley coastal route.

Agreement approved retroactive to October 1, 2017 with a revised end date of September 30, 2022, providing Fiscal Year 2019 funding in the amount of \$41,352.00; rates to increase by five percent each year thereafter.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

### Safety and Emergency Services

- 25.** Resolution granting authority to the County Administrator to approve revisions to the Pinellas County Safety and Emergency Services Compliance Program & Code of Conduct: A supplement to County policies associated with ambulance billing organizational functions for Ambulance Billing & Financial Services and the EMS & Fire Administration Divisions.

Resolution No. 18-103 adopted granting the authority.

Mr. Burton related that the authorized revisions would be administrative in nature, and code or policy-level issues would still require approval by the Board.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters



## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**26.** County Administrator Miscellaneous:

- Implementation of Text 9-1-1

Following an introduction by Mr. Burton, Director of Safety and Emergency Services Jim Fogarty provided information regarding implementation of the Text 9-1-1 tool.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

**27.** Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. An Ngoc Nguyen - action for injunctive relief.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Justice

**28.** County Attorney Miscellaneous - None.

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services**29.** Increase to the 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 \$250,000.00, for a revised estimated total expenditure in the amount of \$1,080,000.00 through April 30, 2019.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Emergency Medical Services Authority**30.** Pinellas County Safety and Emergency Services Compliance Program & Code of Conduct: A supplement to County policies associated with ambulance billing organizational functions for Ambulance Billing & Financial Services and EMS & Fire Administration Divisions.

Mr. Burton related that the item relates to administrative updates prepared prior to the delegation of authority approved under Agenda Item No. 25.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

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

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the following reappointments for two-year terms ending in November 2020:

Chief Scott Ehlers as City of Clearwater Fire Chief representative  
Chief Anthony Tedesco as City of Clearwater Fire Chief alternate representative  
Chief Terry Tokarz as Emergency Medical Services Coordinator representative  
Chief Doug Zimmerman as Emergency Medical Services Coordinator alternate representative

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Housing Finance Authority

**32. Resolution approving the issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project.**

Resolution No. 18-104 adopted approving the issuance of the bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000.00 for the benefit of Lutheran Florida, LP, a Florida limited partnership, or its affiliate. No County general funds are required; all lendable funds are generated from the sale of tax-exempt housing bonds and the sale of 4-percent low income housing tax credits from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

At the request of Commissioner Justice, Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Executive Director Kathryn Driver provided an overview of the project and responded to queries by the members. She related the size, style, and rate of the units, verified the location, and indicated that the project does not displace any residents and will remain affordable housing for seniors.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**33. Resolution approving the issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County of its Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds to finance up to \$250,000,000.00 of Single Family Mortgage Loans in Pinellas County, Pasco County, Polk County, and other Counties over a period of up to three years.**

Resolution No. 18-105 adopted approving the issuance of the bonds. No County general funds are required.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Executive Director Kathryn Driver related that there are federal income and purchase price restrictions; that FHA, VA, and Freddie Mac guidelines have to be met; and that there are no reductions in those criteria; whereupon, Commissioner Welch verified that the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and related items will be discussed at an upcoming workshop.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- 34. County Administrator Reports:**
- In the Know About H2O
  - Pinellas Community Snapshot
  - Doing Things! TV - Red Tide

### In the Know About H2O

Mr. Burton introduced Utilities Director Megan Ross who referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Drink More Tap H2O*, which has been made part of the record, and provided information regarding bottled water costs, potential savings, reducing waste and energy consumption, and the benefits of tap water. Ms. Ross introduced Water Quality Director Michelle Milford, Water Research Project Manager Bina Nyack, and Customer Services Director Georges Gonzalez who provided each of the members with a Tap H2O refillable bottle and a reusable grocery bag.

Responding to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Ross related that Real Estate Management will be scheduling installation of bottle filling stations throughout County facilities; and that the Customer Outreach Program is making efforts to provide H2O refillable bottles to local customer groups to start conversations about water conservation, irrigation, and Florida friendly landscaping.

### Pinellas Community Snapshot

Mr. Burton provided background information regarding the item; whereupon, Office of Management and Budget Manager Aubrey Phillips referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Pinellas Community Snapshot* and related that staff had identified measures to track progress being made on community-wide priorities related to each of the goal areas in the County's Strategic Plan; and that the information will be presented to the

public through an open data platform available on the County website. She reviewed next steps related to the project, and provided a demonstration of the Community Snapshot website, illustrating how users can access accurate, reliable data for Pinellas County measures, as well as comparable data for other jurisdictions, where available.

Responding to queries by Chairman Welch and Commissioner Long, Ms. Phillips indicated that staff has contacted Hillsborough County to obtain comparable data; that the information provided is based on the 2017 Citizen Values Survey; and that the 2018 preliminary report will likely be available for the Strategic Planning Work Session in January.

#### Doing Things! TV - Red Tide

Mr. Burton introduced a video highlighting the County's successful management of the red tide noting the cross departmental unified approach to respond to the area's worst tide blooms in more than a decade.

Commissioner Eggers requested a periodic update regarding efforts to control the feral hogs in north county; whereupon, Mr. Burton related he will provide an individual briefing; and that staff is working with the community to address the issue.

### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

#### 35. Public Comment.

Angela Taylor Sweet, St. Petersburg, re PSTA/DART Program Care Ride  
Bruce Rumble, Clearwater, re Pinellas Trail North Loop (displayed photographs)  
Scott Bressler, Clearwater, re Pinellas Trail proposed expansion  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re neglect/eutrophication & the ecology  
Greg Pound, Largo  
Johnathan Soto, Clearwater

In response to comments by Messrs. Rumble and Bressler, Chairman Welch recognized their concerns and stated that the members will review the issues.

In response to comments and concerns of Mr. Soto, Commissioner Seel recalled previous interaction with him and urged him to revisit the rules of Section 8 housing vouchers; whereupon, Chairman Welch verified that his contact information was submitted and related that he will meet with the County Administrator to discuss the issue.

### COUNTY COMMISSION

#### 36. Agreement with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. for Federal Government Relations Services.

Contract No. 189-0017-PB approved in the annual amount of \$95,000.00 for a 48-month term total of \$380,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**37. Appointments to the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).**

In response to queries by Chairman Welch, Commissioner Justice clarified that there are five appointments, noting that two are for full terms that will expire in December of 2021, and three are for vacated terms that will expire in December of 2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Seel, that Steve Cleveland be appointed for a term to expire December 31, 2021 . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Vice-Chairman Seel, that Arthur O'Hara be appointed for a term to expire December 31, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Following discussion and in response to queries by Commissioners Justice and Eggers, Attorney White provided information regarding a potential conflict of interest involving two applicants, noting that they work for non-profit organizations that are tenants at the Lealman Exchange, a County-owned facility; and that the tenancy represents a business relationship. She recommended that the Board consider the conflict should one or both individuals be appointed, noting that today's discussion qualifies as full disclosure; and that a majority vote of five members could waive the conflict.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Harris announced the appointments of Marsha McCoy, Carlos Rojas, and Oscar Seguban to complete vacated terms to expire December 31, 2020, following a ballot vote.

**38. Reappointments to the Pinellas County Historical Commission (Commissioners Gerard and Eggers).**

Re-appointments of Sandy Bozeman by Commissioner Eggers and Vincent Luisi by Commissioner Gerard approved. The terms shall run concurrent with the terms of the appointing Commissioners.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 39.** Appointment to the Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

In response to queries by Chairman Welch and Commissioner Peters, Housing Finance Authority Executive Director Kathryn Driver provided background information regarding two of the candidates' qualifications and field experience and discussed the terms of office, noting that the applicant applying for reappointment has served one four-year term.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Harris announced the re-appointment of Casey Cane following a ballot vote.

- 40.** Appointment and reappointments to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Individual appointments of Peg Cummings and James House and re-appointments of Deborah J. Chayet, Michael J. Bauer, Mary Rogero, and Dave Kandz approved for one-year terms beginning November 6, 2018 and ending November 5, 2019.

Commissioner Eggers expressed thanks to Mathew Eberius for his many years of service to Pinellas County and its residents.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 41.** Reappointments to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc. (Commissioners Seel, Long, Welch, Justice, Eggers, and Gerard).

Individual re-appointments of Dimity B. Carlson, Anne Pollack, Harry Venezia, Marshall C. Deason, Susanne Hebert, and Linda M. O'Rourke approved for one-year terms beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 42.** Reappointments to the Historic Preservation Board (Commissioners Seel, Long, Welch, and Justice).

Individual re-appointments of Waldemar Clark, Gina Clayton, John P. Barie, and Jim Parent approved for three-year terms to expire on December 31, 2021.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**43. Appointments to 2019 Committees and Boards by the Chairman-Elect.**

Appointments approved as set forth in the attachment to the Staff Report.

Commissioner Seel thanked the members for their willingness to serve on the respective Boards.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**44. County Commission New Business Items:**

- United Nations Convention on Climate Change (Commissioner Long)

Referring to her December 10, 2018 letter to the United Nations, Commissioner Long presented her proposal that the Tampa Bay community host its Conference of the Parties convention next year, noting that the area is perfectly positioned for hosting the next global climate accord; and that the opportunity would benefit the region.

In response to query and concern expressed by Chairman Welch, Commissioner Long discussed the likelihood of a positive response and tentative next steps in the process, noting that additional information is needed to determine how to move forward; whereupon, Chairman Welch thanked her for her efforts.

**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 Long

- Reported that the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition now has had 26 regional governments sign its climate change and sea level rise compact; that next year's goal includes engaging the business community; that there is growing public interest in the issue; and that there are ongoing plans to help fund the initiative. Later in the meeting, she extended thanks to Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano for his leadership and support of the compact.
- Reported that the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) unanimously passed a resiliency initiative at its legislative conference last week and is moving forward to ask the Legislature to create a statewide plan on resilience.
- Indicated that she has been asked to fill one of two potential openings on the FAC Executive Committee, noting that she would be happy to serve; whereupon, Chairman Welch and Commissioner Eggers pledged their support, and no objections were noted.

- Attended a Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting where a TECO Energy representative gave a presentation regarding its development of a new technology that converts a home's air conditioning system into a standby generator. Requested that the TECO presentation be scheduled for the January strategic planning session, and Commissioner Seel related that the sustainability workshop would be a better forum for the presentation.
- Noted priorities for discussion at the upcoming strategic planning session.
- Referring to a white paper distributed at the Legislative Delegation meeting, indicated that she had questions regarding the Hurricane Irma reimbursement process and the recommendations contained therein. In response to her queries, Mr. Burton indicated that he will provide follow-up information regarding the federal reimbursement requirements, timelines, and regulatory changes, and prepare correspondence encouraging action on the matter. Commissioner Peters agreed to reach out to her state contact regarding the issues, noting that there will likely be no action until February 2019, when the new administration is in place.
- Reported that the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Finance Committee reviewed financial reports and associated data; that there was a recommendation that it serve as the Auditing Committee to conduct annual audits; and that policies, procedures, and best practices are being put in place.

#### Commissioner Justice

- Presented information regarding recent and upcoming activities of the Historic Preservation Board and Gulf Consortium.
- Thanked the Commissioners and staff, partners, and sponsors who participated in last week's annual Farm Share event in Lealman, noting that over 30 volunteers helped 400 families and delivered 12,372 pounds of food.
- Expressed appreciation to Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke and Whitney Creech, Commissioner Gerard's Assistant, for coordinating the Annual Employee Bike Drive and almost doubling the amount of donations that were received last year.

#### Commissioner Gerard

- Reported that the CareerSource Pinellas Executive Committee met last week and provided an update regarding the Bylaws Committee and the sale of the Science Center property, and discussion ensued.



- Presented information regarding recent and upcoming activities of Tampa Bay Water and the Public Safety Coordinating Council.
- Noted that there will be several Habitat for Humanity dedications before the end of the year; and that she will attend as many as possible.

#### Commissioner Eggers

- Noted that Forward Pinellas will not meet in December.
- Announced that Forward Pinellas, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, and the Mayors' Council will hold a joint workshop on January 18, 2019 at the St. Petersburg College Conference Center in Seminole; and that discussion will include new and existing funding sources.
- Indicated that Tampa Bay Water will hold a workshop to discuss support for and benefits of its plan to develop wastewater into an additional water source; and that a vote on whether to allow the Board to proceed with the project could take place as early as February. Discussion ensued, and he indicated that he will request that Tampa Bay Water give a presentation to the Board before the February meeting.
- Announced holiday parades to be held in Tarpon Springs, Safety Harbor, and Palm Harbor.
- Thanked the mayors of Safety Harbor and Oldsmar for holding a tree auction to raise money to provide gifts and meals for families in the area.
- Attended the Mayors' Council fundraiser luncheon last Friday with Commissioner Seel and congratulated the group for raising over \$1,000 for Lighthouse Pinellas.
- Encouraged support for the Eckerd Connects Raising Hope organization, noting that it provides foster care assistance in the community.

#### Commissioner Seel

- Discussed the Community Engagement Survey results that were presented at the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority meeting. Commissioner Long commented on the interesting technological approach used to conduct the survey and requested that the technology be used for the BCC citizens' survey.
- The Juvenile Welfare Board committee met yesterday and recommended that it conduct its own search for a new Executive Director; and that it will meet in January to begin the process.

Vice-Chairman Seel, on behalf of the Commissioners, County Attorney, and County Administrator, presented Chairman Welch with a gift in appreciation of his calm demeanor, reassuring approach, and respectful leadership over the past year; whereupon, he thanked the Board and County staff for their partnership and discussed the many accomplishments over the past year, noting that he had recorded a State of the County video that should be released today.

The members wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and safe New Year.

**Meeting Recessed: 5:08 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 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.**

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

### Countywide Planning Authority

- 46.** Case No. CW 18-19 - City of St. Petersburg  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium to Multimodal Corridor, regarding 1.5 acres more or less, located at 5908 4th Street North.

Ordinance No. 18-41 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-19. 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 Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 47.** Case No. CW 18-21 - City of Clearwater  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public and Preservation to Residential Low Medium, regarding 9.2 acres more or less, located at 3474 Aspen Trail, and 3490 and 3492 Lake Shore Lane.

Ordinance No. 18-42 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-21. 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 Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 48.** Case No. CW 18-22 - Pinellas County  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Retail & Services, regarding 0.67 acre more or less, located at 1003 Virginia Avenue, Palm Harbor.

Ordinance No. 18-43 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-22. 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 Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 49.** Case No. CW 18-23 - City of St. Petersburg  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Activity Center to Activity Center, regarding 82 acres more or less, generally bounded by 5th Avenue South to the north, 10th Street South to the west, Booker Creek and Roser Park Drive South to the south, and following the Coastal High Hazard Area boundary line to the east.

Ordinance No. 18-44 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-23. 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 Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 50.** Case No. CW 18-24 - City of Belleair Bluffs  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services, regarding 0.30 acre more or less, located at 2726 Bayway Avenue.

Ordinance No. 18-45 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-24. 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 Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 51.** Case No. CW 18-25 - City of Clearwater  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail & Services to Residential Medium, regarding 0.3 acre more or less, located at 1434 and 1446 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

Ordinance No. 18-46 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-25. 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 Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 52.** Petition of Jed and Jill Weber to vacate a portion of a 20-foot-wide maintenance, utility and drainage easement lying within Tract A, north of and adjacent to Lot 34, Seaside Sanctuary, Plat Book 101, Pages 70 and 71, in Section 2, Township 28, Range 15. Quasi-Judicial Hearing.

Resolution No. 18-106 adopted granting the petition. Authority granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff indicated no objection to the petition being granted. One letter in support of the item has been received.

Mr. Burton indicated that staff supports the request; and that there are no objections to the vacation by utility providers or Seaside Sanctuary residents.

Referring to a location map and aerial photographs, Director of Real Estate Management Andrew Pupke pointed out the subject area, existing backyard and drainage structures, and location of the easement, relating that the petitioner is seeking to vacate a portion of the utility and drainage easement for the expansion of the pool, deck, and enclosure; that a swale-type drainage structure allows for overflow conveyance; that neighbors were properly notified of the public hearing via mailings and yard signs; and that no objections were received.

During discussion and in response to queries by the members, Mr. Pupke provided background information regarding the property and current request, the drainage configuration, and an ongoing Crystal Beach area storm water study, noting that the pool enclosure suffered damage in a past storm and had to be removed; that only a portion of the 20-foot-wide drainage and utility easement is included in the request; that Public Works provided input; and that the vacation would not impact the conveyance of area stormwater. Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji stated that he will notify Commissioner Eggers when the study is completed, noting that staff, in its review, considered the County's ability to conduct future drainage improvements and any impacts to stormwater conveyance.

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to speak, Frank Carr and Jane MacCaffrey, Crystal Beach, pointed out the location of their lots in relation to the applicant's property and stated their concerns regarding drainage, tree removal, and privacy; whereupon, in response to the speakers' concerns, Mr. Pupke explained that the proposed

pool area expansion will not affect drainage in the area; and that the applicants have indicated that they do not intend to remove any mature trees bordering the easement.

In response to queries by Chairman Welch and Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Pupke confirmed that the proposed resolution contains no environmental restrictions, noting that site plan approval is required for the removal of trees in any easement area.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**53.** Case No. (Q) Z/LU-25-11-18 (Tellor Affordable Homes, LLC)

A request for a zoning change from R-6, Residential, Mobile Home Parks and Subdivisions to R-5, Urban Residential and a land use change from Residential Low to Residential Low Medium on approximately 4.7 acres located at 6214 and 6215 67th Lane North in unincorporated Pinellas Park.

Resolution No. 18-107 adopted approving the zoning change, and Ordinance No. 18-47 adopted changing the land use designation. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. One letter in opposition to the application has been received.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation containing various maps and photographs, Principal Planner Michael Schoderbock presented an overview of the request, pointed out the location of the subject property, and described surrounding land uses, noting that the applicant is seeking to develop the property with a mixture of detached single-family homes and villas; and that the zoning and land use changes promote flexible site design and allow for increased density; whereupon, he stated that the proposed amendments are compatible with the surrounding area and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and that staff recommends approval.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Schoderbock provided information regarding the area's existing zoning, land uses, and density, noting that there is an elementary school to the north of the subject property.

In response to the Chairman's call for the applicant, Habitat for Humanity CEO Ken Rush discussed how his organization plans to redevelop the land, noting that it is looking to build a mixed-use community for smaller family sizes with the duplex or villa models; that it is in discussion with other non-profit organizations to offer larger affordable housing models; and that qualified residents of the nearby mobile home park will have an opportunity to purchase their lots and participate in the program.

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, Bill Little, St. Petersburg, appeared and expressed his concerns regarding the zoning change, housing value depreciation, and traffic; whereupon, Mr. Schoderbock indicated that the decision to change the zoning was based upon the allowance of smaller lot sizes and alley access for trash pickup and utility placement.

In response to queries by Chairman Welch and Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Schoderbock confirmed that a traffic analysis was conducted, noting that the zoning change will add approximately 221 additional trips, which is a slight increase in traffic as the property is currently vacant; that there will be no change to the level of service of any adjacent roadways; and that development under the current zoning would result in 110 additional trips.

Commissioner Long reassured the neighbors that Habitat for Humanity carefully vets its clients, noting that they are required to take home maintenance and money management classes.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 54.** Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code by enacting Section 98-5; re-enacting the criteria for construction and maintenance of paver driveways; maintaining a private right of action against property owners who install or previously installed paver driveways within the County right-of-way for failure to construct or maintain a paver driveway; and amending Section 154-151 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, as amended pursuant to ordinance 18-36, to require paver driveways extending across sidewalks to comply with Section 98-5.

Ordinance No. 18-48 adopted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Mr. Burton provided background information regarding the item, noting that the proposed ordinance re-establishes criteria inadvertently removed from the code.

Mr. Burton indicated that there is a correction to be read into the record, and responding to query by Chairman Welch, Attorney White related that the Land Development Code was recently updated; and that the correction does not affect the notice for the public hearing.

Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji referred to Section 2 of the proposed ordinance and pointed out that the number "90" should be changed to "98," as correctly shown in all other item-related documentation.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 55.** Ordinance amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-61 related to the City of St. Petersburg Redevelopment Trust Fund for the Intown Redevelopment Plan.

Ordinance No. 18-49 adopted incorporating recently approved changes to the Plan and associated interlocal agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Long moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved.

Referring to her previous memorandum to the members, Commissioner Seel indicated that she was out of town when the amendments were considered and expressed concern regarding the County's lack of opportunity to share in possible redevelopment scenarios.

In response to queries and concerns expressed by the members, Planning Department Director Renea Vincent related that staff drafted the ordinance and conducted reviews during the September to December timeframe. Attorney White pointed out that approval of the proposed ordinance would lower the County's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) contribution effective in Fiscal Year 2019, and Ms. Vincent indicated that the changes establish an additional cap of approximately \$108 million, while reducing the County's contribution to the Redevelopment Trust Fund from 85 to 75 percent; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers stated that he will not support the item.

Following discussion with respect to delaying Board approval of the proposed ordinance, beneficial adjustments to the contribution percentage, and execution of the interlocal agreement in September, Attorney White reminded the Board that it has a binding agreement with the City of St. Petersburg; and that approval of the item accomplishes its goal of reducing the County's annual contribution.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**Nay:** 2 - Vice-Chairman Seel, and Commissioner Eggers

- 56.** (Deferred to a Future BCC Meeting)  
Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 150, Impact Fees, Article II, Multimodal Impact Fees.

Attorney White noted for the record that the item has been deferred to a later date, to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:42 P.M.**

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Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk