Pinellas County

333 Chestnut Street Clearwater, FL 33756



Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Palm Room

Board of County Commissioners

Kathleen Peters, Chair Brian Scott, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers René Flowers Charlie Justice Chris Latvala Janet C. Long

ROLL CALL - 9:31 A.M.

Present 7 - Chair Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair Brian Scott, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Charlie Justice, Commissioner Chris Latvala, and Commissioner Janet C. Long

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Katie Poviones, Senior Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

1. American Rescue Plan Act Update

Report and discussion regarding County funding initiatives supported by American Rescue Plan Act funds, including status updates, highlights, and next steps.

Staff presenter: Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget Document displayed: *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)*

2. Affordable Housing and Preservation

Report and discussion regarding projected countywide demand for housing, current efforts to address housing needs, recommendations for preserving affordable housing, and proposed legislative amendments to the Live Local Act which could impact affordable housing.

Staff presenter: Bruce Bussey, Housing and Community Development Partner presenter: Michael Ryzhov, SB Friedman Development Advisors Document displayed: *Housing Demand & Preservation Recommendations*

3. Local Homes for Local People Campaign

Report and discussion regarding a communications campaign conducted by the County and its City partners within the Countywide Housing Compact to improve perceptions of affordable housing and to better educate the community regarding housing issues.

Staff presenter: Joshua Boatwright, Communications

Document displayed: Homes for Pinellas Local Homes for Local People

4. Short-Term Vacation Rentals

Report and discussion regarding short-term rentals (STRs), including the number of STRs within the county, current regulations and enforcement, impacts of recent legislation on the ability for local municipalities to regulate STRs, recommendations, and next steps.

Staff presenter: Kevin McAndrew, Building and Development Review Services

Document displayed: Short-Term Rentals (STR's)

5. Animal Services Update

Report and discussion regarding research conducted by staff related to retail pet sales, including dog breeding guidelines, the current situation regarding retail pet sales in Pinellas County, the Purdue University Canine Care Certification Program, consumer protection, and next steps.

Staff presenter: Doug Brightwell, Animal Services; and Doug Templeton, Consumer Protection Document displayed: *Retail Pet Sales Research*

Meeting Recessed: 12:05 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:18 P.M.

6. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the April 23 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and his staff, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:34 P.M.