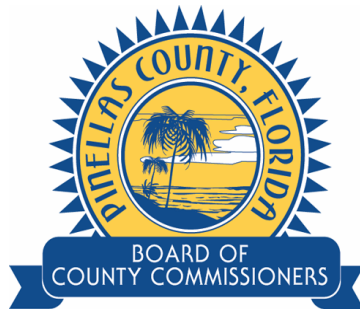


Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street
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Minutes - Final

Thursday, August 8, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

Kathleen Peters, Chair

Brian Scott, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

René Flowers

Charlie Justice

Chris Latvala

Janet C. Long

ROLL CALL - 9:30 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 Shirley Westfall, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Chair Peters indicated that a motion is needed to allow Commissioner Scott to participate virtually; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Justice and carried unanimously.

1. Regional Water Supply/Tampa Bay Water

Report and discussion regarding water supply and demand, efforts to adhere to new regulations related to polyfluoroalkyl substances, ongoing projects and future proposals to increase water quantity, and plans for future projects.

Partner presenter: Chuck Carden, Tampa Bay Water
Document displayed: *Developing Reliability for Our Future*

Commissioner Long arrived at 9:41 A.M.

2. AMI Meter Install Project - Utilities

Report and discussion regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project, including benefits, features of the newly launched customer portal and related issues, current meter installation status and challenges.

Staff presenter: Nory Hancock, Utilities
Document displayed: *Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project Update*

3. New County Government Building Update

Mr. Burton indicated that the consultants scheduled to present the item were unable to attend today's meeting due to travel difficulties; and that this item will be deferred to the August 29 Work Session.

4. Transportation Infrastructure Program Update

Report and discussion regarding program history, dedicated millage level of service improvements, current transportation infrastructure priorities, and the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Staff presenters: Kelli Hammer Levy, Public Works; and Tom Washburn, Transportation Division

Document displayed: *Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program*

5. Budget Discussion

Report and discussion regarding updates to the proposed Forward Pinellas budget, the status of the Metropolitan Planning Organization merger, reserve levels, and anticipated changes in expenditures.

Staff presenter: Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas

Document displayed: *Forward Pinellas Millage Rate*

Report and discussion regarding the proposed Unincorporated Seminole Special Recreation District budget, highlighting goals, anticipated cost increases, and funding sources.

Chair Peters indicated that there is consensus to establish a 0.25 millage rate for the Unincorporated Seminole Special Recreation District.

Partner presenters: Steven Siesel and Amanda Felten, Unincorporated Seminole Sports Association

Document displayed: *Unincorporated Seminole Special Recreation District Millage Rate*

Report and discussion regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, including personnel funding related to lifeguard staffing challenges, the County's level of liability, and potential staffing sources.

Staff presenter: Paul Cozzie, Parks and Conservation Resources

Document displayed: *Beach and Water Safety*

Mr. Burton provided information and responded to queries by the members regarding the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office budget, including priorities, proposed general pay increase, and pay structure.

Commissioner Eggers requested information and updates regarding potential employee childcare benefits, the current Penny for Pinellas as it relates to environmental lands acquisition, County budget related to spay and neuter efforts, and the interview process concerning an open Director's position. He also discussed the possibility of partial reimbursement for a pier replacement project previously conducted by the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency. Discussion ensued, with input by Messrs. Burton and Cozzie; whereupon, Mr. Burton indicated that there is consensus to provide \$95,000.00 in funding to the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency.

6. Lobbying Ordinance Update

Report and discussion regarding the current lobbying ordinance and proposed modifications, including those related to registration and renewal timelines, the deadline for expenditure reports, provisions pertaining to unregistered lobbying, language specificity, definitions, and structure.

Attorney White indicated that the revised ordinance was inadvertently not included in the agenda packet; and that a copy will be provided to the Commissioners; whereupon, following brief discussion, Chair Peters indicated that there is a consensus to proceed with the technical changes to the ordinance.

Staff presenter: Amanda Coffey, County Attorney's Office

7. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the August 13 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and staff, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

Attorney White indicated that the County Attorney's Office was notified regarding a class action lawsuit in which the County may have an interest in filing a claim and requested consensus from the Board to do so; whereupon, Chair Peters confirmed the consensus of the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:51 P.M.