

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

2:00 P.M.

**Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting
Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.
5th Floor Assembly Room**

Board of County Commissioners

*Charlie Justice, Chairman
Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel*

ROLL CALL - 2:03 P.M.

Present: 6 - Chairman Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Rene Flowers, Pat Gerard, Kathleen Peters, and Karen Williams Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Janet C. Long

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, Board Records Manager; and Sarah Rathke, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Reverend Thomas Morgan, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week Proclamation:
Survey and Mapping Division, Public Works
- Trey Shimp, P.S.M., Professional Surveyor and Mapper
- Sue Scholpp, P.S.M., Division Director

Chairman Justice read a proclamation recognizing the week of March 20 through 26, 2022, as Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week and invited Mr. Shimp and Ms. Scholpp to the podium. Ms. Scholpp thanked the Board for recognizing the vital role of mappers and surveyors to the development of Pinellas County.

2. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation:
- Michelle Peterson, Operations Manager, Regional 911, Safety and Emergency Services
- Richard Minshall, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Regional 911, Safety and Emergency Services

Inviting Ms. Peterson and Mr. Minshall to the podium, Chairman Justice read a proclamation recognizing the week of April 10 through 16, 2022, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week; whereupon, Ms. Peterson and Mr. Minshall expressed their appreciation of the recognition and support from the Board.

3. Partner Presentation:
- Lariana Forsythe, CEO, Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)

Utilizing a video and a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Forsythe provided information regarding CASA's work with domestic abuse victims in the community, the issues experienced by the victims, and the launch of the first Family Justice Center in Florida. She indicated that the Center will be a multi-disciplinary co-located service center providing services to victims of domestic violence through both public and private partner agencies, which will assign staff to provide services from one location.

Following congratulatory remarks made by the members, Ms. Forsythe related that volunteers are always needed; and that anyone interested in doing so can visit CASA's website at CASApinellas.org.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Greg Pound, Pinellas County
William Kilgore, St. Petersburg
Stacy Geier, Largo
Karla Correa, St. Petersburg

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 13

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the in-person and virtual regular meeting held December 7, 2021.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

6. Vouchers and bills paid from January 23, 2022 through February 12, 2022.

Period: January 23 - 29, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$21,185,001.05

Payroll - None

Period: January 30 - February 5, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$52,452,141.05

Payroll - \$4,176,685.61

Period: February 6 - 12, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$12,721,636.94

Payroll - None

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

7. Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended December 31, 2021.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

8. Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended December 31, 2021.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

9. City of Safety Harbor Ordinance No. 2022-06 adopted February 7, 2022, annexing a certain property.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

10. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending February 18, 2022.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

11. Award of bid to Crom, LLC and Petrotech Southeast Inc. d/b/a Tank Engineering for cleaning, disinfection, inspection, and certification of tanks.

Contract No. 21-0662-B awarded in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,582,225.00 for a 60-month term (\$1,026,075.00 to Crom, LLC and \$1,556,150.00 to Petrotech Southeast Inc. d/b/a Tank Engineering) on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bids received.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

12. Award of bid to Lawns Today, LLC and Natural Designs Landscaping for Utilities landscape and grounds maintenance.

Contract No. 22-0047-B awarded in the total amount of \$929,277.87 for a 36-month term (\$482,163.45 to Lawns Today, LLC and \$447,114.42 to Natural Designs Landscaping) on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bids received. The contract replaces the current contract expiring on March 31, 2022.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

13. Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County: 2021 Annual Report.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

14. Ranking of firms and agreement with Creative Contractors, Inc. for construction manager at risk services (Phase One) pertaining to the Jail Security and Entry Center project. (Companion to Agenda Item No.15)

(Contract No. 21-0704-NC) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the amount of \$45,000.00 for Phase One services for a term of 730 consecutive calendar days.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Rusty Roberts indicated that half of the space within the Administrative Center will continue to be used as-is, including the presence of a security specialist to direct incoming visitors; that the remaining space could be used for training or other needs, but no decision has been made at this time regarding the space; and that the proposed project will provide a permanent, long-term solution allowing for continued growth of the jail complex.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton confirmed that the initial project cost was budgeted to utilize the Courts and Jail funding allocation of Penny for Pinellas revenue; and that project costs will exceed what was initially budgeted and may require \$6 million in additional funding.

Administrative Services Director Joe Lauro noted that Penny funds were budgeted for construction of a helicopter hangar for the Sheriff's Office; and that the County has since decided to hire an outside firm to build the hangar and then lease it back to the County, freeing up about \$7 million in Penny funding, which could then be used to pay the additional costs of the project.

Commissioner Flowers remarked that she believes the project will provide additional safety and security for staff; and that she is glad to hear of the discussions to creatively fund the additional costs; whereupon, Commissioner Seel suggested that an update be scheduled regarding status of all aspects of Penny funding. Mr. Burton concurred and indicated that he will plan to schedule a complete update once or twice per year.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

- 15.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc. for design services pertaining to the Jail Security Entry Center project. (Companion to Agenda Item No. 14)

(Contract No. 21-0489-NC) Ranking of firms and agreement approved for an upset limit of \$796,308.00 over the term of 730 days.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

- 16.** Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

Surplus declared and the sale or donation authorized. The miscellaneous assets are to be liquidated through public auction conducted by GovDeals.com under provisions of the existing approved contract, excluding certain donations to interested governmental entities, not-for-profit agencies, or Social Action Funding List designees. Distribution of proceeds approved as recommended in the Staff Report.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Airport

17. First Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the design and construction of new taxiways at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Amendment approved increasing the grant agreement by \$2,000,000.00, for a revised total of \$2,200,000.00.

Mr. Burton indicated that the original grant amount of \$200,000.00 was for design services for new taxiways; and that the additional \$2,000,000.00 is for construction of the taxiways.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Convention and Visitors Bureau

18. Revisions to the Elite Event Funding Program Guidelines from the Tourist Development Council.

Revisions approved, as amended, and as outlined in the Staff Report.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Seel and Gerard, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater President and CEO Steve Hayes indicated that a Tourist Development Council member requested an increase in the maximum funding amount for Category I from \$125,000.00 to \$200,000.00; that the change in room nights is based on research data with the intent of reflecting more realistic numbers; and that Category V was created to support new or first-time events to be held in the county. Category V events will be evaluated for future consideration of categorization and funding as part of the program.

Commissioner Seel opined that she feels applicants may not always need the amount of funding that is available, and Commissioner Gerard indicated that the increase for Category I is substantial.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the revisions be approved on the condition that Category I maximum funding eligibility be amended to only \$150,000.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

County Administrator

19. East Lake Community Library Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request.

Funding request approved in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.00 towards the purchase and installation of an outdoor aluminum storage shed, replacing two wooden sheds that have exceeded their service life.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

20. Form 4A Disclosure of Business Transaction, Relationship, or Interest by a two-third's vote and award of bid to Island Way Property Services, LLC for cyclical maintenance and to the Florida Dream Center for optional services to maintain alleys located within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area.

Contract No. 22-0110-B awarded in the amount of \$119,925.00 (\$56,070.00 to Island Way Property Services, LLC and \$63,855.00 to the Florida Dream Center) on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bids received. Contract term for each vendor is 12 months. Waiver of the conflict of interest, as described in Form 4A, approved.

Mr. Burton introduced the item and explained the components for consideration; whereupon, Assistant to the County Administrator Chris Moore, with input by Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte, responded to queries by Commissioners Seel and Eggers, providing the following information:

- The alleyways are publicly-owned rights-of-way.
- The cyclical maintenance and the optional services were bid separately.
- The optional services require heavy-duty equipment. The work is expected to be labor-intensive and will be utilized on an as-needed basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the Board waive the conflict of interest as set forth in the Form 4A Disclosure of Business Transaction, Relationship, or Interest. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the Board approve the Award of Bid to Island Way Property Services, LLC for cyclical maintenance of public alleyways located within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the Board approve the Award of Bid to the Florida Dream Center for identified optional public alleyway maintenance services located within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

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Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency

21. First Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Work Plan.

First amendment approved, with changes to the Fiscal Year 2022 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Work Plan specified in the Staff Report and accompanying documentation. The total amount originally appropriated for the Plan remains the same.

Assistant to the County Administrator Chris Moore provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the Plan and referenced particular updates. He noted that funding to certain programs has been adjusted to more accurately reflect the forecast for what will be spent until the end of the year; that current demand for the residential facade improvement program is high, requiring an increase in funding; and that programs with less interest will be reduced; whereupon, he stated that the total approval of the work plan remains the same as what was originally approved.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Moore clarified that as the Community Redevelopment Agency, approval of the First Amendment includes a recommendation of approval of the Master Lease and Management Agreement to the Board of County Commissioners.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

County Administrator

22. Lealman Exchange Master Lease and Management Agreement between Pinellas County and the St. Petersburg Foundation.

Agreement approved, with amendments.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation titled *Lealman Exchange Lease & Management Agreement*, Assistant to the County Administrator Chris Moore provided background information regarding the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and the Lealman Exchange, an overview of development of a strategic plan, procurement of an agency to implement the plan, definition and advantages of a collective impact model, and a summary of the Lease and Management Agreement negotiated with the St. Petersburg Foundation as the selected agency.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Moore related that a Letter of Interest procurement process was utilized; and that the Foundation would be responsible for establishing lease rates and choosing tenants for the remaining space in the Exchange.

Commissioner Seel noted an inability to find information related to the Foundation having experience with leasing and managing a property and expressed concern regarding a precedent being set if the Foundation is granted philanthropic naming rights. Attorney White advised that Paragraph 7 of the Agreement indicates that a policy consistent with the County's philanthropic naming rights policy would be developed and submitted to the County Administrator for approval; whereupon, discussion ensued.

Responding to Commissioner Eggers' request for clarification regarding service value gained and funding sources for the proposed Agreement, Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte, with input by Mr. Moore, indicated that the Foundation's connection to the community, ability to leverage local resources, and capacity to provide staff, will allow for a more feasible realization of the County's vision to create a community center at the Exchange; whereupon, Mr. Almonte explained that funding for the lease and management of the facility will be derived from a variety of sources, including the CRA; that the Foundation will be accountable for securing some funding on its own; and that the management model proposed is designed to create a sustainable facility with a lesser demand on the CRA over time.

Commissioner Flowers expressed concern regarding the Exchange losing its community identity, citing the earlier discussion regarding naming rights and the ability of the County to control the process; whereupon, Commissioner Peters registered concern with the naming rights issue, but indicated that she believes the proposed management model will be successful.

In response to a query by Commissioner Peters, Mr. Moore indicated that the long-term vision for financial sustainability of the Exchange will be to use a mix of public and private entity fundraising efforts.

Commissioner Gerard remarked that she sees the proposed Agreement as the next natural step in order for the facility to evolve as a community center; but that she believes the County should monitor its operations closely; whereupon, Mr. Moore indicated that a clause in the Agreement allows for termination, with or without cause.

Attorney White referred to the Agreement and noted that Page 3 contains language which allows the County to terminate the Agreement upon 30 days' notice; that it appears in a section that otherwise speaks to audited financial statements; and that termination would require a meeting with the County Administrator and the Foundation prior to execution. Following feedback from the members, she advised that the language could be moved to the termination section of the Agreement for the sake of clarity; and that doing so would remove any connection to audited financials.

Chairman Justice remarked that he concurs with Commissioner Gerard's comments and sees the Foundation's resources and ability to connect with the community as a means of establishing the identity of the Exchange; and that he would remove the naming rights language contained in the Agreement, which would not impact the ability of the Foundation to move forward with its plan.

Commissioner Eggers suggested that a representative from the Foundation come forward to share the vision for the Center. Foundation Board Member Joe Hamilton related that the Foundation has experience with negotiating and managing commercial leases and provided an overview of the intent to build capacity from an organizational and community level, create efficiencies with current services, and expand partnerships and services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the Board approve the Agreement with the changes to remove the language regarding naming rights and moving the termination language as recommended by Attorney White during discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Housing & Community Development

23. Resolution expanding and modifying the Pinellas County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Resolution No. 22-22 adopted and authorization approved enabling the County and the City of St. Petersburg to execute a Memorandum of Understanding to specify the roles and responsibilities of both entities.

Mr. Burton introduced the item and explained that the City of St. Petersburg has expended all allotted Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds, but still has rental assistance needs; and that today's request is to expand the usage of the County ERAP funds countywide and to allow for eligible hotel and motel expenses to be covered.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Housing and Community Development Manager Bruce Bussey reported that the County has \$18,292,000.00 remaining from the ERAP Phase 2 funding amount; that a local decision was initially made to exclude the usage of funds for hotel and motel expenses; and that at a later date, the U.S. Treasury Department issued guidelines allowing hotel and motel expenses as an 'other housing' related cost; whereupon, he related that the County is recommending a limit of 120 days for funding hotel and motel expenses as a means to stabilize housing.

Commissioner Flowers noted that she is pleased with the County's willingness to partner with municipalities to assist affected residents; and that there are residents in the City who had been pledged assistance, but did not receive it.

St. Petersburg Assistant City Manager Bob Gerdes came forward and expressed appreciation to the County for allowing the proposal to be heard and for the hard work of County staff. Responding to Commissioner Flowers' comments, he indicated that one of the residents who did not receive the pledged assistance has been assisted through a different funding source.

Later in the meeting, Chairman Justice indicated that Jack Wallace had registered to speak in favor of this item but was not present on the Zoom application.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Human Services

24. Agreement with Pinellas Ex Offender Reentry Coalition for administration of the sterile needle and syringe exchange program.

Contract No. 21-0553-LI approved for an initial term of 60 months. The Agreement will have no fiscal impact on the County in accordance with Florida Statutes 381.0038(4)(f) and Pinellas County Code Section 42-47, which prohibits the use of County funds to operate such a program.

Commissioner Flowers expressed gratitude for the program, noting that she hopes it will help to reduce the spread of communicable diseases. Chairman Justice and Commissioner Gerard both noted the support of the Florida Department of Health in moving the program forward.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

25. Award acceptance and agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant.

Grant Agreement approved for funding in the amount of up to \$400,000.00 per year over three years for a total award of \$1,200,000.00, beginning March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2025. An in-kind match equal to the award amount is required. Pinellas Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition (PERC) and WestCare will provide \$1,140,000.00 towards the match requirement and the County will provide up to \$60,000.00 of in-kind services and staff time.

In response to a query by Commissioner Seel, Human Services Director Karen Yatchum indicated that the program is new and was competitively procured last year; that the procurement was open to all not-for-profit agencies through the Public Safety Coordinating Council but yielded no applicants; and that as a result, Human Services partnered with PERC and WestCare to develop the program. She explained that the goal of the program is to meet the needs of justice-involved individuals exiting jail and experiencing homelessness; and that the program will provide transitional housing and residential beds.

Commissioner Flowers remarked that she finds it interesting that no agencies applied, since this type of service is continually sought; whereupon, Ms. Yatchum indicated that the reinvestment grant requires a heavy administrative burden; and that the proposed program allows the grant staff in Human Services to handle the reporting and frees the nonprofits to do what they do best.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Parks and Conservation Resources

26. Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Communities Trust Program for the acquisition of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property in Dunedin, FL.

Grant Agreement approved for funding in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 for acquisition reimbursement costs. As part of the interlocal agreement with the City of Dunedin, the County will be reimbursed first in an amount up to a maximum of \$1,500,000.00, with the City receiving the remainder of the funds.

Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie provided background information, noting that the County has additionally received a legislative line item appropriation of approximately \$1.5 million to assist with its costs of purchasing the property.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Seel and Eggers, Mr. Burton, with input by Mr. Cozzie, related that if all grants and funding progress successfully, both the City and the County would be reimbursed all but approximately \$800,000.00 each; that additional fundraising efforts for improvements to the property are ongoing; and that part of the County's commitment to the property will be the replanting of native species to approximately 10 acres.

Commissioner Eggers noted that the Grant Agreement was also approved by the City at its meeting today; and that the City is discussing plans to incrementally open public usage of portions of the property while improvements are being completed, and discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Public Works

27. Declare a portion of fee owned County property as surplus, grant the authorization to sell the property to Philip Belejchak and Nadine Belejchak, and execute the County Deed in accordance with Section 125.35(2), Florida Statutes.

Resolution No. 22-23 adopted declaring a portion of the County-owned property as surplus, granting authorization to sell the property and execute the deed. The market value of the property was set at \$52.00 by a fee appraiser.

Mr. Burton indicated that the approximately .004-acre property is submerged land; that it is not needed by the County; and that selling the property will rectify an issue regarding a permitting error.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Utilities

- 28.** Interlocal Agreement to reinstate and extend the agreement with the City of Safety Harbor for the sale of wholesale potable water.

Agreement approved, reinstating and extending the original five-year Interlocal Agreement executed on November 10, 2015, with the same terms and conditions. The City has been a month-to-month customer since November 10, 2020. Revenue for Fiscal Year 2022 is estimated to be \$1,800,000.00 and is consistent with the adopted budget. The term of the reinstated Agreement is extended from November 10, 2020 to November 10, 2030.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

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CareerSource Pinellas

- 29.** WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors' recommendation of Steven Meier as Acting Chief Executive Official of CareerSource Pinellas.

Recommendation to appoint Steven Meier to serve as Acting Chief Executive Officer of CareerSource Pinellas approved pursuant to CareerSource Pinellas Bylaws.

Commissioner Flowers noted that she forwarded information to the members regarding the selection process.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Nay: 1 - Chairman Justice

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

COUNTY ATTORNEY

30. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. 282 LLC - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate lien.

County Attorney authorized to initiate litigation.

Attorney White indicated that the lien is a result of action taken by Code Enforcement, noting that the property to be foreclosed is a commercial property.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

31. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Estate of Max E. Wysong - action for foreclosure of liens.

County Attorney authorized to initiate litigation.

Attorney White indicated that the lien is a result of action taken by Code Enforcement, noting that the property to be foreclosed is a non-homesteaded residential property.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

32. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Estate of Alex Davis and Andrew Lennox - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate liens.

County Attorney authorized to initiate litigation.

Attorney White indicated that the lien is a result of action taken by Code Enforcement, noting that the property to be foreclosed is a non-homesteaded residential property.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

33. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Christina Leverone and John Ryan; County Court Case No. 22-000398-CO-42 - animal cruelty.

Action taken by the County Attorney's Office with advance approval of the BCC Chairman ratified.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

34. County Attorney Reports:

Recent Trial Update

Attorney White expressed appreciation for the members' messages of congratulations to her staff, who worked on a recent federal trial, resulting in a positive outcome for the County.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

35. County Administrator Reports:

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Burton reported that due to the decrease in the percent positivity rate to 3.19%, the County-managed COVID-19 testing sites will close on March 25.

Introduction of the Interim Director of Building and Development Review Services

Mr. Burton introduced Mark Janeck as the Interim Director of Building and Development Review Services, relating that he brings experience in both the private and public sectors.

COUNTY COMMISSION

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

Robyn Fiel reappointed to a four-year term beginning April 1, 2022, following a ballot vote.

37. County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and other New Business.

Chairman Justice requested that the Board support his appointment of Jenny Goad to the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

The members commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Gerard

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

Commissioner Eggers

- Lighting the Skyway Bridge

Announcing that Board Records Manager Katherine Carpenter has received a promotion, Chairman Justice presented her with a certificate of appreciation for her work with the Board; whereupon, the members extended their congratulations.

Meeting Recessed: 4:31 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.

6:00PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings 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

38. Case No. CW 22-03 - City of Tarpon Springs
 Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services and Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.385 acre more or less, located at 1954 South Pinellas Avenue.
 Ordinance No. 22-11 adopted amending the plan. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the proposal; staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

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39. Variance request from Kelly Lee McFrederick and Jack Rice to County Code for docking facilities at 3612 East Maritana Drive, St. Pete Beach. (Quasi-Judicial)

Hearing continued. One letter and one voicemail in support of the request have been received.

Attorney White indicated that staff is recommending the Board continue the hearing to a future date; that some of the issues involved may soon be resolved at the State level; and that the potential resolutions may negate the need for the case to be heard by the Board.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Long

ADJOURNMENT - 6:05 P.M.

 Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
 Deputy Clerk