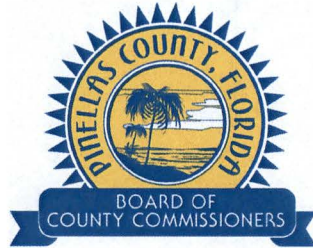


# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Karen Williams Seel, Chair*

*Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*Charlie Justice*

*Janet C. Long*

*Kathleen Peters*

*Kenneth T. Welch*

**ROLL CALL - 2:01 P.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Chris Bartlett, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION by Monsignor Robert Morris, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Clearwater.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. National Park and Recreation Month Proclamation:
  - Paul Cozzie, Director, Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR)
  - Jolanda Jordan, Department Administrative Manager, PCR
  - Kristen O'Bryant, Park Ranger, Fort De Soto Park, PCR
  - David Kandz, Chair, Pinellas County Park Advisory Board

Chair Seel discussed the social, economic, and environmental benefits that the County's parks and recreation programs provide, and read a proclamation recognizing July as National Park and Recreation Month. She explained that Pinellas County parks provide a refuge from fast-paced, high-tech lifestyles, and make the community an attractive and desirable place to work, play, and visit.

2. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:
  - Kristen O'Bryant, Park Ranger, Fort De Soto Park, PCR

Chair Seel invited Ms. O'Bryant to the podium and, referring to a video presentation, recognized her work at Fort De Soto Park as well as her passion for nature and for educating people about the parks and outdoor activities available in Pinellas County, and Mr. Burton provided input.

3. Partner Presentation:
  - Barbara Hoffman, Business Director, Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

Chair Seel invited Ms. Hoffman to the podium and recognized her work and dedication to Brooker Creek Preserve; whereupon, Ms. Hoffman referred to a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the responsibilities and objectives of Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, including fund-raising and education, as well as wildlife and environmental preservation.

4. Partner Presentation:  
- #PurePinellas by Commissioner Justice

Commissioner Justice introduced Percussion Director Deon Bryant and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Police Athletic League Percussion Drumline. Following a performance, Coach Dion provided background information regarding the origins of the band, described how it helps children learn music, and explained that they give back to the community by performing for organizations such as Heart Walk and Hospice.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 27 (Item 7 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Vice-Chair Gerard, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

5. Minutes of the regular meetings held June 4 and June 18, 2019.
6. Vouchers and bills paid from June 2 through June 15, 2019.

Period: June 2 through June 8, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$38,970,460.57

Payroll - None

Period: June 9, 2019 through June 15, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$6,331,395.31

Payroll - \$3,749,025.63

Reports received for filing:

8. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarters ended December 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019.
9. Quarterly Donation Listing of \$500 or More for the quarters ended December 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019.
10. Quarterly Report of Routine Dock and Dredge/Fill Applications Received from April 1 to June 30, 2019.
11. Dock Fee Report for the month of June 2019.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

12. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 9268-19, 9271-19, and 9274-19 adopted June 5, 2019, annexing certain properties.
13. City of Oldsmar Ordinances Nos. 2019-01 and 2019-02 adopted June 18, 2019, annexing certain properties.
14. Clearwater Cay Community Development District proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Operating and Debt Service Budget.
15. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020, pursuant to Chapter 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes.
16. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes of the meeting held April 11, 2019.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

##### Airport

17. Award of bid to KOBO Utility Corporation for Navigational Aids Installation at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Bid No. 189-0397-CP (PID No. 004087A) in the amount of \$265,150.00 awarded on the basis of being the sole responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 100 consecutive days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

##### County Administrator

18. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending June 30, 2019.
19. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.

##### Public Works

20. Award of bid to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2022 Countywide Pavement Preservation projects.

Bid No. 189-0315-CP (PID No. 003888A) in the amount of \$17,745,968.30 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 821 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

21. Award of bid to Cemex, Inc. and Concrete on Call, Inc. for requirements of concrete mix materials for the Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative.

Contract No. 189-0194-B in the annual amount of \$688,589.00 for a 60-month term total of \$3,442,945.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsible bids received meeting specifications (estimated total County expenditure, \$1,611,005.00). Contract provides for price adjustments at 12-month intervals, as set forth in the Staff Report.

22. Award of bid to ISS Facility Services, Inc. for requirements of bridge tending services.

Contract No. 189-0265-B in the annual amount of \$320,849.52 for a 60-month term total of \$1,604,247.60 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract provides for one price adjustment after 36 months, as set forth in the Staff Report. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

23. Award of bid to Quinn Construction, Inc. for the Park Boulevard Drawbridge Machinery Rehabilitation project.

Bid No. 189-0247-CP (PID No. 001142B) in the amount of \$2,089,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

24. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Valerie Craig and Brian Craig, her husband v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-003731-CI-7 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
25. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Frank Gilliam v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-003637-CI-11 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

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

##### Sheriff's Office

26. Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.
27. Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Reports received for filing:

7. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2019-16 dated June 21, 2019 - Audit of the Pinellas County Purchasing Card Program.

Commissioner Eggers related that the audit determined that the internal administrative controls and overall compliance with the program's policies and procedures are adequate; and that the internal financial controls regarding auditing and processing of invoices are efficient and effective. He noted that the audit also revealed six opportunities for improvement; that there is a potential for problems; and that management is monitoring the program closely.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Contractor Licensing Department

28. Interlocal Agreement between the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners authorizing the provisions of Section 163.01. Agreement approved authorizing staff to carry out statutory duties and objectives.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Burton indicated that the agreement is new, and Assistant County Administrator Jake Stowers provided input, noting that it should have been completed in July 2018.

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

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

Human Services

29. Funding recommendations for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Recommendations submitted by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board approved for distribution of \$276,412.00 among nine projects, as set forth in the Staff Report.

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

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

### Management and Budget

30. Resolution establishing the level of budgetary control within the County's financial system.

Resolution No. 19-40 adopted in accordance with the Florida Uniform Accounting System Manual for Florida Counties.

Mr. Burton indicated that the resolution should be adopted annually; that it incorporates debt service accounts into existing budgetary control groupings; and that it eliminates the need for budget changes regarding nominal amounts.

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

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

31. Resolution updating the previously adopted "Guidelines For Payment and/or Reimbursement of Travel Expenses for Pinellas County Officers and Employees," Resolution No. 03-192.

Resolution No. 19-41 adopted approving the revised guidelines effective October 1, 2019.

Mr. Burton stated that the update provides more consistency in the policy, modernizes certain reimbursable expenses, and allows for administrative changes to align with state and federal guidelines.

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

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

### Real Estate Management

Responding to queries by the members with respect to Items Nos. 32, 33, and 34, Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke clarified the types of improvements that fall under the capital guidelines and noted that the items are defined and listed in each agreement.

32. First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Palm Harbor Community Services Agency for the Rheba Sutton White Chapel and Harbor Hall, located at 1190 Georgia Avenue, Palm Harbor.

Amendment approved assigning responsibility for future facility capital improvements to the County beginning October 1, 2019.

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

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

33. Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Palm Harbor Community Services Agency for The Centre, located at 1500 16th Street, Palm Harbor.

Amendment approved assigning responsibility for future facility capital improvements to the County beginning October 1, 2019.

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

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

34. Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Palm Harbor Community Services Agency for the East Lake Community Library, located at 4125 East Lake Road South, Palm Harbor.

Amendment approved assigning responsibility for future facility capital improvements to the County beginning October 1, 2019.

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

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

35. Lease Agreement with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. for office space at the Lealman Exchange, located at 5175 45th Street North, Lealman.

Agreement approved providing for an initial rental rate of \$9.00 per square foot with an annual three-percent increase. Lease is for a term of one year with three one-year options.

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

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

36. Resolution and Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Community Law Program, Inc. for office space located at 501 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg.

Resolution No. 19-42 adopted approving the amendment, modifying the method for calculating rent, increasing the base rent by three percent annually, and modifying other provisions of the lease.

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

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



Safety and Emergency Services

37. Third Amendment to the Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for professional engineering and construction services pertaining to the Multi-Site Tower Replacement project.

Amendment to Contract No. 134-0251-NC approved increasing the amount by \$14,497,667.00 and extending the term through December 31, 2021; total revised estimated expenditure, \$22,401,749.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Welch, Safety and Emergency Services Director Jim Fogarty, with input by Radio and Technology Division Director Jacqueline Weinreich, provided details regarding the contract, noting that the useful life of the new facilities is approximately 40 years.

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

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

Utilities

38. Non-competitive purchase agreement with Vertex Data Utility Services, LLC for implementation and support services related to the Utilities customer information platform upgrade.

Contract No. 189-0221-A approved for a total estimated expenditure of \$18,875,053.01. Agreement is effective for ten years upon execution and provides for two 24-month extensions. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt related that the Utilities billing system is currently outsourced to a vendor-hosted platform in Texas; that the request is to upgrade to a cloud-based environment provided by the same vendor; and that the contract will provide for automatic upgrades to the SAP platform.

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

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

39. Increase to the contract with Core & Main LP for requirements of water meter boxes, lid materials, and accessories - a Tampa Bay Area Cooperative contract.

Increase to Contract No. 1670015-B in the amount of \$300,000.00 approved for a revised contract total of \$1,379,325.50 (annual amount, \$275,865.00).

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Utilities Director Megan Ross clarified that the request is to increase the current contract for water meter boxes to meet day-to-day needs and does not apply to the full meter replacement project.

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

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

### 40. County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Mr. Burton introduced new Sustainability Coordinator Hank Hodde and provided information about his professional background. He noted that Mr. Hodde will be working with a new staff committee to be chaired by Environmental Management Division Director Kelli Hammer Levy; whereupon, Chair Seel welcomed Mr. Hodde to Pinellas County.

Mr. Burton announced that Brian Lowack and Nancy McKibben have been promoted to Assistants to the County Administrator for the north and south County unincorporated areas, while retaining their existing duties; whereupon, Chair Seel congratulated Mr. Lowack and Ms. McKibben on their promotions.

At Mr. Burton's request, Mr. Lowack provided information regarding Pinellas County Legislative Day for the 2020 session.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

### 41. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Patrick Bergy v. Catholic Charities, et al; HUD Case No. 04-19-5727-8; PC Case No. 19-013 - alleged housing discrimination.

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

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

### 42. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Robert W. Remaley dba RWR Consulting LLC and RWR Consulting, Inc. - action for eviction.

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

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

43. Ratification of the initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Lend Lease (US) Construction, Inc. and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; Circuit Case No. 19-003619-CI-21 - action to recover damages.

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

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

44. Proposed settlement in the case of Mia Sindt v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-001021-CI-8 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated July 23, 2019.

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

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

45. County Attorney Miscellaneous.

Attorney White provided an update regarding the status of litigation pertaining to Hillsborough County's transportation surtax, noting that the Circuit Court's decision to uphold the tax has been appealed on two actions; and that she will continue to monitor the case.

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

##### CareerSource Pinellas

46. Revisions to the WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. dba CareerSource Pinellas Bylaws.

Revisions approved as amended.

Economic Development Director Mike Meidel provided a summary of events pertaining to revision of the WorkNet Pinellas dba CareerSource Pinellas (CSPIN) bylaws; whereupon, he related that the School Board has recommended that Mark Hunt with Pinellas County Schools, currently on the board to fulfill the Title I Programs federal requirement, also serve as the School Board delegate, and clarified the allowances of the bylaws regarding the minimum and maximum number of members.

Attorney White reviewed three options for revision of the bylaws based on discussion by the BCC at the July 18 work session. After lengthy discussion, version two was determined to best reflect the wishes of the Board, with the following amendments:

*Article III, Section 2 - Authority and Responsibilities of the Board*

- Q. Selecting, hiring and terminating, subject to the approval of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, the Chief Executive Official *who shall report directly to the CSPIN Board*; and
- R. Selecting and hiring or contracting for, *or terminating*, the provision of legal services to be provided to, and for, WorkNet Pinellas, Inc., subject to the approval of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

*Article III, Section 4 - Categories of Board Membership*

- B. *A local elected official which must be either a municipal officer, School Board Member, or an additional County Commissioner*, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall fill a seat on the Board.

The Board received public comment from Greg Pound, Largo; whereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Justice, Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell provided clarification regarding a provision in the interlocal agreement pertaining to CSPIN approval of the bylaws, noting that a Federal Department of Labor provision would prevail.

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

- Aye:** 5 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch
- Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Eggers
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long

47. Appointment to the WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. dba CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Cheryl Shephard appointed to serve as a Business Category representative for a two-year term expiring on June 30, 2021.

Responding to query by Chair Seel, Economic Development Director Mike Meidel related that Ms. Shephard was nominated by the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce, noting that the position is necessary to balance the Board with the Elected Official seat established in the newly revised bylaws.

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

- Aye:** 6 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long

Housing Finance Authority

48. 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. 19-43 adopted approving the issuance of the bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$9,600,000.00 for the benefit of SP Pinellas I, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability company, or its affiliates. No County general funds are required; all lendable funds are generated from the sale of tax exempt housing bonds and the sale of low income housing tax credits from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

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

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

49. County Administrator Reports:  
- Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger conducted a PowerPoint presentation, providing an overview of the proposal and highlighting the following:

- The proposed total budget of \$2.4 billion reflects a 0.5-percent, or \$13.2 million, increase over the current year.
- The level of reserves exceeds the 15-percent policy guideline by approximately 1.5 percent, for a total of \$105.1 million.
- Millage rates will not increase compared to the current year.
- The proposal includes reductions to the millage rates of seven fire districts.
- The Board of County Commissioner departments' total budget of \$1.5 billion reflects a decrease of 1.8 percent, or \$28.4 million.
- The total budget for Constitutional Officers is \$378.0 million and reflects a 1.8-percent increase, or \$6.5 million.
- All other agencies have a total budget of \$509.6 million, which reflects a 7.4-percent increase, or \$35.1 million.
- The County will employ 5,413.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in Fiscal Year 2020, reflecting an increase of approximately 50 FTEs over the current year.

Mr. Berger discussed various aspects of the budget priority initiatives and provided information regarding the OSHA Training Program, internships, efforts to simplify the job application process, and the continued implementation of Pay and Classification Study recommendations.

Assistant County Administrator Lourdes Benedict provided updates regarding mental and behavioral health priorities, noting that substance abuse continues to be a national crisis; and that efforts in Florida rank among the lowest funded in the nation. She stated that the County continues to fund service gaps in order to better address the needs of indigent and homeless individuals; and that the demand for crisis-related services continues to increase; whereupon, she provided statistics and discussed the growing need for Baker and Marchman Act services.

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Benedict indicated that the national average of funding per capita is \$125, while the state's average per capita is \$36; and that there are pressing needs for a central receiving system, additional Marchman beds, transitional housing, and residential substance abuse treatment programs.

Ms. Benedict indicated that current programs should continue to receive support; that interim solutions need to be developed to help close the gap in available services; and that staff recommends setting aside some amount of funding for Marchman beds and other needs. Mr. Burton indicated that some of the solutions have yet to be defined and need more analysis before recommendations can be made; and that setting aside funding in Fiscal Year 2020 would help to implement the proper solutions when they are adopted, and discussion ensued.

Ms. Benedict discussed goals for social action funding, stating that staff will utilize a competitive grant program to support the process; that nine programs have been submitted for decision packages totaling \$1.6 million; and that of the nine, three programs are currently active in Fiscal Year 2019; whereupon, she provided information on funding for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, and Mr. Burton provided input; whereupon, she noted that a plan for the Homeless Leadership Board to utilize the 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares call center has been accepted and is currently being implemented.

Mr. Berger provided updates on various wastewater/stormwater improvements, form-based codes, and the Penny for Pinellas surtax, indicating that recommended guidelines on how to invest Penny dollars in economic development and housing should come from a joint review committee later this year; that an assessment of vulnerability to sea-level rise is continuing and targeted for completion in 2021; and that the Small Business Diversity program has certified over 300 vendors to date and is still growing; whereupon, he highlighted additional initiatives regarding permitting service delivery, the County website, and the Enterprise Asset Management program, among others.

Referring to the Fiscal Year 2020 budget timeline, Mr. Berger stated that the Board will meet on August 1 to set maximum millage rates; and that on August 2, the Property Appraiser will use the set rates to develop Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices, which will be mailed to all property owners on August 20. He indicated that public hearings for the budget will be held on September 12 and 24; and that the fiscal year will begin on October 1.

Mr. Berger noted that in a recent legal settlement, the County has agreed to publish only Americans with Disability Act (ADA)-compliant documents; that the proposed budget document is not yet compliant; and that staff will ensure the adopted budget is ADA-compliant before it is published to the website and in time to meet the statutory requirement; whereupon, he thanked the Commissioners, Constitutional Officers, department directors, staff, and others for their work and contributions, and acknowledged Office of Management and Budget Managers Cecilia McCorkell and Jacqueline Trainer, stating that they remain integral to the process of bringing the budget forward for approval, and discussion ensued.

Upon Chair Seel's call for persons wishing to speak on the matter, Greg Pound, Largo, appeared and stated his concerns.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

### 50. Public Comment.

Ted L. Kay, Seminole, re cruise port for Pinellas

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re District of Columbia is not a 50 state

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re education excellence

Greg Pound, Largo

Following Mr. Kay's comments, Chair Seel noted that she would be very concerned about dredging near Mullet Key; and that Mr. Kay has presented a similar proposal in the past. No one responded to her call for members interested in creating a discussion item on the matter; whereupon, she declared that the proposal has been brought to closure and thanked Mr. Kay for his time and effort.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

### 51. Appointment to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Appointments of Lealman Fire District Division Chief/Fire Marshal Jim Millican and City of Clearwater Building Official Kevin Garriott approved for terms ending September 30, 2021, and September 30, 2022, respectively.

Responding to query by Commissioner Justice, Assistant County Administrator Jake Stowers related that the residency requirement for building officials has recently been removed, allowing Mr. Garriott, who lives outside of Pinellas County and is a previous member of the Licensing Board, to be appointed and return to the Board.

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

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

52. Appointment to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc. (Individual Appointment by Commissioner Gerard).

Appointment of Kevin Chambers approved for a term ending December 31, 2019.

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

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

53. County Commission New Business Items:  
- Largo for Youth, Inc. - MSTU Funding Request (Commissioner Gerard)

Commissioner Gerard presented a request on behalf of the Largo for Youth football and cheerleading association located in Ridgecrest. She stated that the original request was for \$31,609; and that she is suggesting that the Board approve an appropriation of \$7,300 in Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funds to the organization, which would be used to help pay for equipment and not uniforms.

In response to queries by Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Gerard noted that the organization uses fields next to the YMCA in Ridgecrest and is not affiliated with or located in the City of Largo; whereupon, Commissioner Welch thanked the staff for including an MSTU - BCC Project Summary report in the documentation.

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

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

54. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

The members provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Welch

- Summer programs for youth leadership and employment training
- Bay Vista Church of Christ *Reach Out and Bless Someone* scholarship program
- Community Health Centers/Feeding Tampa Bay food prescription program
- 2020 Census

Commissioner Peters

- AmSkills, Tampa Bay Water Board, Youth Advisory Committee
- BayCare nonprofit organization to address behavioral health issues
- Pinellas Technical College graduation
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Economic Mobility program



- ACTS facility Marchman Act beds
- Budget decision packages re Marchman beds, behavioral health

#### Commissioner Justice

- Ballots mailed for August 27 St. Petersburg Primary Election
- Lealman visits by Representatives Jennifer Webb and Nick DiCeglie
- YMCA Spelling Bee
- Enterprise Florida Snapshot Event
- Foundation for Healthy St. Pete, Center for Health Equity
- Grouper and Craft Beer Festival
- Pinellas County Legislative Day
- Appointment of Brian Lowack, Nancy McKibben, and Chris Moore as unincorporated community liaisons

#### Commissioner Long

- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Habitat for Humanity event in Ridgecrest, Largo Medical Center robotics program open house
- Women's Leadership Summit on energy, climate change, and sea level rise
- Florida Department of Transportation Resiliency and Planning Subcommittee
- The Ring Workspaces in downtown Clearwater
- John Morroni Legacy Foundation

#### Commissioner Eggers

- Forward Pinellas, Community Veterans Engagement Board, Tampa Bay Water Board, AmSkills
- Appointment of unincorporated community liaisons
- Honduras mission trip
- Respect for law enforcement officers

#### Commissioner Gerard

- CareerSource Pinellas, Mayor's Council
- Habitat for Humanity

#### Commissioner Seel

- Hiring of Beth Houghton as Juvenile Welfare Board CEO

Meeting Recessed at: 5:37 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened at: 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.**

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

55. Petition of Michael S. Smith and Shawntee M. Smith to vacate a portion of Bayshore Drive right-of-way as recorded in Official Record Book 1881, Pages 325 and 326, lying adjacent to Lot 4, Block 4, Bayhaven First Addition Subdivision, Plat Book 60, Page 52, lying within Section 30-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

Resolution No. 19-44 adopted granting the petition pursuant to Florida State Statute 336. Clerk authorized to attest and record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received.

Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke provided background information, referred to aerial maps and photographs, and pointed out the location and the surrounding properties. He indicated that the petitioners seek to vacate an approximately 12-foot portion of a 50-foot right-of-way adjacent to their property; that they own a fence currently installed in the right-of-way; and that no County Department has made objections to the request.

Upon the Chair's call for persons wishing to speak in opposition of the application, Jack Kory, Seminole, appeared and stated that he is concerned that a portion of the area to vacate is part of his property; and that he does not grant permission to vacate any portion of the land he privately owns; whereupon, he responded to queries by the members and discussion ensued.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Pupke related that a land survey was submitted by the petitioner and was subsequently authenticated by the County's survey department; and that the requested vacation was deemed to be wholly part of the right-of-way and does not encroach on private property.

During discussion, Chair Seel indicated that the Board could decide to take action on the petition with a request to have staff complete a final review of the information. Commissioner Eggers referred to aerial maps and pointed out the property lines surrounding the area to Mr. Kory, noting that the requested portion to vacate remains separate from his private property; whereupon, Chair Seel closed the public hearing.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Pupke related that County staff followed standard procedures in reviewing the information before moving the petition forward; and that staff spoke to Mr. Kory previously and provided him information on the petition, at his request.

Attorney White indicated that the Board cannot legally vacate private property; that voting to approve the petition would not transfer ownership of Mr. Kory's property should a later review determine there is a conflict; and that the Board's action would only affect the platted unopened right-of-way.

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

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

- 56.** Petition of Thomas A. March to vacate that portion of a ten-foot-wide drainage and utility easement lying in the west seven feet of the east ten feet of Lot 48, less the south five feet thereof, Imperial Point Unit 1, Plat Book 63, Page 86, lying in Section 18-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Resolution No. 19-45 adopted granting the petition pursuant to Florida State Statute 177. Clerk authorized to attest and record the resolution. Letters of no objection were received from the appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

- 57.** Petition of Paradigm Investment Properties to vacate a portion of 118th Avenue North right-of-way lying east of Starkey Road and west of the northerly extension of the east right-of-way of 87th Street North, Oakwoods Industrial Center, Plat Book 91, Page 10, also a portion of 87th Street North, Oakwoods Industrial Center, Plat Book 91, Page 10, lying north of the cul-de-sac, lying in Section 13-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

Resolution No. 19-46 adopted granting the petition pursuant to Florida State Statute 336. Clerk authorized to attest and record the resolution. Letters of no objection were received from the appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Real Estate Management Director Andrew Pupke indicated that the area to be vacated is unimproved and located at the end of a cul-de-sac; and that the business is expanding and needs additional parking for its employees.

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

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

58. Petition of Jeffrey M. Conway and Pamela G. Conway to vacate all that portion of Beach Parkway lying south of Lot 30, Lot 31, and south of the vacated unnamed road right-of-way recorded in the Official Record Book 19747 PG. 1267 (13200 72nd Ave), Harborview No. 2, Plat Book 6, Page 6, lying in Section 29-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

Resolution No. 19-47 adopted granting the petition pursuant to Florida State Statute 336. Clerk authorized to attest and record the resolution. Letters of no objection were received from the appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

59. Resolution updating the maximum towing rate schedule in Section 122-42(a), Pinellas County Code.

Item deferred for 60 days. No correspondence has been received.

Consumer Protection Operations Manager Douglas Templeton provided background information, stating that the current ordinance was established in 2000 to set types and amounts of fees related to towing, and provides for regulatory enforcement and review of complaints by Consumer Protection; that currently there is no registration or licensing mechanism within the ordinance; and that the Board had requested that staff review fees within County jurisdictions, other local areas, and throughout the state.

Mr. Templeton related that staff has met with industry representatives and received their feedback and concerns; that the majority of consumer complaints involve Class A vehicles of 10,000 pounds or less; and that County fees have not changed since 2000; whereupon, he highlighted the following changes:

- The towing mileage rate will adjust from \$3.00 to \$4.00 with a maximum of ten miles for all vehicle classes.
- The base towing fee for Class A vehicles will increase to \$110.00, an increase of ten percent.
- The daily storage fee for Class A vehicles will increase to \$25.00, an increase of 25 percent.
- Towing rates for Class B, C, and D vehicles will remain unchanged.
- The resolution calls for a review of towing rates every three years.

Mr. Templeton provided examples of expected costs for different scenarios and compared the towing fees from surrounding counties. Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Templeton noted that several counties are charging a base fee of \$125; and that Pasco County updated its fees earlier this year and Hillsborough County enacted an ordinance in

2017 after dissolving its Public Transportation Commission; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding the level of feedback received from industry professionals as part of the County's review.

Upon the Chair's call for public comments, the following individuals spoke in support of the towing industry, responded to queries by the members, and requested that the item be tabled in order to provide industry representatives more say in the review process:

- Marson Johnson, Jr., St. Petersburg, Elvis Towing, Professional Wrecker Operators of Florida 1st Vice President
- Stephanie Watson-Johnson, St. Petersburg, Elvis Towing, Professional Wrecker Operators of Florida Director At Large
- Brenda Shirley, Tampa, Gulf Coast Underwriters

Following discussion, Commissioner Gerard suggested that the Board ask staff to meet with industry representatives and provide a new recommendation more in line with towing rates throughout the state, and several members concurred. Chair Seel related that comparing rates between counties can sometimes lead to a spiraling rise in costs, and Commissioner Peters noted that towing professionals have been good partners; and that they should be at the table to help balance the issues.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be deferred for 60 days. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

60. Resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and authorizing actions related to the administration and operation of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs.

Resolution No. 19-48 adopted approving the plan and authorizing its submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest applications, certifications, HUD Grant Agreements, Specific Performance Agreements, and Land Use Restriction Agreements, including amendments; Chair authorized to sign Request for Release of Funds and Authority to Use Grant Funds; County Administrator authorized to execute Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, and Land Use Restriction Agreements, including amendments; Planning Director authorized to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Review Online System; Planning Department Director authorized to sign and file necessary forms, reports, and other administrative documents; and Planning Department authorized to hold a Needs Assessment/Performance Review Public Hearing in the first quarter of 2020 on behalf of the Board.

No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

**61. Case No. (Q) DMP-09-06-19 (Bayou Development, Inc.)**

A request for establishment of a Development Master Plan (DMP) for a Residential Planned Development (RPD) zoned property consisting of approximately 4.9 acres located at the northeast corner of Missouri Avenue and 9th Street in Palm Harbor.

Resolution No. 19-49 adopted approving the Development Master Plan. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Eggers noted that there have been recent discussions concerning utilizing 9th Street to create an entryway to the adjacent park; and that prospective homebuyers in the area should be informed of that possibility, and Chair Seel indicated that staff will review ways to address the concern.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Justice

**62. Case No. Q Z-07-06-19 (Chimayo, LLC)**

A request for a zoning change from R-4, One, Two and Three Family Residential, RMH, Residential Mobile/Manufactured Home and RPD, Residential Planned Development to RM, Multiple-Family Residential (4.7 acres) and RM-CO, Multiple-Family Residential-Conditional Overlay (2.2 acres) with a Conditional Overlay limiting the use to single-family detached, single-family attached (townhomes), duplexes, and triplexes on approximately 6.9 acres consisting of 27 parcels located generally on the north and south sides of Savona Drive, between San Martin Boulevard and San Merino Boulevard in unincorporated St. Petersburg (see files for list of parcels).

Resolution No. 19-50 adopted approving the zoning change with amendments to the Conditional Overlay. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation containing various maps and photographs, Principal Planner Michael Schoderbock pointed out the location of the subject property, discussed the surrounding land uses, and provided background information regarding the application, relating that all 27 parcels are currently vacant; that the proposed RM zoning would allow for lot size and development flexibility; that the Conditional Overlay on the northern area of the property would prohibit stacked apartment buildings; and that there will be no change to the future land use designation or density. He stated that the proposal is compatible with surrounding uses and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and that staff is recommending approval.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Schoderbock indicated that up to 53 total units could be developed on the subject parcels; that the proposed Conditional Overlay would limit the use on the northernmost property to single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes, and would exclude apartments and condominiums; and that structures in the overlay would be limited to 45 feet in height.

Todd Pressman, St. Petersburg, appeared and stated that he is the applicant's representative. He referred to aerial maps and provided an overview of the request, explaining that the applicant has made concessions based upon staff's recommendations. Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, he noted that the maximum density of the properties must remain the same; and that any reconfiguration of the northernmost property would not substantially change its current density, and Planning Director Renea Vincent provided input.

Chair Seel noted for the record that the Local Planning Agency's vote of approval was not unanimous; whereupon, she called for persons wishing to speak on the matter.

Sylvia Griswald, St. Petersburg, appeared in opposition to the application and stated her comments and concerns regarding incompatibility with existing homes surrounding the properties, excessive development, and increased traffic.

In rebuttal, Mr. Pressman indicated that there is a 70-foot buffer to the rear of the single-family homes; that additional setbacks will be included in the site plan; and that the current zoning already allows for residential development. Responding to query by Commissioner Long, he stated that the maximum building height is 45 feet; and that the actual height will be determined as part of an upcoming site plan review.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Schoderbock explained that the properties are located in a flood zone area; and that the base flood elevation in the area is nine feet, and Ms. Vincent noted that land elevations in the area are between four and six feet.

Commissioner Eggers suggested that the allowable maximum height be reduced to 40 feet; and that the rear setback be increased to 10 feet, and during discussion and in response to the members, Mr. Pressman stated that the applicant is willing to work with the Board on the suggested changes.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Vice-Chair Gerard, that the item be approved with amendments to the Conditional Overlay to reduce the maximum height to 40 feet and increase the rear setback to 10 feet. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

**Nay:** 1 - Chair Seel

**63.** Case No. Q Z-08-06-19 (Chimayo, LLC)

A request for a zoning change from GO, General Office and R-4, One, Two and Three Family Residential to RM, Multiple-Family Residential on approximately 3.5 acres located at the northeast corner of San Martin Boulevard and Ricardo Place North in unincorporated St. Petersburg.

Resolution No. 19-51 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation containing various maps and photographs, Principal Planner Mr. Schoderbock pointed out the location of the subject property, described surrounding land uses, and provided background information regarding the application, noting that the site consists of two vacant parcels; and that the proposed use is a multi-family residential development. He indicated that the application is for a zoning change only; that there will be no change to the future land use designation or density; and that staff is recommending approval; whereupon, he reviewed the current and proposed height and setback requirements.

Upon the Chair's call for the applicant, Todd Pressman, St. Petersburg, discussed the proposal, noting that the property is under the same development plan as the previous case. He indicated that the proposed RM zoning would allow a variety of home styles and lot sizes, making it easier to develop.

Discussion ensued, and Mr. Schoderbock stated that County standards require that the main access to the development come from Ricardo Place; whereupon, Mr. Pressman clarified that the orientation of the property would not be known until the site plan has been completed.

Upon the Chair's call for persons wishing to speak, Sylvia Griswold, St. Petersburg, appeared in opposition to the application and stated her concerns, as follows:

- Environmental impacts, such as loss of trees and wildlife
- Incompatibility with the neighborhood
- Lack of privacy and reduction in quality of life
- Problems with flooding

In rebuttal, Mr. Pressman addressed the concerns of the objector and responded to queries by the members, highlighting the following:

- There will be no change in density.
- The proposed development will improve drainage and decrease the risk of flooding.
- Buffers and setbacks will help alleviate privacy concerns.



Commissioner Gerard suggested that the rear setback should be increased to ten feet and, after brief discussion, Commissioner Eggers moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be deferred.

Attorney White noted that the application does not include a Conditional Overlay; and that suggesting new conditions might go beyond what the applicant was prepared to address at this hearing. Planning Director Renea Vincent related that adding a Conditional Overlay would change the zoning category, requiring the application to be returned to the Local Planning Agency for review and recommendation.

Following discussion, Commissioners Eggers and Gerard rescinded their motion and second to defer.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Eggers, and Commissioner Long

**64.** Proposed Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 150, Impact Fees, Article II, Multimodal Impact Fees.

Ordinance No. 19-15 adopted revising Sections 150-40(c) and 150-41(A) providing for reduced fees for smaller single-family homes and for housing units designated to low-income households as set forth in the Staff Report. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

**65.** Case No. CP-04-02-19 (Second Hearing)

Proposed Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan; amending the Commercial General and Residential/Office/Retail Future Land Use Map (FLUM) categories and rules to promote economic development and increased housing opportunities, removing the 12.5 unit per acre residential density restriction in the Residential Medium and Residential High categories, and amending the Capital Improvements Element.

Ordinance No. 19-16 adopted approving the changes as set forth in the Staff Report. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation and various maps, Planning Director Renea Vincent provided an overview of the revisions, as follows, and pointed out areas of the county that will be affected by the changes.

- Amend Commercial General and Residential Office Retail future land use categories to increase Floor Area Ratio and allowable residential density
- Adopt Target Employment Center Overlay
- Remove 12.5 unit per acre density restriction
- Add Recreation Open Space as a permitted use in most land use categories
- Remove zoning compatibility restrictions
- Amend allowable uses in the Commercial Neighborhood, Employment, and Industrial General categories
- Update the Capital Improvements Element to reflect requirements of Florida Statutes, integrate the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) portfolio management process, and allow reference to the annual CIP, eliminating the need for annual amendments to the Element

Ms. Vincent indicated that the amendments were forwarded to the state Department of Economic Opportunity and other review agencies following the first public hearing; and that minor language changes to the Capital Improvements Element were requested and have been made.

Responding to queries by the members, Ms. Vincent indicated that the changes relate more to mixed-use development; that allowable density for commercial uses will not change; and that the intent is to encourage high-density residential development to occur.

Upon Chair Seel's call for citizens wishing to be heard, the following persons appeared in opposition to the amendments and stated their concerns:

Michael Schlensker, Clearwater  
Robin Hood, Largo

In response to comments by the objectors, Chair Seel indicated that proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan policies relating to the Airco property have been removed from the proposed ordinance since the first public hearing; and that those changes will be re-evaluated after additional workshops are held in the Feather Sound community. Commissioner Welch stated that the county is growing again; that the changes target where the growth makes sense and are in areas that have the supporting infrastructure; and that they will help the county grow in a smart and sustainable way.

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

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

66. Case No. CP-10-06-19 (First Hearing)

Proposed Ordinance amending the Future Land Use and Quality Communities Element and the Housing Element of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan to delete policies that limit affordable housing densities in certain commercial and mixed-use Future Land Use Map categories.

First hearing conducted and authorization granted to transmit the proposed ordinance to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for review. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the amendments, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Planning Director Renea Vincent stated that the policies would be removed from the Comprehensive Plan as they conflict with the amendments approved in the previous item.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:47 P.M.

Karen Seel  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By Norman D. Lee  
Deputy Clerk

