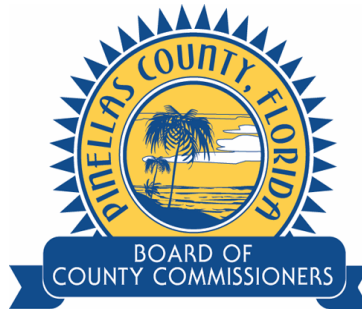


Pinellas County

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

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

ROLL CALL - 9:37 A.M.

Members Present: Charlie Justice, Chairman; Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman; Dave Eggers; Pat Gerard; Karen Williams Seel; and Kenneth T. Welch.

Members Absent: John Morroni.

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Other Interested Individuals; and Michael P. Schmidt, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk. (Minutes by Helen Groves.)

Chairman Justice called the meeting to order; whereupon, he made the following announcements:

The agenda items will be taken out of order to accommodate citizens who have come to discuss a particular item.

The Farm Share event in Lealman this weekend was a great success, with over 13,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables given to over 600 households; thanks to all involved.

Thanks to CSA Palm Harbor Director Erica Lynford for hosting the Community Conversation at The Centre in Palm Harbor yesterday.

Board members are to complete and return the form for the annual review of the County Administrator by Friday, October 14.

The first meeting of the Sewer Task Force will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 17, at the Seminole Campus of St. Petersburg College in the Digitorium. More information to be provided this afternoon.

1. Code Enforcement - Survey Results from the Unincorporated Area

County Administrator Woodard provided historical information regarding Code enforcement in the unincorporated area of the county, relating that in 2003 a citizen board worked with the BCC to create the current Code; that in June, the Board directed staff to again get citizen input to determine whether any changes are needed; and that a statistically valid survey of unincorporated residents was taken to gain that input.

HCP & Associates Senior Research Manager Sarah Lindemuth conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Code Enforcement Unincorporated Resident Survey*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. She indicated that telephonic interviews with 400 residents in the unincorporated area were held during two weeks in August, using structured questions; that the margin of error is plus or minus five percent; that the intent of the survey was to quantify major areas of Code infractions and determine the

real scope, highlight potential Code changes, and determine whether the citizens need to be educated on the current Code; whereupon, she described the methodology used.

Ms. Lindemuth reported that 12 percent of those surveyed had contacted the County regarding its codes in the past year, almost all by telephone, with only 2.5 percent using the County website or the *Doing Things!* Application; and that nine in ten of the callers had a satisfactory resolution or experience with the Code Enforcement Department. She indicated that the top three complaints were garage sales, noise, and boat parking, with no discernable difference between the home owners and renters who responded, although the home owners had more knowledge of the current Code, noting that many concerns mentioned were not actually Code violations.

In response to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Long, Ms. Lindemuth indicated that the calls were to a random selection from the total list of unincorporated telephone numbers, with more responders in the highly populated areas; that 96 percent of the respondents were homeowners; that there is a much higher percentage of renters in the unincorporated areas of the county; that the survey did not distinguish between specific areas or deed restricted/gated communities; that the study showed no gender differences; and that a "no complaint" answer was a valid response and is reflected in the statistics.

In response to query by Commissioner Seel regarding vacation rentals, Ms. Lindemuth indicated that she would drill down into the survey and report back regarding where the complaints originated, noting that it would be less representative than the full survey; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers suggested that not only the property rights of the owner should be considered, but the property rights of the neighborhood.

During discussion, Commissioner Eggers cautioned that changing the Code to address a problem found in one neighborhood and affecting only a small number of people would apply to everyone in the unincorporated areas. Mr. Woodard commented that the common theme in the responses is aesthetics. Ms. Lindemuth related that many of what responders perceived as infractions are actually permitted in the unincorporated areas, such as parking vehicles on lawns, operating a business in a residential area, and having portable storage units; whereupon, Attorney Bennett advised that "eyesores" are difficult to define, but can be addressed using conditions and size.

In response to the concerns of Commissioner Long regarding one of her constituents, Ms. Lindemuth related that one citizen having over 100 geese in a backyard would not necessarily show up in the survey, as it looked at the big picture. Development Review Services Director Blake Lyon provided input, stating that the Department is reviewing the existing Code, which allows for geese in the more rural zoning designations, to determine if it would be in order to place limitations on the number of fowl allowed and restrictions on the housing and overall care and maintenance, and discussion ensued regarding outlawing roosters and ganders, with Commissioner Eggers suggesting that the issue might fall under the noise ordinance.

In response to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard, with input by Mr. Lyon, indicated that when a parked vehicle is a safety issue, rather than just an aesthetic issue, the County issues a citation and if there is no compliance, the Sheriff's Office becomes involved and the vehicle might be towed.

Commissioner Gerard commented on the number of people who actually contacted Code Enforcement, remarking that most people say they live in the unincorporated area because they do not want to deal with all the codes municipalities impose; whereupon, she recommended making changes to the current Code to limit the number of garage sales allowed. Commissioner Eggers concurred, and commented that most areas of the county already have the standards the Board is considering.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch regarding the small percentage of complaints made via the County website or the *Doing Things!* Application, Mr. Woodard indicated that staff would seek opportunities to persuade the citizens to conduct County business online.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Lyon indicated that there are currently 11 Code Enforcement Officers and two additional positions have been budgeted for in Fiscal Year 2017; and that the current response time is ten days, with the complaints triaged, and the Department is aiming for seven days.

Thereupon, with no objections being noted, Mr. Woodard stated that in accordance with the direction the members have provided today, staff would bring back recommendations to change the County Code re (1) limitations on the number of geese, peacocks, and other fowl allowed in certain districts, probably forbidding roosters or ganders in some zones; (2) clarifications on garage sales (two annually, with certain distinctions); and (3) time limitations for portable storage containers, with certain distinctions.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

In response to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, *Susanne Punton, St. Petersburg*, appeared and expressed concern regarding approximately five roosters dwelling next door that crow so loudly each morning the entire neighborhood is disturbed; whereupon, the County Administrator directed Mr. Lyon to follow-up on the matter, and Commissioner Long offered to assist with the investigation.

Meeting Recessed: 10:55 A.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 11:09 A.M.

4. BP Settlement: Allocation of Funds - Followup

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Chairman Justice announced that public comment would be taken before the members' discussion; whereupon, in response to his call for citizens wishing to be heard, the

following people appeared and made requests for BP funding:

Lois Eannel, Palm Harbor - East Lake Library/Cypress Oaks School (shared) Parking Lot (clarified the costs of the conceptual plan)

Norm Atherton, Palm Harbor - (1) Historic Palm Harbor Lights and Landscaping (2) Use next Penny for Pinellas Money for Skate Park

Janice Montelaro, Palm Harbor - Historic Palm Harbor Lights and Landscaping

Daniel Wendol, Palm Harbor - East Lake Library/Cypress Oaks School Parking Lot

In response to the concerns of Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard indicated that the school parking lot is the responsibility of the School Board, but the problem also involves the library patrons; and that while the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency has had interactions with school staff, the issue has not risen to the level of the School Board; whereupon, he provided an overview of improvements County staff has made in recent months, including a continuous turn lane, paving, and guard railing.

Carole Cosenza, Palm Harbor - East Lake Library/Cypress Oaks School Parking Lot

Patricia Rodriguez, Palm Harbor - Clearwater Ferry System

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Rodriguez indicated that the City of Clearwater will be providing funding of just under \$30,000 for the ferry.

East Lake Fire Chief Tom Jamison - Water Rescue

In response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Long, Chief Jamison provided information about the current protocol for lake rescues, and discussed ongoing maintenance, indicating that the East Lake Fire District would assume the staffing of the boat and the training of personnel. Mr. Woodard reminded the Board that at its direction, staff had taken a comprehensive look at water rescue throughout the county and had brought forward an agenda item that provides \$250,000 out of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) fund to further the program; whereupon, he agreed to follow up with the Sheriff regarding paramedics or EMS technicians on the rescue vessels. Assistant County Administrator John Bennett indicated that a review of the Sheriff's asset list revealed that the Sheriff's Office protects the coastlines rather than interior waters.

Larry Biddle, St. Petersburg - Metro Wellness Center

James Keane, St. Petersburg - Metro Wellness Center

Phil Compton, St. Petersburg - Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Electric Bus Charging Station / Infrastructure (speaking for the Suncoast Sierra Club and the Tampa Bay Zero Emission Coalition)

Tom Lawery, Duke Energy - Electric Bus Charging Station / Infrastructure

Commissioner Welch welcomed Duke Energy as a partner on the project.

Alan Petrillo, St. Petersburg - Electric Bus Charging Station / Infrastructure

In response to query by the Chairman regarding the City of St. Petersburg participating in the program and providing funding, Assistant County Administrator Jake Stowers indicated that St. Petersburg would be contributing \$117,800, but would need an official request from the Board; and at the request of Commissioner Welch, agreed to forward the St. Petersburg memorandum to the members.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION

Projects with Consensus

Commissioner Gerard referred to the *Summary of BCC Direction* document, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and moved that the 23 projects under the heading "Projects with Consensus" be taken as a Consent item, with the Commissioners pulling any item they wish to discuss, and Commissioners Long and Welch concurred. Mr. Woodard explained how the summary was prepared, noting that it includes all the projects spoken about by the citizens. Items pulled for discussion were as follows:

Item #4, Foster Care Transition (My Sistah's Place), was pulled by Commissioner Welch, who requested that the funding be raised from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Later in the meeting, he confirmed with the Chairman that his request for more funding had the consensus of the members.

Item #12, Arts/Orchestra Endowment, was pulled by Commissioners Eggers, Gerard, Long, Seel, and Welch. Commissioner Long requested that an additional \$300,000 be allocated to replace the shell at Ruth Eckerd Hall, stating that Florida Orchestra Executive Director Michael Pastreich indicated to her that the Orchestra members consider the shell a safety issue and are refusing to perform there, confirmed by Mr. Woodard. Discussion ensued regarding conflicting impressions different Board members had gathered from conversations with Mr. Pastreich wherein Commissioners Seel and Eggers stated that he had indicated that the Orchestra is doing well financially and the endowment is not an issue; whereupon, Mr. Woodard provided details about the endowment.

Commissioner Seel requested that \$500,000 of the Arts funding be given to Creative Pinellas for research of iconic art projects or other innovative ideas. Commissioner Eggers commented that the funding for Creative Pinellas has been raised for this fiscal year, and that he could only support funding the shell, and Chairman Justice concurred. Commissioner Welch indicated that he would not support funding for the shell as it is a late item and he has not received any information.

Commissioner Gerard recommended that the item be moved from the Consensus list

to the second tier list for further review; whereupon, at the request of Commissioners Seel and Long, the Board agreed that the directors of Creative Pinellas and the Florida Orchestra would be invited to appear before the Board to discuss their needs and also agreed that the City of Clearwater would be asked to match funding for the shell.

Item #26, Largo Nature Park Trail Upgrades, was pulled by Commissioner Seel; whereupon, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Bill Berger confirmed that the City of Largo supports the request.

Other Priorities Researched (Second Tier Items)

Item #5, Indian Shores, Tiki Gardens Beach Access

The \$30,000 request is not enough to bring the beach access up to Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Will consider using the \$30,000 or other funding for maintenance and landscaping of the County-owned park.

Item #6, Metro Wellness Center

Fund at \$150,000 and move to Consensus list.

Item #27, Land Purchase in Ozona due to Sea Level Rise

To be researched further.

Item #28, U.S. Coast Guard

Move to Consensus list.

Item #14, Clearwater Ferry System

Move to Consensus list.

Item #29, Palm Harbor Land Preparation for Recreation Center

Fund at \$294,000. Palm Harbor responsible for maintenance. Move to Consensus list.

Item #22, Fecon FTX 400 Mulching Mower

Remove from list.

Item #31, Offsite Mammal Stranding Program

Remove from list. Consider Penny funding.

Item #32, Sewer Lining/Sewer/Stormwater Capacity/Upgrades

To be funded at a minimum of \$1 million; any BP funds not allocated will be added to this item. Mr. Berger indicated that the money for the Inflow and Infiltration study is available; staff to provide more information regarding the time it will take to complete study. Move to Consensus list.

Item #33, Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Project to develop hard bottom status maps for protection targets for aquatic preserve areas (contingent upon City of St. Petersburg match). Move to Consensus list.

Following discussion, Chairman Justice related that after the costs are determined, the dollars allocated may be changed in the final staff recommendation. Later in the meeting in response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard indicated that he would bring the BP settlement allocation back to the Board for a final vote in December.

Meeting Recessed: 1:01 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened 1:35 P.M.

2. Federal and State Legislative Priorities - 2017 Sessions

Mr. Woodard related that changes have been made to the existing legislative priorities to reflect the current law and new items proposed by individual members have been added, noting that the purpose of the discussion is to validate priorities for the 2017 legislative session.

Intergovernmental Liaison Mary Scott Hardwick reviewed a document titled *Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 2017 Legislative Program*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that following the discussion today, the list will be amended, if necessary, and brought back to the Board for final approval in November.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Ms. Hardwick reported that some items have been successfully resolved and removed from the 2016 state priority list, including the backyard gun range bill; the expunging of juvenile criminal records; and the Department of Juvenile Justice detention billing issue, noting that a 50/50 split of the detention cost between the state and local governments has been agreed upon.

Ms. Hardwick indicated that the vacation rental issue has been moved from the "monitor" list to the priority list.

Ms. Hardwick pointed out that the Low Income Pool (LIP) item has been crossed out, as the Agency for Health Care Administration has announced it is not pursuing an extension of LIP funds, relating that the state does not have a plan for the impact the loss of LIP funding might have on Florida's Medicaid Program. In response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Long, she confirmed that the item pertains to the state not participating in the expansion of Medicaid; stated that it is uncertain whether any costs will filter down to the County; and agreed to research and provide information about taxing authorities for public hospital districts.

Ms. Hardwick indicated that the last date to file a local bill has not been determined;

whereupon, she reviewed potential new state legislative issues, including flood insurance reform, tourist development taxes, and medical examiner fees. Members joined in discussion on the following:

Increased Mosquito Control Funding

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Hardwick indicated that the item pertains to state funding for mosquito control. Federal funding for the control of the Zika virus will be discussed later under the Federal Legislative Program priority issues.

Regional Transportation

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Hardwick, with input by Mr. Woodard, indicated that Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Forward Pinellas, is scheduled to appear before the Board at its next meeting; whereupon, Commissioner Long requested that the members consider asking the legislative delegation to create a regional council of governments, opining that it would prove beneficial when requesting government funding.

Commenting that she would like the Board to thoroughly discuss the issue when Mr. Blanton appears before the Board, Commissioner Seel referenced Comment Letters sent to the federal government by Forward Pinellas and the Hillsborough County Commission in response to a proposed federal Rule regarding regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations, copies of which have been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that she would like the BCC to send a letter in support of a regional MPO.

Commissioner Seel related that Commissioner Long had recently attended a Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group meeting and presented her ideas for how the area could move forward under a regional plan; that Commissioner Long had proposed that staff and elected officials hold a collaborative lab, which was supported by the Leadership Group, and had further proposed using \$100,000 for a comprehensive study of successful transportation models around the country. Commissioner Seel pointed out that if a regional model is adopted, several local agencies would need to be collapsed; whereupon, Commissioner Long stated that collapsing agencies is part of her plan; and urged that the members read the Comment Letter from the Tampa Bay Partnership before the in-depth discussion is held.

Local Tax Referenda

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Hardwick related that bills were filed last year by Senator Jeff Brandes and House Representative Blaise Ingoglia that would require a 60 percent threshold to pass local tax referendums such as the Penny for Pinellas.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

Ms. Hardwick discussed potential new state appropriations, including Lake Seminole dredging, Anclote River dredging, Bayway Bridge replacement, and the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard agreed to provide information regarding the amount of money the County has spent on dredging Lake Seminole to date. Chairman Justice suggested that the County's legislative team, Peter M. Dunbar and Martha J. Edenfield, spend some time with the Lealman CRA team. Commissioner Long suggested that the legislative delegation be asked to assist with the countywide sewer system study.

Referring to the current state appropriation item list, Chairman Justice indicated that he would like an in-depth discussion about the \$6 million in state funding and the \$4 million County match for the small business incubator in St. Petersburg, and Commissioners Eggers and Seel concurred; whereupon, Ms. Hardwick indicated that the request is associated with a federal Economic Development Administration grant.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Ms. Hardwick reported that some items on the 2016 federal priority list have been successfully resolved including that (1) a continuing resolution has been approved which funds the government until December 9 with money for Zika health issues and research and disaster assistance and (2) a long-term federal transportation funding bill was passed, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. She pointed out that the federal LIP funding item has been removed, as the state is no longer pursuing the program.

Ms. Hardwick discussed potential new federal legislative issues:

Zika Research and Funding

Commissioner Welch referenced a letter from Representative Chris Sprowls regarding the Zika issue, and Mr. Woodard and Ms. Hardwick provided input regarding a process to obtain funding for a trial program that might eradicate the mosquitos.

Anclote River Dredging Project

Regional Transportation

Commissioner Long referenced the document titled *MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Proposed Rule* included in the backup, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, which summarizes comments submitted by area agencies regarding the proposed Rule. She discussed the paragraph in the Forward Pinellas Comments in which concern was expressed regarding the representation of smaller communities should there be a regionalized MPO, and suggested that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, in concert with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA), might represent them, including the

beach communities, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Eggers related that at the most recent Forward Pinellas meeting, members indicated they would probably want to continue to have an organization like the MPO that would put forward programs important to Pinellas County. He indicated that constituents he has talked with are concerned that a new regional taxing authority might be created. Commissioner Long denied that her idea would create a new taxing authority. She provided information about how TBARTA was created and suggested that a regional council of governments could be created using that model; whereupon, Commissioner Seel reiterated that an in-depth discussion is necessary, with the participation of the collective people in all the counties involved, noting that she would probably support an advisory board such as suggested by Commissioner Eggers.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONTRACTS

Following discussion, Mr. Woodard indicated that the lobbying contracts for both the federal and state programs would be renewed for two years and brought back to the Board for approval in December, noting that the firms would be notified that the contracts would go out for bid at the end of the two years.

3. Community Redevelopment Areas - Followup

Planning Director Renee Vincent, assisted by Redevelopment Planning Manager Rachel Booth, conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Community Redevelopment Areas Policy Workshop*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that this is a continuation of the discussion on CRAs that began at the work session held in Gulfport in August. She stated that the purpose of today's work session is to memorialize a proposed policy trajectory for CRAs using *Local Designations*, which she defined as a title used to categorize a CRA in relation to Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and to tie policy funding to the designations, which the Board has indicated is its intent for CRAs.

Ms. Vincent provided historical information about CRAs, and indicated that the County has shifted in the last three years from traditional, project-based CRAs in downtown areas to people-based CRAs in the poorer areas of the County, such as the South St. Petersburg and the Lealman CRAs, noting that the Lealman CRA is the first in an unincorporated area. She related that state statute provides that local governments can designate CRAs; that the designation does not consider geographic size, location, environment, or function; and that the Finding of Necessity for a CRA must identify at least two of the 15 "blight factors" listed on Page 6 of the PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Vincent stated that if a CRA is granted to St. Pete Beach, as has been requested, an assumption can be made that all the other beach municipalities would request CRAs, and almost all of them would be eligible under the statute; whereupon, she stated that the County Attorney has advised that the County could require that a CRA request meet more than the two blight factors required by the state, which would make the CRA

designation more difficult to attain. Discussion ensued as to the rationale behind making it harder to obtain a CRA designation, and Attorney Bennett advised that if Pinellas County were not a Charter County, it would not have the flexibility to change the requirements and would be obligated to approve any city or area that requested a CRA and provide them with County money.

Ms. Vincent indicated that the proposed CRA policy calls for three Local Designations: (1) Urban Revitalization, (2) Community Renewal, and (3) Economic Development, noting that each designation would have its own blight factor requirement; whereupon, she discussed each designation and its purpose, indicating that the Urban Revitalization designation, such as the South St. Petersburg CRA, would require more TIF funding for a longer period of time than a Community Renewal designation, such as the Pinellas Park CRA, or an Economic Development designation, which the St. Pete Beach request, if granted, would receive. She discussed how the Board's Strategic Plan policies and the criteria for the policies could be applied in the support of the three CRA designations.

Ms. Vincent referred to the charts on Pages 7 and 8, and discussed the existing eligible and ineligible uses of TIF funds for both place-based capital projects and people-based projects and programs. In response to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Vincent confirmed that staff is recommending that the Board adopt the Local Designation and Scoring Ranges shown in the charts on Pages 9 and 10 to establish the County TIF funding allocation/participation levels and project eligibility for the use of County TIF dollars; whereupon, Commissioner Long commented that the criteria might need to be set higher, as it seems to afford an opportunity for all the beach communities to become eligible for TIF funding, and discussion ensued.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard indicated that projects that can be funded through Enterprise funds, including sewer and potable water, are not eligible for TIF funding at this time, and that any change would be a policy decision for the Board, as there is no statutory prohibition, and discussion ensued.

During discussion, Ms. Vincent indicated that this is only a policy proposal and would not entail a resolution or ordinance, and each CRA would continue to be evaluated on its own merits when it comes before the Board; and that one intent of the proposed policy is to provide the cities with clear guidelines, so they will know what a request for a CRA designation would involve.

Ms. Vincent asked for consensus that County, City, and Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) TIFs could be put toward economic development-related projects, and no objections were noted. During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Eggers, she indicated that workforce development would be an example of such a project. Commissioner Welch stated that it is vital to have workforce development and economic development in the CRAs designed to address poverty, and Commissioner Seel concurred, with the caveat that the programs would have a five- or ten-year maximum period of existence; whereupon, Chairman Justice commented on the practice

of making major economic policy by head nods.

Ms. Vincent indicated that staff will develop a methodology for overseeing CRAs to determine if they are succeeding, perhaps a standard reporting format for annual reports. Commissioner Welch requested the annual report from the South St. Petersburg CRA when it becomes available and an update on the CRA Advisory Committees, and discussion ensued. Ms. Booth confirmed that CRA projects are being submitted to the Planning Department for review and discussed the review of projects going forward if the proposed policy is approved. Commissioner Long expressed concern that the CRAs can be in effect for up to 30 years without any standards or measurements of success and suggested that each CRA be reviewed every five or ten years, and Commissioner Eggers concurred; whereupon, Mr. Woodard stated that standards and accountability are functions of the proposed policy.

Ms. Vincent announced that Clerk Ken Burke's Inspector General Office is in the process of auditing all CRAs and the report should be ready by the end of 2016 or early in 2017; and that it is anticipated that the Clerk will provide guidance on how the annual CRA reports should be handled.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodard asked the Board to confirm that it supports the direction and framework of the proposed CRA policy, and no objections were noted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assistant County Administrator Bill Breckinridge provided an update on the sewer force main break that occurred near the intersection of Alderman Road and Omaha Street in Palm Harbor early this morning.

Assistant County Administrator Bennett provided an update on Hurricane Matthew, relating that it is still a major storm, but the latest reports are more favorable for Pinellas County.

Commissioner Welch provided a follow-up on the WorkNet Pinellas issue, indicating that a special joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Audit Committee is scheduled for this Friday.

Commissioner Long reported that the Granicus software system was used at the PSTA Board meeting this morning, and the meeting went smoothly. Chairman Justice noted that starting in January, Granicus voting would be used for the BCC meetings.

ADJOURNMENT - 3:34 P.M.