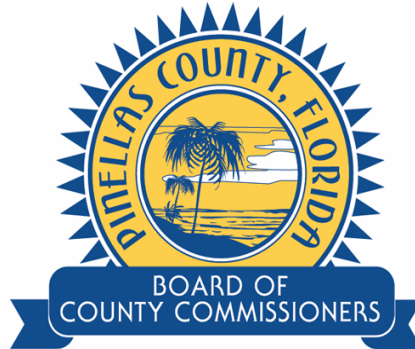


Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

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

ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.

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

Also Present: Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Don Crowell, Chief Assistant County Attorney; and Michael P. Schmidt, Senior Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

Copies of all PowerPoint presentations referred to in the minutes have been made part of the record.

1. CareerSource Pinellas Update (Commissioner Gerard)

Commissioner Gerard related that an ad hoc committee meeting took place last Friday; and that topics of discussion centered on the CareerSource Pinellas placement process and the Sheriff's letter to the Executive Committee regarding suspected forged signatures. In response to comments and queries by the members, Commissioner Gerard provided further information regarding the process and how the placements were tallied, indicating that the Department of Economic Opportunity has been monitoring the situation since last week, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gerard referred to a recent letter that she had sent to the members, and requested that they urge the Inspector General's Office and the Governor's Office to expedite the process of reviewing the situation; whereupon, she reported that matters relating to the potential termination of CareerSource Pinellas President and CEO Ed Peachey will take place at tomorrow's Executive Committee meeting.

Following discussion, Chairman Welch thanked Commissioner Gerard for her leadership on the issue and confirmed that a letter would be sent to the appropriate individuals in Tallahassee.

Department Presentations

Mr. Woodard related that the presentations will provide an overview of the departments and a preview of the Doing Things! that are planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

2. Office of Technology and Innovation

Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Office of Technology and Innovation*, and reported that his department has 23 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the realignment of positions from Business Technology Services and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Zumwalt presented information pertaining to device-specific training, budget neutrality during the realignment, and staff dedicated to supporting the Hyperion budget software; whereupon, he discussed legacy technologies, relating that a return on investment could more easily be tracked for new applications.

3. Management and Budget

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Bill Berger referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Office of Management and Budget*, and reported that his department has 35 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that OMB supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Berger discussed the portfolio approach to capital projects; whereupon, he provided information regarding Hurricane Irma fiscal impacts, Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements, General Fund reserve level percentages, and the potential impact of an additional Homestead Exemption, and discussion ensued.

4. Real Estate Management

Real Estate Management (REM) Director Andrew Pupke referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Real Estate Management*, and reported that his department has 155 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that REM supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Pupke defined the term *storm rated* with respect to the design of the Jail Infrastructure Building and provided information regarding the acquisition of the Windsor School in Lealman, various elements associated with the sale of the STAR Center, expansion of the East Lake Community Library parking area, current and future use of green technologies, and the use of Volkswagen settlement funds; whereupon, Mr. Woodard related that Public Safety and Emergency Services Director Jim Fogarty could address questions regarding Suncoast Fire and Rescue and a proposed fire station at Bay Pines during his departmental presentation.

Mr. Pupke provided information concerning the 501 Building in the City of St. Petersburg pertaining to square footage, vacant space, and rental challenges. He indicated that Pinellas County has invested significant capital in the building over the years, and discussion ensued regarding local meeting space, sale of the structure, leasing versus owning, and similar topics. In response to query by Chairman Welch, Commissioner Seel clarified that she is only inquiring about the potential sale of the 501 Building, not the neighboring Courthouse. Discussion ensued regarding whether the building is on the

Historic Register and if Penny for Pinellas funds were used for its purchase, and Mr. Woodard related that he will provide the members with detailed information about the property.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Pupke discussed the minimal number of vacant buildings owned by the County; whereupon, Mr. Woodard provided information relating to Penny IV, options available to Pinellas County to address the issue of its aging Downtown Clearwater Courthouse, and the prospect of the County and the City of Clearwater sharing a joint-use facility, and Commissioner Long provided input.

5. Risk Management

Risk Management Director Virginia Holscher referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Risk Management*, and reported that her department has 18 full-time employees; whereupon, she discussed the areas that Risk Management supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to queries by Chairman Welch and Commissioners Eggers and Seel, Ms. Holscher presented information regarding the services that Real Estate Management provides to Public Works and how her department works with law enforcement to address traffic-related issues; whereupon, she discussed medical and lost-time claims and provided general and financial information regarding Occupational Safety and Health Administration training for employees, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Welch indicated that Public Comment would be heard at this time.

Citizens To Be Heard

Toni Gross, Oldsmar, re Memorial Bridge Designation for a fallen soldier, U.S. Army Corporal Frank R. Gross (submitted documents and DVD)

Chairman Welch related that his office will keep in contact with Ms. Gross as the process moves forward and expressed support on behalf of the members regarding the bridge designation.

Meeting Recessed: 11:59 A.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:32 P.M.

6. Marketing and Communications

Marketing and Communications Director Barbra Hernandez referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Marketing and Communications*, and reported that her department has 26 full-time employees; whereupon, she discussed the areas that Marketing and Communications supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Hernandez indicated that individuals can access the Pinellas County website via desktop computers and mobile devices; and that her department uses social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to communicate with local residents; whereupon, she presented information with respect to the November Homestead Exemption ballot question and how her office is working to educate the public regarding the matter, and discussion ensued.

7. Human Services

Health Care Administrator Daisy Rodriguez referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Human Services*, and reported that her department has 106 full-time employees; whereupon, she discussed the areas that Human Services supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

Ms. Rodriguez provided information regarding the age range of those individuals receiving services and participating in the various programs provided by her department. She indicated that following the co-location of a dental center at the newly opened Bayside Clinic, the number of dental patients increased to 720; and that approximately \$500,000 was allocated to the department several years ago to expand dental services across the county for homeless individuals, and Commissioner Seel and Human Services Director Tim Burns provided input; whereupon, Ms. Rodriguez discussed the pharmacy program, indicating that there are currently 8,000 clients participating, and Commissioner Justice provided input.

8. Animal Services

Animal Services Director Doug Brightwell referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Animal Services*, and reported that his department has 57 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that Animal Services supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Brightwell provided information regarding mobile clinics and adoption trailers, animal licensing and rabies control, pet-friendly shelters during hurricane events, and similar topics; whereupon, he discussed where individuals can find information relating to coyotes, why the shelter does not determine the breeds of dogs upon their entry to the facility, and how private housing developments can set their own rules with regard to animals, and discussion ensued.

Adjournment - 1:44 P.M.