

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 9:34 A.M.

Present: 5 - Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, and Janet C. Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Karen Williams Seel

Others Present: Jewel White, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Amanda M. Napier, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Reverend Cannon Katie Churchwell, The Cathedral Church of St. Peter, St. Petersburg.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. National Public Works Week Proclamation:**

- Rahim Harji, Director, Public Works
- Don McDonald, Survey and Mapping, Public Works
- David Naja, Customer and Technical Support, Public Works
- Robert Jones, Stormwater and Vegetation, Public Works
- Melissa Harrison, Environmental Management, Public Works
- Delvan Gibson, Construction, Public Works
- Erin Lawson, Senior Engineer, Public Works

Chairman Welch read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 20 through May 26, 2018 as National Public Works Week, and Mr. Harji provided brief comments, noting that the department is currently undergoing the accreditation process to become a Public Works Agency through the American Public Works Association.

2. American Public Works Association West Coast Branch Awards:

- Project of the Year Award - Transportation
- Technical and Management Innovation Award - Management
- Project of the Year Award - Mobility
- Public Works Director of the Year

Staff displayed a video providing an overview of the awards; whereupon, Chairman Welch recognized key staff, as follows, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

Lealman Sidewalks: Erin Lawson, John Carpenter, Kerry Doty, and Mark Demyan

Innovation in a Time of Crisis: Travis Topa, Glenn Weaver, and Jason Grant

Pinellas Trail Coast-to-Coast Connector: Ken Jacobs, Gina Harvey, and Paul Cozzie

Public Works Director of the Year: Rahim Harji

3. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:
- Casey Morse, Engineering Technician, Public Works

Chairman Welch and Mr. Woodard recognized Ms. Morse for her work as a Traffic Technician, and a video was shown highlighting the services she provides.

4. Pride Month Proclamation:
Equality Florida
- Todd Richardson, Pinellas Development Director
St. Pete Pride
- Scion Crowder, President
- Nate Bruemmer, Board Member
- Richard Brandt, Board Member
- Susan McGrath, Board Member
- Luke Blankenship, Executive Director

Chairman Welch read a proclamation recognizing June 2018 as Pride month and noted that the St. Pete Pride Festival is the largest in the state and one of the most celebrated in the world; whereupon, the representatives thanked the Commissioners for their support of the LGBTQ community.

5. Suncoast Hospice Proclamation:
- Rafael Sciallo, CEO
- Mitch Morel, CFO
- Marci Pruitt, VP of Suncoast Hospice
- Stacy Orloff, VP of Innovation and Community Health
- Scott Kistler, VP of Strategy and Business Development
- Kathy Rabon, VP of Philanthropy

Chairman Welch recognized the organization for providing end-of-life care for the last 40 years to Pinellas County families, and Mr. Sciallo provided brief comments; whereupon, Chairman Welch read a proclamation declaring June 2018 as Suncoast Hospice Month.

6. Youth Advisory Committee Year-end Presentation.

Committee members discussed their activities and initiatives during the 2017-2018 school year and conducted presentations pertaining to the Penny for Pinellas and teen auto theft; whereupon, Commissioner Gerard thanked the students and presented them with certificates recognizing their participation.

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

7. Petition of Hickory Point RV Park to vacate a portion of Anclote Avenue lying adjacent to Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, and that portion of the unnamed street, formerly known as Wacassassa Street, as shown on Capt. S.E. Hope's Subdivision of Anclote Florida, Hillsborough Deed Book Q, Page 342, being bounded on the northeast by the southwesterly right of way of Seminole Avenue and bounded on the southwest by the northeasterly right of way of Anclote Avenue, lying in Section 2/31/16, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

Resolution No. 18-28 adopted granting the petition. Authority granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended that the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Mr. Woodard related that a similar petition was approved in 1982 for property located immediately to the north; and that the request is consistent with Board policy, as the right-of-way does not extend to the water of the Anclote River.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

8. Petition of Nancy Wootten and Jacqueline Gerald to vacate a portion of a utility easement lying within the west 10 feet of Lot 4, Block A, Oak Park Subdivision, Plat Book 79, Page 87 lying in Section 14/30/15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Resolution No. 18-29 adopted granting the petition. Authority granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended that the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Mr. Woodard related that the vacation will clear a 2.2-foot encroachment created in 1980.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

9. Case No. CW 18-13 - Pinellas County

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 1.9 acres more or less, located at 10380 131st Street North (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance No. 18-24 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-13. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

10. Case No. CW 18-14 - Pinellas County

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public to Residential Medium, regarding 1.3 acres more or less, located at 4500 43rd Street North and 4312 46th Avenue North (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance No. 18-25 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-14. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 11 through 27 (Items 16 and 18 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

11. Minutes of the regular meetings held April 24 and May 8, 2018.

12. Vouchers and bills paid from April 15 through May 12, 2018.

Period: April 15 through April 21, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$21,436,816.16

Payroll - \$3,503,736.30

Period: April 22 through April 28, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$23,791,740.24

Payroll - None

Period: April 29 through May 5, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$45,368,075.12

Payroll - \$3,548,515.85

Period: May 6 through May 12, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$12,827,993.93

Payroll - None

Reports received for filing:

13. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Financial Statements and Compliance Reports for the year ended September 30, 2017, along with Certified Annual Financial Report dated April 25, 2018.

14. Dock Fee Report for the month of April 2018.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

15. City of Seminole Notice of Ordinance Enactment and Public Hearings held May 22, 2018, re proposed Ordinances Nos. 10-2018 through 12-2018, annexing certain properties.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

17. Award of bid to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc. for the Countywide ADA, sidewalk, drainage and roadway improvements contract.

Bid No. 178-0217-CP (PID No. 003677A) in the amount of \$4,623,402.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

19. Award of bid to Torres Electrical Supply Co., Inc. for LED Roadway Luminaires.

Bid No. 178-0236-B in the amount of \$836,141.00 (annual amount, \$418,070.50) awarded the on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a 24-month term and includes a provision for price adjustments at 12 months after the date of award, as set forth in the Staff Report.

Bid from Frontier Lighting, Inc. rejected on the basis of being non-responsive for not meeting specifications.

Real Estate Management

20. Award of bid to ABL Properties 2, LLC for the sale of real property proximate to Hamlin Boulevard and Walsingham Road.

Bid in the amount of \$180,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the sole responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. County Deed to be approved as to form by the Office of the County Attorney prior to closing. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the Contract for Sale and Purchase and the County Deed.

Utilities

21. Award of bid to GLF Construction Corporation for the Sand Key Fender System project.

Bid No. 178-0182-CP (PID No. 002582A) in the amount of \$914,238.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 150 consecutive calendar days.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

22. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Constance Smith and Todd Smith, her husband v. Pinellas County, Florida; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-001925-CI-20 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
23. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Terry Jones v. The State of Florida, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas County, Officer John Doe and Doctor John Doe; Middle District of Florida Case No. 8:17-cv-02888-SDM-AEP - allegations of negligence and violations of federal and state law.

24. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Frank Del Greco v. Morton Plant Hospital Association Inc., d/b/a Morton Plant Hospital and Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-002357-CI-11 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

25. Official acceptance of the Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by Pinellas County.

Map adjustment received and accepted, as recommended by Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council.

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, officially accept the Countywide Plan Map adjustment as submitted by Pinellas County.

Emergency Medical Services Authority

26. Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Certificates issued to the following providers in accordance with Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54. Chairman authorized to sign the certificates.

Wheelchair Transport Providers

Americhair Transport Service, Inc.

CareCabee Transportation, L.L.C.

Pinellas Transportation, L.L.C. (Formerly Tender Touch Transport Service, L.L.C)

The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Inc. d/b/a TransCare Medical Transportation Services

Trinity Mobility, Inc. d/b/a A Trinity Wheelchair Transportation

Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc.

Wheelchair/Stretcher Transport Providers

Care Ride, L.L.C.

EKallevig Transport, L.L.C. d/b/a Caliber Patient Transport

Liberty Wheelchair Transport, L.L.C.

Lifefleet Southeast, Inc. d/b/a American Medical Response (AMR)

MedFleet, Inc.

Wheelchair/Stretcher Limo, Inc.

27. Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Certificates issued to the following providers in accordance with Chapter 54, Pinellas County Code. Chairman authorized to sign the certificates.

Wheelchair Transport Providers

DHS Services Inc. d/b/a Home Helpers
On-Time Transports, L.L.C.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

- 16. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending April 30, 2018.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard related that Items Nos. 10 and 11 on the Delegated Log pertain to acquisitions of property utilizing Land Assembly Trust Fund monies derived from the Penny for Pinellas surtax; that the fund is generally used to fill a gap on affordable housing projects undertaken by the Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority (HFA), allowing them to move forward and leverage funding provided by other agencies; that the Board has authorized the HFA to pursue the acquisition of parcels meeting certain criteria; and that he has reviewed the transactions to ensure compliance with the policy direction of the Board, and Chairman Welch provided input.

Commissioner Justice referred to Item No. 1 on the Delegated Log relating to Gasparilla Bowl Elite Event funding, and responding to his queries, Mr. Woodard related that the item pertains to Fiscal Year 2018 funding. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Woodard clarified that an item pulled from today's agenda related to Tourist Development Council (TDC) Fiscal Year 2019 Elite Event funding recommendations. He noted that certain Gasparilla Bowl events have been moved to Hillsborough County; and that the TDC will be asked to reconsider the item for presentation to the Board at a future meeting.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Public Works

- 18. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Oldsmar for utility work associated with the roadway reconstruction and widening of Forest Lakes Boulevard from west of Pine Avenue to west of Racetrack Road.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard provided a brief overview of the project and the purpose of the agreement; whereupon, Transportation Division Director Ken Jacobs provided input and responded to queries by Commissioner Eggers.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Airport

28. Memorandum of Agreement and Cost Sign-Off Document to reimburse U.S. Customs and Border Protection for costs of technology and equipment at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Memorandum of Agreement and Cost Sign-Off Document approved providing for reimbursement of an amount not to exceed \$496,613.00 for equipment purchase and installation, and recurring maintenance costs of \$18,000.00 per year. Chairman authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest.

In response to queries by the members, Airport Director Thomas Jewsbury provided background information regarding the item and discussed current and anticipated international traffic. He related that the U.S. Customs Facility at the airport is being improved due to new design standards; that the improvements will allow for additional international traffic; and that the reimbursement agreement will fund technology required for the project; whereupon, he reported that a public workshop had taken place last week regarding the Airport Master Plan; that it was well attended and focused on forecasts that were approved by the Federal Aviation Administration; that the timeframe for the master plan is 20 years; and that the next workshop will occur in November.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Eggers and Long, Mr. Jewsbury provided information relating to noise abatement procedures, airline flight paths, incident reporting, navigational technologies, the voluntary quiet window, and similar topics, and discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Human Services

- 29.** First amendment and first option of renewal to the funding agreement with Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, Inc.

Amendment and option of renewal to implement the proposed Recovery Room Intervention Model and Integrated Case Management Pilot approved (Total Fiscal Year 2018 PEMHS Agreement, \$1,758,007.00; Total Fiscal Year 2019 PEMHS Agreement, \$2,037,496.00).

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard provided an overview of the item, indicating that two programs currently exist to serve individuals with behavioral and mental health issues; and that the existing funding agreement with PEMHS is being amended to realign the programs under its supervision; whereupon, he presented information regarding fiscal impacts, relating that no additional monies are required and only a reallocation of dollars is taking place.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Parks and Conservation Resources

- 30.** Purchase authorization with Playcore Wisconsin, Inc., d/b/a Gametime for playground equipment and installation services.

Purchase Authorization (Contract No. 178-0349-PB) approved for a total estimated expenditure in the amount of \$760,953.08.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Justice, Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie provided historical information regarding the following three classifications of playground accessibility: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, ADA accessible, and ADA inclusive. He indicated that the playground upgrades scheduled for Boca Ciega Millennium and John Chesnut Sr. parks will be ADA inclusive; that they will qualify both parks as National Demonstration Sites for inclusion; and that they will be in alignment with the County's Age Friendly initiatives; whereupon, he related that the playground equipment is anticipated to be installed by fall; and that the playground surface will be poured-in-place rubber, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

In response to queries by the members regarding beach accessibility, Mr. Cozzie discussed beach wheelchairs and mobile mats, including cost and maintenance information.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

31. Change Order No. 1 to the contract with All American Concrete, Inc. for the Belleair Causeway dock facility reconstruction project.

(Contract No. 156-0412-CP; PID No. 000058A) Change Order in the amount of \$304,000.00 approved providing for the replacement of five floating docks that were damaged due to Hurricane Irma and extending the project timeframe by 503 calendar days (revised total expenditure not to exceed \$613,750.00). Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Planning

32. Termination of specific performance agreements with the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County for Neighborhood Stabilization Program implementation.

Termination of agreements approved; Chairman authorized to execute the termination document and the Clerk to attest.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Public Works

33. Transportation Regional Incentive Program agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction of an Advanced Traffic Management System on Alternate U.S. Highway 19 South from U.S. Highway 19 (34th Street) to S.R. 60 (Gulf to Bay Boulevard).

Resolution No. 18-30 adopted approving the agreement (FDOT Financial Project No. 434891 1 54 01, County PID No. 002598A). Grant amount, \$1,682,473.00; total construction cost, \$3,364,946.00. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

In response to queries by the members, Transportation Division Director Ken Jacobs provided information regarding the installation of adaptive traffic signals, closed-circuit television, and dynamic message signs along Alternate U.S. Highway 19 South, relating that the new Advanced Traffic Management System has reduced travel times along the corridor by roughly 15 percent. He discussed signal retiming efforts, factors that impede the smooth flow of traffic, and the calculation of travel times using Bluetooth technology; whereupon, he provided specific information relating to the St. Petersburg section of the corridor and discussed factors contributing to bottlenecks on Interstate 275.

In response to further queries by the members, Mr. Jacobs presented information regarding various new technologies, including smart pavement, and related that because new technology can be very expensive, his office will apply for grants to offset the increased costs, and discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

34. County Administrator Miscellaneous: None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

35. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Charlene Thomas-Smith - action to recover property damage costs.

County Attorney authorized to initiate litigation.

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

Aye: 4 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chairman Seel, and Commissioner Justice

36. County Attorney Miscellaneous: None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

37. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board
(Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointment and reappointment of the following individuals for two-year terms ending in May 2020:

Appointment

Mr. Jake Fisher as a hospital administrator representative

Ms. Nancy Hopkins as an alternate hospital administrator representative

Mr. Glenn Saldanha as an alternate hospital administrator representative

Reappointment

Mr. Kris Hoce as a hospital administrator representative

Dr. Rajneesh Mathur as an emergency physician representative

Dr. Jeremy White as an alternate emergency physician representative

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

Aye: 4 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chairman Seel, and Commissioner Justice

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

38. County Administrator Reports: None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

39. Public Comment.

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re HB 7069 please repeal

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re subversive perception/filibustering - submitted documents.

COUNTY COMMISSION

40. Consideration of ranking of firms to provide State Governmental Relations Services.

Mr. Woodard provided an overview of the item and discussed the proposal and review process, relating that even though an evaluation committee has ranked the seven firms that submitted proposals, the members may also wish to hear oral presentations; whereupon, he presented the following options:

1. Authorize staff to proceed with negotiations with the top ranked firm.
2. Request oral presentations from the highest ranking three firms.
3. Request oral presentations from all seven ranked firms.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack provided information regarding Dean Mead, indicating that the law firm has provided consultant services to the County since 2003, with the latest contract expiring on May 31, and discussion ensued; whereupon, Purchasing Operations Manager Candis Mancuso presented information relating to public meetings and Sunshine Law considerations.

Following further discussion, the members indicated that they wished to hear oral presentations from the principals of the top three firms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the members proceed with Option No. 2. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

41. Appointment to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

James "Steve" Cleveland appointed to fulfill a resigning member's term to expire on October 31, 2021, following a ballot vote.

42. Appointment to the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Tracey Meehan appointed for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

43. County Commission New Business Items:

- Letter of Support - Upper Tampa Bay water quality enhancements in conjunction with the Howard Frankland Bridge project (Commissioner Justice)
- Preemption - Home Rule (Commissioner Long)
- CareerSource Pinellas Update (Commissioner Gerard)

Letter of Support

Commissioner Justice indicated that on behalf of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, he is requesting that the members support the Chairman drafting a letter to Secretary David Gwynn, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, regarding design elements of the upcoming Howard Frankland Bridge replacement that will improve water flow and water quality in Old Tampa Bay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that a letter of support be sent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chairman Seel

Preemption - Home Rule

Commissioner Long stated that she is very concerned about home rule authority, and requested that the members' support Pinellas County joining in the litigation that is currently being supported by other municipalities and counties throughout the state. In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Attorney White discussed various points as outlined in her memorandum titled *State Firearm Preemption Law*, and how the members may wish to proceed regarding the filing of a lawsuit.

Following lengthy discussion, Chairman Welch indicated that a work session will be scheduled in order for a thorough conversation to take place regarding the matter, including topics concerning public safety, home rule, the preemption law, and next steps.

CareerSource Pinellas Update

Commissioner Gerard presented an update regarding CareerSource Pinellas, indicating that a consultant is reviewing how the organization will be set up moving forward; and that the nomination process is currently taking place for new officers. In response to queries by Commissioners Long and Eggers, Commissioner Gerard and Attorney White provided

information regarding the bylaws of the organization, an interlocal agreement, and the composition of the executive committee.

In response to comments and queries by Chairman Welch, Commissioner Gerard related that CareerSource Pinellas Interim Director Jennifer Brackney indicated that the lender for the Science Center is willing to renegotiate the loan on the facility, and discussed the issue of incentives that had been paid out based on numbers that appear to be inaccurate; whereupon, Chairman Welch and Commissioner Gerard provided information relating to the appointment process and how Board members will need to be actively involved for true change to occur, and Commissioner Eggers provided input.

44. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

The members reported on the activities of their assigned Boards and Committees and related or discussed the following items:

Commissioner Justice

- Discussed recent and upcoming activities of the Area Agency on Aging, Historic Preservation Board, and Gulf Consortium.

Commissioner Long

- Presented information regarding recent and upcoming activities of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Tourist Development Council, Forward Pinellas, and AmSkills.
- Related that she completed Metropolitan Planning Organization training over the weekend and learned about federal funding opportunities.
- Discussed the upcoming evaluation of the County Attorney.
- Later in the meeting, Commissioner Long related that PSTA and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority had been working together under an interlocal agreement in an effort to save money, but that is no longer the case; whereupon, she questioned whether progress has been made to have a joint meeting of the Pinellas and Hillsborough County Commissions. Following lengthy discussion, Chairman Welch indicated that he would work toward facilitating such a meeting, and requested that the members submit their ideas regarding an appropriate agenda.

Commissioner Gerard

- Provided information pertaining to the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and the Evening Reporting Center.

Commissioner Eggers

- Discussed recent and upcoming activities of the Community Veterans Engagement Board, the Transportation Management Area Leadership Group, Tampa Bay Water, and Forward Pinellas.
- The Pinellas Schools Collaborative will be discussing school bus stop arm violations.
- Requested that a discussion occur regarding suspension of the Tourist Development Tax before and after hurricanes.

Commissioner Welch

- Introduced Office Specialist Dustin Guinta.
- Provided a recruitment update pertaining to the County Administrator position.
- Discussed the upcoming Tourist Development Council work session, indicating that it will take place on June 20.
- Expressed admiration for the late Commissioner John Morroni, and discussed his passion for public service, respect for all individuals, commitment to the community, and lasting impact on the county.
- Related that the governor will likely appoint an individual to fill the remainder of Commissioner Morroni's term.
- Reported that Commissioners Justice, Gerard, and Seel will serve the remainder of Commissioner Morroni's appointments to Forward Pinellas, the Value Adjustment Board, and the Human Rights Board, respectively.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:43 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Roman D. Lopez*
Deputy Clerk

Kenneth T. Welch
Chairman

