Pinellas County

315 Court Street Clearwater, Florida 33756



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

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

ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.

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

Others Present: Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter

Department Presentations

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

1. Office of Asset Management

Office of Asset Management (OAM) Director Jeremy Waugh referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Office of Asset Management*, and reported that his department has nine full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that OAM supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Justice, Mr. Waugh discussed the relationship between Environmental Research Systems Institute and ArcGIS, the countywide role of business intelligence, and how his department is funded, and agreed to provide an updated chart regarding return on investment, and Assistant County Administrator Paul Sacco provided input.

2. Public Works

Public Works Director Addie Javed referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Public Works*, and reported that his department has 467 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that Public Works supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji, Transportation Division Director Ken Jacobs, and Mr. Javed discussed the following:

- SeeClickFix application
- · City-County coordination
- Emergency response times
- Prioritization of work requests
- Intelligent Transportation System
- Communication with local residents

- Traffic congestion and roadway capacity
- Proactive inspection of county infrastructure
- · Beach nourishment and inlet management plans
- · Budgeting for sidewalk construction and maintenance

3. Utilities

Utilities Director Megan Ross referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Utilities*, and reported that her department has 423 full-time employees; whereupon, she discussed the areas that Utilities supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Ross discussed the following:

- Tampa Bay Water
- SeeClickFix application
- Reclaimed water master plan
- · Alternate methods of contacting utilities
- · City of St. Pete Beach sewer system issues
- Workforce development and educational programs
- Electronic metering upgrades and return on investment
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system
- Stormwater infiltration of lateral sewer lines and related matters

4. Solid Waste

Solid Waste Director Paul Sacco referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Solid Waste*, and reported that his department has 80 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that Solid Waste supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Sacco, with input by Solid Waste Section Managers Robert Mills and William Embree, discussed the following:

- Waste-to-Energy facility
- Recycling program challenges
- · Plastics incineration and air quality
- Glass/ash as roadway/building material
- Current status of fats, oil and grease plant
- Existing and maximum height of the county landfill
- Renegotiation of power purchase agreement with Duke Energy
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection Energy Recovery Credit

Meeting Recessed: 12:18 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:44 P.M.

5. Parks & Conservation Resources

Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) Director Paul Cozzie referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Parks and Conservation Resources*, and reported that his department has 201 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that PCR supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Cozzie provided information regarding the prospect of a water feature at Raymond H. Neri Community Park, relating that while there has been no talk of constructing a swimming pool, a splash pad could be built; whereupon, the members discussed the lack of recreational opportunities in the Lealman area, the importance of teaching children to swim at a young age, the expense of operating a pool, the training and availability of lifeguards, and swim classes at the beach.

Mr. Cozzie presented information regarding glyphosate and triclopyr, reporting that the herbicide ingredients are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency; that each has an associated Material Data Safety Sheet; and that his department is a minute contributor to the amount of glyphosates used in Pinellas County; whereupon, Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji provided information regarding the upcoming dredging of Lake Seminole.

In response to further comments and queries by the members, Mr. Cozzie discussed the following:

- Ecotourism opportunities
- Pinellas County air quality
- Upcoming recreation work session
- Pre- and post-recession staffing levels
- Prospect of a cashless toll system at Fort De Soto Park
- Playing field configuration at Raymond H. Neri Community Park

6. Real Estate Management

Real Estate Management (REM) Director Andrew Pupke referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Real Estate Management*, and reported that his department has 156 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that REM supports and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Cozzie discussed the following:

- Cost avoidance associated with co-generation technology
- · Location of existing and future South County Service Center
- · Permitting and construction of East Lake Library parking area
- Prospect of Forward Pinellas and Planning Department relocating
- · Status of Joint Government Facility discussions with City of Clearwater
- Electric vehicle charging stations and Duke Energy Park and Plug Program
- Percentage of electrically powered vehicles in Fleet Management Department

ADJOURNMENT - 1:57 P.M.