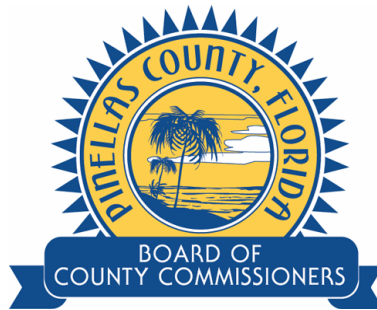


Pinellas County

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Minutes - Final

Thursday, February 6, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Clerk's Conference Room, 4th Floor

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

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

ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.

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

Not Present: Kenneth T. Welch

Others Present: Jill Silverboard, Deputy County Administrator/Chief of Staff; Don Crowell, Chief Assistant County Attorney; other interested individuals; and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter

1. Sheriff SWAT Paramedics

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri provided background information regarding the role that Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) medics have in responding to emergency situations in the county; whereupon, he reported that, due to changes made by the Florida Legislature effective July 1, 2019, all SWAT medics in Florida are now legally permitted to carry a firearm during tactical operations, subject to departmental guidelines and criteria.

He indicated that the parent company of Sunstar Paramedics, Paramedics Plus, which currently employs the SWAT medics utilized by the Sheriff's Office, will not allow its employees to carry firearms due to liability concerns. In response to their concerns, he recommended that the medics be employed through the Sheriff's Office on a part-time basis during SWAT team tactical operations and training; and that Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Angus Jameson be assigned to oversee any medical services that they provide, as required by law.

During discussion and in response to queries by the members, Sheriff Gualtieri addressed the following topics:

- Costs to administer the changes
- Firearms training that SWAT medics receive
- Role of the medics in tactical situations to deliver emergency medical services
- Restrictions on carrying firearms except during SWAT team callouts

In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Attorney Crowell related that an interlocal agreement will be drafted, subject to the Board's recommendation; whereupon, Chair Gerard indicated that there is consensus to proceed with the agreement.

2. Health in All Policies

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Health in All Policies: Progress Update*, Planning Department Health Planner Caitlin Murphy provided an update on the Health in All

Policies initiative, indicating that its goals are to assess County policies and projects for community health impacts; whereupon, she discussed the following topics:

- Capacity-building initiatives to educate County staff and the community
- Creation of a toolkit with health resources, data, and policies
- Formulation of decision-support tools such as a health impact assessment, a health planning matrix, and health consultations

In response to queries by Chair Gerard and Commissioner Eggers, Ms. Murphy provided examples of how the initiative could be used to assess community health in relation to County projects such as the Comprehensive Plan or the 62nd Avenue North intersection improvement project, indicating that staff could identify health-related metrics to measure progress over time; whereupon, she discussed next steps for the initiative.

In response to queries by Commissioner Peters, Ms. Murphy, with input by Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji, related that funding is provided through the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg and the Florida Department of Health; and that implementation of the new initiative will not impact project timelines.

3. Solid Waste Master Plan

Solid Waste Department Director Paul Sacco provided a brief overview and history of the Department's integrated waste management system and the various components it is comprised of; whereupon, he introduced Department of Solid Waste Outreach Division Manager Deborah Busch, HDR Florida Solid Waste Section Manager Keith Howard, and NewGen Strategies and Solutions Director of Environmental Practice Allison Trulock.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Solid Waste Master Plan*, Ms. Trulock and Mr. Howard discussed the following topics:

- Three phases of the planning process: status reports and presentations, forecast reports and presentations, and implementation plan and presentations
- Stakeholder engagement through an online survey, waste hauler interviews, public workshops, and a regional roundtable
- Regional subcommittee's role in developing the plan
- Vision, values, and guiding principles
- Primary goal of zero waste to landfill
- Stakeholder feedback related to collection services, recycling, and composting
- Overview of the solid waste system in Pinellas County
- 2014 waste characterization study
- Waste system capacities

Mr. Howard indicated that the Master Plan was developed by identifying gaps and needs of the existing system, reviewing technological opportunities, and examining impact categories such as operational or environmental impacts; whereupon, he discussed

infrastructure analyses that were conducted related to waste transfer, waste-to-energy capabilities, and organics management.

Ms. Trulock, with input from Mr. Howard, provided an overview of the draft Master Plan, responded to queries by the members, and discussed the following topics:

- Short-term, mid-term, and long-term parts of the plan
- Development of a zero waste guide for special events and an environmentally-preferred purchasing guide
- Increasing recycling efforts through outreach and education, cutting waste at work, and organizing collections
- Development of ash recycling methods
- Increasing the ability to process waste at the waste-to-energy facility
- Reduction of bulk waste
- Creation of a Regional Partners Committee
- Addition of curbside electronics collection
- Collection of commercial food waste
- Adoption and enforcement of a universal recycling ordinance

Following discussion, Mr. Sacco related that his staff will begin implementing the Master Plan and will be communicating with the Board as various elements of the Plan come before the members for approval.

4. Agenda Briefing

Ms. Silverboard and Attorney Crowell provided a review of the agenda items to be addressed at the February 11, 2020 Commission meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the following items, and staff responded to queries by the members and provided input:

- Item No. 16 Ranking of firms and agreement with Birdsall, Voss, and Associates, Inc.
- Item No. 21 Specific Performance Agreement regarding the Society of St. Vincent de Paul homeless facility
- Item No. 26 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities

5. 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 Justice

- Gulf Consortium, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Historic Preservation Board, American Manufacturing Skills Initiative

- Florida Association of Counties, St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, and Lake Seminole Condo Association meetings
- Early Learning Coalition Center visit
- Boys and Girls Club Annual Dinner
- Pinellas Park Water Management District Commission appointment

Commissioner Long

- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Health and Human Services Leadership Board, Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Forward Pinellas strategic planning session
- Circle of Heroes Veterans Memorial
- John Morroni Law Enforcement and First Responder Appreciation Dinner on February 15

Commissioner Eggers

- Forward Pinellas, Tampa Bay Water Board, Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group, Community Veterans Engagement Board
- Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting in Orlando
- Meeting with the Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Seel

- Juvenile Welfare Board, Health and Human Services Leadership Board
- Dedication of John Morroni EMS & Fire Administration Center on February 13

Commissioner Peters

- Early Learning Coalition
- Pinellas County Government Career Expo

Chair Gerard

- Career Source Pinellas Board, Tourist Development Council
- Kids Tag Art Pinellas
- Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association annual dinner
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce annual meeting
- Dedication of John Morroni EMS & Fire Administration Center on February 13
- Dedication of Habitat for Humanity 600th home on February 13
- Economic Development Council Defense Contracting Forum

ADJOURNMENT - 12:19 P.M.