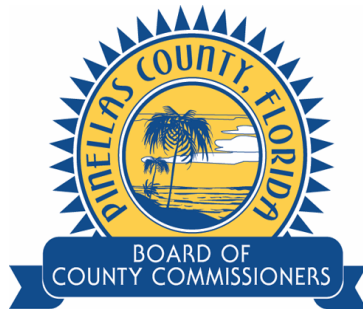


Pinellas County



Minutes - Final

Thursday, February 20, 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 Long; Kathleen Peters; Karen Williams Seel; and Kenneth T. Welch

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Jenny Masinovsky, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

1. Budget Forecast Fiscal Year 2021 - 2026

Mr. Burton introduced the topic, noting that today's presentations mark the beginning of the budget process; and that staff is seeking the members' guidance regarding the budget development; whereupon, Jim Abernathy, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Budget Forecast: FY21 - FY26*, and discussed the following:

- Purpose and Objectives of the Forecast
- Forecast Document - 10 key funds
- Forecast Document - Assumptions
- Forecast Document - Pro Forma
- Local Economic Outlook
- Potential Impacts to the Forecast
- General Fund Forecast
- Surface Water Utility Fund Forecast
- Transportation Trust Fund Forecast
- Sewer Funds Forecast
- Solid Waste Funds Forecast
- Citizens Guide to the Budget

Throughout the presentation, Messrs. Abernathy and Burton, with input by OMB staff, responded to queries by the members. Mr. Abernathy indicated that based on the information from the State, ad valorem revenue projections for the forecast period do not show dips in the economy.

Mr. Burton noted the value in pursuing efficiencies by the departments of the County and the Constitutional Officers to avoid automatic inflationary budget increases, and discussion ensued regarding prioritizing various funding needs, including decision packages, social action programs, and workforce compensation; increasing sewer rates; and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance of the budget website, and Attorney White and Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte provided input.

Responding to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Burton indicated that the community meeting regarding development of the Tides Golf Club property yesterday was well

received; that staff provided an update on the matter and responded to questions from the public; and that the next step is a review by the Development Review Committee, following which it will be considered by the Local Planning Agency and the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

2. Budget Policies

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Budget Policies Update*, Cecilia McCorkell and Jacqueline Trainer, OMB, discussed what is included in the update, its purpose, and the proposed changes and additions.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Burton related that topics for the March 5 work session include a review of the Community Redevelopment Area process, affordable housing, land use and zoning hearings, and Shell Key; and that a work session on behavioral health and transportation is planned for April 2; whereupon, discussion ensued concerning the following matters:

- Allocation of central services costs to County departments and agencies
- Fleet Management program analysis
- Managing varying workload needs through outsourcing
- OMB's transition to new budget software
- Reserves
- Budget Forecast document language
- Reporting of budgetary changes

Meeting Recessed: 11:35 A.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 11:40 A.M. (Commissioner Peters absent)

3. Agenda Briefing

Mr. Burton and Attorney White provided a review of the agenda items to be considered at the February 25, 2020, Commission meeting. Staff responded to the members' queries regarding the following:

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| Item No. 7 | Ranking of firms and agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. |
| Item No. 16 | Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Subrecipient Agreement between the County and the City of Dunedin for funding of the Lofty Pines Septic to Sewer project |
| Item No. 17 | Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Lofty Pines Septic to Sewer project funding |
| Item No. 24 | Appointment to the Tourist Development Council (Commissioner Justice distributed a map) |

4. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items

The members provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and commented on various topics.

Commissioner Justice

- Historic Preservation Board, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Board of Trustees for the Pinellas County Law Library Board, Tampa Bay Estuary Program
- National Collegiate Athletic Association Elite Softball Tournament in Clearwater
- Dedication of John Morroni EMS & Fire Administration Center

Commissioner Long

- Business Technology Services Board, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Forward Pinellas, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Defense Contractors luncheon/request for a BCC presentation by Economic Development Director Mike Meidel
- Law enforcement and first responder appreciation dinner

Commissioner Eggers

- Forward Pinellas, Community Veterans Engagement Board, Tampa Bay Water Board, Transportation Management Area Leadership Group
- Toronto Blue Jays spring training opening day

Commissioner Welch

- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
- Appreciation of the County family support last month
- Florida Amendment No. 4
- Service on the Selection Committee pertaining to rehabilitation of Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg

Commissioner Seel

- Human Rights Board, Juvenile Welfare Board

Chair Gerard

- CareerSource Pinellas Board, Pinellas County Economic Development Council, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Tourist Development Council

- Recent meeting with Faith and Action for Strength Together organization
- Upcoming trip to Berlin, Germany
- February 25 BCC meeting

ADJOURNMENT - 12:20 P.M.