

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

2:00 PM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 2:07 P.M.

Present: 7 - Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, John Morroni, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Lynn Abbott and Christopher Bartlett, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION by Rabbi Daniel Treiser with Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater

Given by Commissioner Welch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Presentations and awards:

Employee Choir Presentation

Doing Things Employee Recognition - Ova Moore, Real Estate Management

Thank You for Doing Business - SCI Distribution, LLC

Supervisor of Elections Proclamation

OPUS Five Year Anniversary Presentation

Johns Hopkins All Childrens Hospital Presentation - Dr. Jonathan Ellen, President

Employee Choir Presentation

Chairman Justice introduced the members of the Pinellas County Employee Choir, who sang the Christmas carol *Deck the Halls*.

Doing Things Employee Recognition - Ova Moore, Real Estate Management

Chairman Justice recognized Real Estate Management Craftworker Ova Moore for his dedication to maintaining and repairing several County buildings and handling whatever jobs come his way with a positive can-do attitude. He noted that Mr. Moore is a 28-year employee who gives back to the community by serving as a mentor for children with behavioral issues, helps out with the Annual Holiday Bike Drive and Employee Picnic, and sings in the Employee Choir, which he founded.

Thank You for Doing Business - SCI Distribution, LLC

Plaque presented to SCI Distribution Chief Executive Officer and Founder Tal Ezra and Chief Operating Officer Juan Victorino. Chairman Justice provided background information about the company, noting that it specializes in wireless fleet and fuel management solutions and has served government and privately owned fleets worldwide since 2002. Mr. Ezra thanked the Pinellas County Economic Development Team for their support; whereupon, Economic Development Director Mike Meidel introduced Business Development Manager Brent Barkway and, referring to an earlier inquiry by Commissioner Long, discussed three recent international trade missions that resulted in over \$25 million in sales and provided overseas exposure to over 40 companies.

Supervisor of Elections Proclamation

Proclamation presented to Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark and staff members Julie Marcus, Melissa Billman, Mark Gillette, Wendy Grimes, Jason Latimer, and David Wise. Chairman Justice provided a brief overview of the 2016 elections process; whereupon, Ms. Clark thanked her team, members of the Canvassing Board, Chief Assistant County Attorney Jewel White, and staff from the offices of the Tax Collector and Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller for their team efforts, and Commissioner Eggers echoed her comments.

OPUS Five-Year Anniversary Presentation

Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Ken Burke presented information regarding the County's successful implementation of the Oracle Project Unified Solution (OPUS) system, noting that the decision to upgrade technology processes was made prior to the recession; that the OPUS integration was administered by a reduced number of staff with limited resources; and that all Appointing Authorities and County departments within the Unified Personnel System were positively impacted by the consolidation of financial, human resource, and administrative functions. He indicated that the next challenge will be to maximize Oracle's business processes by utilizing a newly hired analyst funded by the Board.

Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! OPUS - 5+ Years of Success*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and explained that software used previously by County departments was antiquated and inefficient; and that OPUS is a successful joint data integration partnership. He discussed the project implementation phases, various partners, guiding principles, and recent accomplishments, noting that the Clerk's *Spending in the Sunshine* website has won multiple national awards; whereupon, Mr. Woodard thanked the County's partners, employees, and the Board for making the project a success and noted that the \$17 million purchase was a good investment of public money, and Commissioner Welch concurred.

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Presentation - Dr. Jonathan Ellen, President

Dr. Ellen conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Johns Hopkins Medicine, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and provided an update on recent activities, indicating that the organization is building a patient-centered home for children and their families; that students of the first residency class are graduating; and that it will continue to be a teaching site for the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

Dr. Ellen provided an overview of current operations and related that a \$95.5 million research and education center is being constructed, including a 40,000-square-foot laboratory and 250-seat auditorium; and that transport services are now available via helicopter or ambulance transfer, with dedicated staff providing high-quality emergency care.

Dr. Ellen discussed future goals, noting the expectations of the project to create 200 new jobs, continue investments in technology and innovation, and increase access to research, resulting in new cures.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Dr. Ellen confirmed the need for increased parking accommodations due to additional families visiting the center and the anticipated 200 additional employees, and related that a multistory garage will replace a parking lot; whereupon, the members provided input and thanked Dr. Ellen for his presentation.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**2. Public comment.**

Gail Conroy, Redington Shores, re beekeeping, pesticides - Mr. Woodard indicated that staff will research the impact of the herbicide Garlon 4 on juvenile bees and noted that the strategy of removing exotic vegetation from County parks and preserves is an environmental best practice.

Greg Pound, Largo, re truth

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re middle school educational excellence

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Danbury Baptist Association, 1801 (submitted documents)

Mark Klutho, Largo, re stupidity and more waste

Kathy Filippelli, St. Petersburg, re Penny for Pinellas

Reverend Kathleen Walter, Dunedin, re Penny for Pinellas

Rosie Jensing, Tampa, re Prodigy Cultural Arts Program (later in the meeting)

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 22 (Items 9, 10, 13, 14, 16 and 20 heard under Regular Agenda)

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 3. Vouchers and bills paid from September 4 through November 5, 2016.

Period: September 4 through September 24, 2016

Payroll - \$6,710,147.94

Accounts Payable - \$26,127,621.03

Period: September 25 through October 15, 2016

Payroll - \$3,201,216.05

Accounts Payable - \$91,519,380.68

Period: October 16 through November 5, 2016

Payroll - \$6,977,129.71

Accounts Payable - \$113,132,303.67

Reports received for filing:

- 4. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarter ended March 31, 2016.
- 5. Quarterly Donation Listing of \$500 or more for the quarter ended September 30, 2016.
- 6. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- 7. Tampa Bay Water 2017 Board Meeting Schedule.
- 8. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes of the meeting held August 11, 2016 and Letter of Engagement for audit services.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

- 11. Award of bid to Weeks Marine, Inc. for geotextile tube removal and rock groin construction at Upham Beach (companion to item no. 12).

Bid No. 156-0489-CP (PID No. 000219) in the amount of \$9,535,640.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

12. Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the beach erosion control project known as Long Key/Upham Beach Groin Replacement (companion to item no. 11).

FDEP Grant Agreement No. 16PI2 (County PID No. 000219A) approved, providing 50 percent of project costs up to \$5,735,000.00. Agreement shall begin on the last date executed and terminate on December 31, 2018. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

15. Plat of Belleair Grande, private street sign installation guarantee, and sidewalk guarantee for recording.

Plat and guarantees from Belleair Grande, L.P. accepted and approved for recording.

Real Estate Management

17. Conveyance of three escheated properties to a municipality.

Conveyance of three escheated properties to the City of St. Petersburg, in accordance with Florida Statutes 197.592, approved. Chairman authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest the County deeds.

18. Declare surplus and authorize the sale of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

Declaration of mass spectrometer and ion chromatograph equipment as surplus approved and authorization granted for sale of same to the highest responsible bidder, pursuant to Chapter 274, Florida Statutes, utilizing the existing contract with GovDeals.com. Revenues derived from the surplus sale will be returned to the Utilities Department Water Fund.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

19. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Leonard A. McCue v. Christine Monahan, Sunstar Paramedics d/b/a Sunstar Emergency Medical Services, Bayfront Medical Center, et al. - Circuit Civil Case No. 16-007237-CO-39.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

21. Countywide Plan Map - 2016 Annual Update.

Resolution No. 16-88 adopted accepting the amended Countywide Plan Map and directing that it be filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners as the official Countywide Plan Map, as recommended by Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, in its Resolution No. 16-3 adopted November 9, 2016, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record.

Sheriff's Office**22. Resolution supplementing the FY 2017 Sheriff's General Fund Budget for the upgrade of license plate readers used in the Intelligence Led Policing program.**

Resolution No. 16-89 adopted appropriating unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$499,090.00.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

9. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.

Commissioner Gerard indicated that she would abstain from voting on Delegated Item No. 16-803D due to a conflict of interest, and in accordance with the provisions of the Standards of Conduct Law, submitted a Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which has been filed and made a part of the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morroni, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that Item No. 9 be approved with the exception of Delegated Item No. 16-803D. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that Delegated Item No. 16-803D be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

Public Works

10. Award of bid to David Nelson Construction Co. for construction of the Americans with Disabilities Act ramp for the Wall Springs Park Observation Tower.

Bid No. 156-0480-CP (PID No. 000336D) in the amount of \$1,215,213.00 approved on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 210 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard provided an overview of the item, noting that the original tower was destroyed by arson and rebuilt under the erroneous assumption that it would be grandfathered and would not require an ADA ramp; and that the item authorizes construction of a separate ramp structure adjacent to the existing observation tower to provide federally mandated access; whereupon, he noted that the tower will not be accessible during the 210-day construction time frame.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

13. County Incentive Grant Program agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction of an Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation System along CR 1 (Keene Road/Omaha Street), from SR 60 to Alderman Road.

Resolution No. 16-87 adopted approving the agreement (FDOT Financial Project No. 433581 1 54 01; County PID No. 002156A). Grant amount, \$1,800,000.00; total estimated cost, \$3,600,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest; Clerk authorized to record the resolution.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard related that intelligent systems are built with sensors in the roadbed to detect vehicles and their movement and automatically adjust to traffic patterns; and that they may take a period of time to adapt to new traffic flows before making an adjustment. He noted that sensors sometimes fail, and encouraged members of the public to notify the County of any possible outages.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard agreed to provide an update regarding the overall status of the system; whereupon, Commissioner Seel discussed the traffic signal preemption policy for emergency vehicles and related concerns regarding upcoming construction projects.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

14. Ranking of firms and agreement with Jones, Edmunds and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering and biological, planning, and environmental services for the Curlew Creek and

Smith Bayou Watershed Evaluation and Management Plan.

Ranking of firms and agreement (Contract No. 145-0425-NC) approved for a total expenditure not to exceed \$935,000.00 (County share, \$262,944.00 plus contingency); contract term is 36 consecutive calendar months from the notice-to-proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Indicating that the project pertains to the Smith Bayou Basin, Commissioner Seel related that there are still projects to be completed as a result of the Curlew Creek Basin drainage study; whereupon, noting a siltation problem at Pirate's Cove Marina, she encouraged the prioritization of projects throughout the system.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 16.** Plat of Sutherland Sound Estates, private street sign installation guarantee, and sidewalk guarantee for recording.

Plat and guarantees from Digiovanni Partners, LLC accepted and approved for recording.

Chairman Justice noted that a speaker card was received from Stephen O'Harrow, and Mr. Harrow declined to comment.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

- 20.** Ranking of firms and agreements with the 13 highest-ranked firms for requirements of Information Technology staff augmentation services.

Commissioner Welch indicated that he has questions with regard to at least one of the vendors, and noting the concurrence of Chief Information Officer Martin Rose, requested that the item be deferred.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, that the item be deferred. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 23.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Miles Partnership, LLLP for requirements of Digital Marketing Services for the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ranking of firms and agreement (Contract No. 156-0447-P) approved for an estimated 60-month expenditure not to exceed \$13,250,000.00 (estimated annual expenditure not to exceed \$2,650,000.00). Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director David Downing provided background information, relating that the contract provides for maintenance of the Bureau's 12 websites serving a competitive international market. Noting the importance of digital marketing, he related that 51 percent of tourism is now sold by smartphone.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Downing confirmed that the goal is to have all consumer websites up to date and mobile friendly, noting that responsive design technology provides the ability to utilize one platform to service various types of devices; whereupon, he discussed the complexities of maintaining numerous websites.

Commissioner Morroni pointed out that funding is provided by the Tourist Development Tax, not property, or ad valorem, taxes; and Commissioner Eggers explained how revenue generated through tourism provides benefits to visitors and county residents.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Human Services

- 24.** Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on January 10, 2017, regarding a proposed ordinance declaring zoning in progress and imposing a moratorium on the establishment of marijuana dispensing facilities and treatment centers for a period of 180 days.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch as to whether a countywide ordinance could be adopted with a municipal opt-out provision, Attorney Bennett related that the

location of such facilities is a zoning matter; and that the County has no zoning authority within municipal boundaries.

Following discussion, Commissioner Seel suggested that a working group be formed with the cities to craft a model ordinance, and Mr. Woodard indicated that staff is already poised to work with the partners and could likely bring forth an ordinance for the Board's consideration in the April 2017 timeframe.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that authority be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Management and Budget

- 25.** Establishment of projects to be funded from British Petroleum (BP) Economic Settlement Funds and funding amounts per project, establishment of process for executing agreements with partners, and realignment of appropriation within the FY 2017 budget to enable disbursement of funds to partners.

List of projects approved, Resolution No. 16-90 adopted delegating authority to the County Administrator to execute the agreements, and Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment No. 17-01 approved realigning \$6,756,000 within the General Government Cost Center. Funding for the Dr. Martin Luther King Building Restoration (Happy Workers) to be delayed pending further due diligence, and 20 percent of the total funding of \$589,000 (approximately \$118,000) for the Electric Bus Charging Station and Infrastructure to be set aside pending a formal request that the City of St. Petersburg contribute to the project.

Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger provided background information regarding the project list and current request indicating that delegating authority to the Administrator would facilitate the funding of each project more quickly; that funding for the Tampa Bay Ferry project has previously been disbursed; and that the Executive Director of Creative Pinellas is in attendance to present proposed projects to support the arts; whereupon, Chairman Justice asked for comments regarding the list before addressing the art projects.

Responding to concerns of Commissioner Morroni that any funding for Wounded Warriors Abilities remain local and not be shared with Wounded Warriors of Oklahoma, Mr. Berger stated that ensuring those funds stay local will be part of the due diligence during the final negotiation.

In response to query by Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Welch related that Happy Workers was recently cited for violations by the local licensing board; that the violations may affect its receipt of funding from the Early Learning Coalition; and that a turnaround plan for the organization has been identified to address the issues; whereupon, he requested that the funds for Happy Workers be set aside until it is determined whether

the organization can be sustained for the long term, and the members concurred.

At the request of Commissioner Long, Chairman Justice discussed a request from the City of Seminole to reconsider its items which had either been rejected or were received late, and noted that the Board could make changes to the list or decide to discuss the matter at a future meeting. Commissioner Welch stated that the existing list is strong; and that he is ready to move forward on its approval; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers concurred and noted that a small amount of funding might remain after the agreements are completed.

Upon the Chairman's invitation, Creative Pinellas Executive Director Barbara St. Clair conducted a PowerPoint presentation, provided background information regarding the funding request, and discussed two projects for the Board's consideration, a traveling sculpture and an LED light installation on the Bayside Bridge or other location. She noted that the sculpture installation would engage county citizens through interaction and social media; and that each host community could participate in its reconstruction which would generate enthusiasm and excitement over time.

Creative Pinellas Board Member Lauren Davenport discussed the social media perspective of the project and related that while certain areas within the county are known for the arts, the artists applying for grants are more widespread throughout the county; and that a traveling installation would provide greater exposure to the county's artists as a whole; whereupon, she provided examples of interactive art installations from around the world and related that the project is intended to be a "love letter" to Pinellas County.

Ms. St. Clair indicated that the final scope of the project could include up to 10 sculptures from many different artists; and that Creative Pinellas is reaching out to the arts community for ideas on implementing the general concept.

Referring to the LED lighted bridge proposal, Ms. St. Clair related that the Bayside Bridge connects north and south county and is widely accessible; and that it could highlight the coastal arts community. She discussed budget concerns and other key practicalities and indicated that after reviewing several similar installations in other areas, she estimates a 12-month timeline to complete the project.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. St. Clair related that the bridge installation would be designed to remain for several years; that the marine environment and hot weather would be considered so as to avoid unnecessary long-term wear and tear; and that the majority of the costs would be incurred during installation as opposed to annual maintenance. She noted that once installed, LED lighting uses minimal electricity.

Ms. St. Clair related that early community input has favored the traveling sculpture option, and Mr. Woodard stated that one potential complication with lighting the Bayside Bridge is the proximity of the airport; and that the current cost to light the bridge for traffic is over \$100,000 per year, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gerard indicated that her preference is for the traveling sculpture option, and Commissioners Morroni and Eggers concurred. Commissioner Morroni stated that potential bad weather and vandalism could increase costs of the bridge project over time; and that the traveling installation would be more engaging for the people.

Commissioner Eggers stated that the sculptures would be more representative of the county's creativity; and that he would prefer to include mainly local artists in the project; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding the use of the project to augment the grant program, the importance of interacting with the public through art, and choosing the proper locations for a traveling installation to maximize exposure.

Mr. Woodard indicated that should the Board approve the list of projects to be funded and delegate authority to do so, he would proceed to execute the agreements per the Board's intent and authorized amounts; that some agreements may take longer than others; and that he would provide a regular update as the items move forward. He noted that Creative Pinellas will return in a reasonable amount of time to provide more details on its project; and that the consensus of the Board appears to favor the traveling sculpture installation.

Responding to query by Chairman Justice concerning the City of St. Petersburg possibly contributing funds to the Electric Bus Charging Station project, Mr. Woodard related that, through a series of emails, he understands that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) has not submitted a formal request to the City; that the PSTA has indicated to the City that the County Commission would likely fund the full amount of the infrastructure; and that PSTA's request to the City would pertain to the differential cost between conventional and electric buses, and Mr. Berger concurred.

Following brief discussion, Mr. Woodard indicated that the County could make a formal request to the City to fund 20 percent of the infrastructure, or approximately \$118,000; and that should the funds become available, the Board could have a separate discussion as to how to utilize the unallocated funds.

At the request of Commissioner Long, PSTA External Affairs Officer Bob Lasher appeared and provided input, stating that the City of St. Petersburg has been working with PSTA to provide the right-of-way and a location for the charging station; and that this is the first he has heard of the emails concerning a 20 percent contribution from the City.

The following citizens appeared and provided input:

Phil Compton, Sierra Club, St. Petersburg - supports full PSTA funding
Chico Cromartie, St. Petersburg - supports restoration of Lincoln Cemetery
Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayor, City of Dunedin - supports funding for Hammock Park and
the Electric Bus Charging Station

The members thanked County staff and residents for their efforts and input.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the item be approved with exceptions to set aside 20 percent of the funding for the charging station and \$150,000 for Happy Workers, delegating authority to the County Administrator, and adopting the proposed budget amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Public Works

26. Amendment No. 1 to the construction agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the Hercules Avenue railroad reconstruction project.

(CSXT OP No. A43621, County PID No. 000413A) Amendment approved increasing the agreement amount by \$194,351.00 and revising the completion date from January 26, 2016 to December 31, 2017 (total revised cost, \$649,382.00). Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Solid Waste

27. Ranking of firms and agreements with three firms for requirements of waste-to-energy consulting services.

Contract No. 156-0411-CN approved with the following firms:

Arcadis US Inc.
CDM Smith (CDM)
HDR Engineering Inc. (HDR)

Agreements are for a period of five years, effective upon execution; upset limit is \$2,500,000.00 each for Arcadis and HDR, and \$5,000,000.00 for CDM, for a total of \$10,000,000.00. County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders provided the negotiated rates remain the same. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Utilities

28. Increase in funds to the Blanket Purchase Agreement with Polydyne, Inc. for requirements of polymers used to treat wastewater.

Increase to Contract No. 134-0453-B in the amount of \$400,000.00 approved, for a revised contract amount of \$1,145,494.00 through December 27, 2017.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

29. County Administrator miscellaneous:
-Health Benefits Agreements - Delegation to the County Administrator and Board Ratification
-Introduction of Canaan McCaslin, Special Assistant to the County Administrator.

Mr. Woodard indicated that three of the four agreements needed for employee health benefits have yet to be fully executed; that the agreements will sunset at the end of the calendar year and a lapse in coverage would be disruptive to the County's employees and retirees; and that he is requesting authorization to finalize and approve the agreements and present them to the Board early next year for ratification.

Commissioner Seel related that she noted changes in the level of benefits during open enrollment; and requested that the County ensure that all employees are made aware of what has changed. Discussion ensued.

Human Resources Manager David Blasewitz related that a Request for Proposals was issued several months earlier and United Healthcare was selected as the top-ranked vendor; that the chosen vendors act as administrators of the County's benefit plans; and that Pinellas County is self-insured and makes its own decisions on what level of benefits to offer.

Mr. Blasewitz noted that two agreements have been executed by the vendor and are being vetted by the County Attorney's Office; and that the third agreement should be ready soon. At the request of Commissioner Eggers, he agreed to provide a list of the recent changes in benefits.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the health benefits item be approved delegating authority to the County Administrator. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Eggers, and Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ATTORNEY

30. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

31. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointments of Fire Chiefs Tom Jamison and Joe Accetta as primary and alternate representatives, respectively, of the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association; and the appointments of Fire Chiefs Scott Ehlers and Anthony Tedesco as primary and alternate representatives, respectively, of the City of Clearwater, for two-year terms ending in December 2018.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

32. Reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the emergency physician reappointments of Dr. Robert Bellini, representing Mease Countryside Hospital, Dr. Paula Pell, representing the Pinellas County Medical Association, and Dr. Joseph Namey, representing the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society, for two-year terms ending in December 2018.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Human Resources

33. Ranking of firms and contract with Cigna Dental Health of Florida, Inc. for requirements of group dental fully insured benefits.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 156-0268-P in the amount of \$374,032.00 approved for a 36-month term beginning January 1, 2017. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

34. County Administrator reports - None.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard provided updates concerning the Tarpon Woods Golf Course and the Dunedin Causeway Bridge and related that the County has been approached regarding the possible donation of a conservation easement over the golf course; that the golf course and related development is in a floodplain and experiences chronic flooding issues; and that staff conducted due diligence and gathered information as to any possible benefits of accepting the donation.

Mr. Woodard indicated that accepting the easement would not solve the flooding problems in Tarpon Woods, nor limit additional development on the site; and that the continued operation of the private golf course could not be guaranteed long-term; whereupon, he indicated that acceptance of the easement could potentially create an unmanageable expectation among the Tarpon Woods residents and increase risk to the County; therefore, he does not support the County's acceptance of the donation.

Commissioner Eggers indicated that while he might ultimately agree, he would like more in-depth analysis and review by the Board before any final decision is made. Chairman Justice noted that the property owners may wish to address the County's concerns to continue the process, and discussion ensued.

Responding to comments by the members, Mr. Woodard provided specific details behind the decision-making process, and indicated that staff will provide the full analysis to the Board during the next calendar year.

Meeting Recessed: 5:29 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

44. Presentation:

Youth Advisory Committee Mid-Year Update - Dayita Wable, Chairman

Deviating from the Agenda and at the Chairman's request, Commissioner Gerard introduced Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Chair Dayita Wable; whereupon, Ms. Wable discussed her experiences while serving on the committee for the past two years, presented information regarding past and upcoming YAC activities, and suggested ways to attract students through social media and spark interest in the YAC and local government.

Following the presentation, the members commended Ms. Wable for an outstanding report and for articulating her passion for service.

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

45. Q Z-23-10-16 (Duke Energy Florida)

A request for a zoning change from A-E, Agricultural Estate Residential (75.4 acres) and A-E-W, Agricultural Estate Residential-Wellhead Protection Overlay (74.3 acres) to M-1-CO, Light Manufacturing and Industry-Conditional Overlay (75.4 acres), M-1-W-CO, Light Manufacturing and Industry-Wellhead Protection Overlay-Conditional Overlay (47.9 acres), and PC-W, Preservation Conservation-Wellhead Protection Overlay (26.4 acres), with the Conditional Overlay limiting the uses to a utility substation, telecommunication regenerator, cell tower, and microwave tower on approximately 149.7 acres located 135 feet west of the northwest corner of the intersection of Race Track Road and Forest Lakes Boulevard in the unincorporated area of Oldsmar.

Resolution No. 16-91 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Jamie Poulos, Orlando, appeared and indicated he represents the applicant. Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, he related that County staff recommended the zoning change in lieu of a conditional use modification because the current zoning is not compatible with the updated land use map.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

46. Q Z-25-11-16 (Bright Community Trust - Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County)

A request for a zoning change from RM-7.5, Residential Multiple Family, 7.5 units per acre to R-5, Urban Residential, on approximately 0.74 acre located at the southeast corner of the intersection of 38th Street North and 43rd Avenue North in Lealman.

Resolution No. 16-92 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received.

No citizens appeared to be heard.

Chairman Justice recognized Mike Sutton, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, and thanked him for the organization's partnership.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 47.** Ordinance amending the Ten Year Water Supply Facilities Plan (Appendix A) of the Potable Water Supply, Wastewater, and Reuse Element of the Comprehensive Plan (first hearing).

First public hearing held and staff authorized to transmit the proposed ordinance to the State Department of Economic Opportunity for review and comment. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Gerard moved, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Planning Section Manager Scott Swearngen related that the amendment is an update to the work plan for the water supply, and that while there are Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) associated with the two primary capital programs, they do not change the CIP project list.

Thereupon, Chairman Justice noted that tonight is the first public hearing, and no vote will be taken.

- 48.** Resolution establishing a fee for the Foreclosed Property Registry.

Resolution 16-93 adopted establishing a \$200 per property annual fee for the Foreclosed Property Registry. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY COMMISSION

35. Appointment to the Unified Personnel Board.

Ballots were distributed, each member was asked to select a candidate, and the ballots were presented to the Clerk for tabulation; whereupon, Chairman Justice announced that James Dates has been reappointed for a two-year term by a unanimous vote.

36. Appointments to the WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors.

Sharon Hayes, Charlyn Shelton, and Marlene Velez appointed for current terms ending June 30, 2018, as recommended by the WorkNet Pinellas Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

37. Appointments to the Board of Adjustment.

Individual 2017 appointments of Alan Bomstein, Joe Burdette, John Doran, Cliff Gephart, Greg Pierce, Stephen Watts, Deborah White, and Michael Foley (alternate) approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

38. Appointments to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc.

Individual 2017 appointments of Dimity Carlson, Susanne Hebert, Richard Linthicum, Rich Pettit, and Harry Venecia approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

39. Appointments to the Local Planning Agency.

Individual 2017 appointments of Bill Bucolo, Gerald Figurski, Regina Kardash, Steven Klar, Susan Reiter, Ronald Schultz, Paul Wikle, and Valarie Murray (alternate) approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

40. Appointments to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board.

Individual 2017 appointments of Bill Bucolo, Mathew Eberius, Shelby Freeman, Dave Kandz, Janet Martin, Mary Ann Renfrow, and Mary Rogero approved. John Gray and Manitia Moultrie appointed by the Commission as a whole. Appointment of Iris Champlin by the Youth Advisory Committee approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

41. Appointments to the Historical Commission.

Individual 2017 appointments of Sandy Bozeman, Carla Bristol, Terry Fortner, Jim King, and Jim Schnur approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrone

42. Appointments to 2017 Committees and Boards by the Chairman-Elect.

Referring to a document titled *2017 Committee Board Appointments by Incoming Chair*, Chairman Justice noted that the appointees for Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Tampa Bay Water, Gulf Consortium, AMSkills, and the Early Learning Coalition are traditionally nominated by the Chairman-Elect for approval by the Board.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Chairman Justice indicated that approval of the remaining appointments is ceremonial in nature.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

43. County Commission miscellaneous.

Earlier in the meeting, the members presented Chairman Justice with an appreciation gift and plaque for his dedication, goodwill, and steady leadership over the past year, and presented a donation of \$200 in his name to Steve Cleveland of the Florida Dream Center to benefit children in Lealman.

The members wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and a Blessed New Year.

Commissioner Gerard

- Reported that Tampa Bay Water continues to monitor the area's well water and has reported no issues.
- Inquired as to the status of a citizen's request to add a Hall of Fame at the Gulf Coast Museum; whereupon, Mr. Woodard noted an increased interest in the property and indicated that a Request for Proposal could be issued next year.

Commissioner Eggers

- Thanked the Cities of Tarpon Springs and Dunedin for providing successful holiday parades over the past weekend and noted upcoming parades in Safety Harbor and Palm Harbor.
- Discussed his attendance at last Friday's Active Live Shooter training exercise for first responders and thanked those involved with the event.

Commissioner Long

- Related that Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority have agreed to an Interlocal Agreement to work together on six common issues which could lead to a more formal consolidation in the future.
- Provided information on the upcoming Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council workshop.
- Referred to an article about the Armed Forces Museum closure and asked for ideas on potential homes for the Museum's remaining inventory.

Chairman Justice

- Thanked Pinellas employees for the purchase of 77 bicycles for children in need.
- Requested approval for \$37,000 from the MSTU Grant Fund to support the Seminole Youth Athletic Association's need for lightning detection, fence repair, and safety nets, and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that \$37,000 from the MSTU Grant Fund be allocated to support the Seminole Youth Athletic Association. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- Noted that appointments made to the Tourist Development Council are the responsibility of the Board by Florida Statute; that the Board has delegated the appointments to other agencies in the recent past; and that it should accept the responsibility and make the appointments going forward.

Following discussion, Chairman Justice noted a consensus for the Board to appoint the Mayor of the largest city and the Mayor of the city that provides the most bed tax, and to receive a list of two or more nominees from the Mayors' Council and the Barrier Islands Government Council (BIG C) for the remaining appointments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the Tourist Development Council appointment process be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Following the vote, Chairman Justice noted that there is a consensus among the Board to implement the process immediately.

- Expressed his appreciation for the Commissioners and County staff and highlighted various accomplishments of the Board during 2016.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:49 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman