

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

2:00 PM

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
John Morrone*

ROLL CALL - 2:02 P.M.

Present: 6 - Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman Karen Williams Seel, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, and Janet C. Long

Absent: 1 - John Morrioni

Also Present: Jewel White, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Jeanette L. Phillips, Director, Finance Division; and Chris Bartlett and Amanda M. Napier, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks

INVOCATION by Reverend Dr. John H. Fullerton, Jr., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dunedin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation:
 - Clarethia Monroe, Utilities
 - Matt Laverdure, Public Works
 - Anousone Eicher, Human Services
 - Jerry Irizarry, Development Review Services
 - Evelyn Esteva-Stephens, Management and Budget

Chairman Welch invited Messrs. Laverdure and Irizarry and Mses. Monroe, Eicher, and Esteva-Stephens to the podium; whereupon, he presented them with a plaque and read a proclamation recognizing May 6 through May 12, 2018 as Employee Appreciation Week. Mr. Woodard thanked the employees and pointed out that they were all "Doing Things!" awardees. The employees introduced themselves and thanked their departments and co-workers.

2. Arbor Day Proclamation:
 - Michael DePappa, Section Manager, Public Works
 - Jamie Frank, Assistant Operations Manager, Public Works
 - Carolyn Cheatham Rhodes, Urban Forester, Public Works
 - Dave Hinrichs, Assistant Operations Manager, Public Works
 - Matt Hill, Public Works

Chairman Welch invited Messrs. DePappa, Frank, Hinrichs, and Hill and Ms. Cheatham Rhodes to the podium, presented them with a plaque, and read a proclamation recognizing April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day. He stated that the County Commission urges all citizens to back the efforts by the County to protect trees and support the Urban Forestry program.

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Welch indicated that Item No. 26 would be heard at this time.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

- 26.** Resolution supporting the honorary roadway designation of bridge numbers 150202 and 150203 on S.R. 580/Main Street as “Gold Star Family Memorial Bridge, dedicated to U.S. Army Corporal Frank R. Gross.”

Resolution No. 18-21 adopted supporting the honorary roadway designation.

Chairman Welch thanked Toni Gross, Gold Star Mothers President and mother of U.S. Army Corporal Frank R. Gross, for her leadership on behalf of Gold Star families and for the sacrifice of her son.

Ms. Gross expressed her gratitude to the members for honoring, supporting, and remembering the county’s Gold Star families and its veterans. She noted that the Battlefield Cross Memorial, erected at War Veterans’ Memorial Park, demonstrates an appreciation of the sacrifice of fallen soldiers; and that she will be reminded of the County’s kindness and thoughtfulness each time she crosses the bridge; whereupon, the members stated their thanks and appreciation for her work on behalf of all mothers coping with family members who serve, or have served, their country.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrioni

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

- 3.** Partner Presentation:
- Patricia DePlasco, Executive Director, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Inc.

Ms. DePlasco presented information on the focus areas of Keep Pinellas Beautiful and provided statistics on the Pinellas Litter Hotline, where residents can report illegal dumping 24 hours a day. She described various clean-up efforts that occur throughout the year and noted that volunteers have saved taxpayers money by completing community improvement initiatives.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4 through 19 (Item 17 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

4. Vouchers and bills paid from March 25 through April 7, 2018.

Period: March 25 through March 31, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$40,121,553.55

Payroll - None

Period: April 1 through April 7, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$42,124,666.13

Payroll - \$3,634,374.56

Reports received for filing:

5. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2018-04 dated April 5, 2018 - Follow-Up Audit of Code Enforcement Division Operations and Internal Controls.
6. Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report.
7. Largo Community Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report.
8. Pinellas Planning Council Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017.
9. Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2018.
10. Southwest Florida Water Management District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017.

11. Tampa Bay Water Annual Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

12. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending March 31, 2018.
13. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending March 31, 2018.

Parks and Conservation Resources

14. Change Order No.1 to the contract with Duval Landscape Maintenance, LLC for requirements of landscape and grounds maintenance. (Companion to Item #15)

(Contract No. 167-0018-B) Change order approved revising the scope of services and decreasing the contract amount by \$1,992,138.62 for a total estimated expenditure of \$6,695,274.53 (annual amount, \$1,339,054.91). Contract is effective through January 11, 2022.

Public Works

15. Award of bid to NDL, LLC for requirements of maintenance of roadway medians, right of ways, ponds and outparcels. (Companion to Item #14)

Contract No. 178-0178-B in the amount of \$1,238,881.20 (annual amount, \$619,440.60) awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. Contract is for a 24-month term and includes a provision for one 12-month term extension with price adjustments as set forth in the Staff Report.

Bid of Broad Spectrum Infrastructure Inc. and Island Way Property Services, LLC rejected as non-responsive for not meeting bid requirements.
16. Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey, Department of Interior for the Water Discipline Data Collection program.

Agreement approved for the period of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 (total project cost, \$257,200.00; Pinellas County contribution, \$199,774.00; USGS contribution, \$57,426.00). Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Sheriff's Office

18. Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending March 31, 2018.
19. Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending March 31, 2018.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Utilities

17. Award of bid to South Florida Timber Company, Inc. for the sale of surplus pine timber.

Bid No. 178-0134-R in an annual revenue amount of \$549,000.00 for a 36-month term total of \$1,647,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the highest, responsive responsible bid received meeting specifications.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard provided background information on the item and noted that the purpose of the contract is to sell timber grown and harvested at the County's Cross Bar/Al Bar Ranch in Pasco County.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morrioni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

- 20.** Second Amendment to the Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. for construction administration services for the Terminal Improvements Phase 3 project at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Amendment to Contract No. 112-0413-CN approved increasing the amount by \$200,474.83 for a revised total of \$642,185.77 and extending the term through October 26, 2019.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 21.** Second Amendment to the Agreement with American Infrastructure Development Construction Management Services for the Terminal Improvements Phase 3 project at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Amendment to Contract No. 112-0413-CN approved increasing the amount by \$225,328.00 for a revised total of \$956,136.00 and extending the term through October 26, 2019.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

County Administrator

- 22.** Tri-party Capital Project Funding Agreement to support design, renovations, expansions, and improvements to the Spring Training Facility.

Agreement with the City of Dunedin and Rogers Blue Jays Baseball Club approved establishing a County funding commitment not to exceed \$41,700,000.00 and establishing certain tourism promotion and marketing benefits (total anticipated project cost, \$81,044,191.00). County's contribution to be paid over the course of the project timetable during Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021.

Mr. Woodard provided background information and described the Tourist Development Council's Capital Project Funding process, indicating that the applications were vetted by the TDC and by a third-party independent consultant; whereupon, he presented an overview of the agreement, elaborated on the financial impact to the County, and explained the various marketing opportunities available.

Chairman Welch pointed out that the County's contribution will come from Tourist Development Bed Tax funds that must be used for specific items, noting that the money comes from hotel revenue.

Mr. Woodard stated that the item was placed on today's agenda pending the City Commission's approval of the agreement; whereupon, he announced that the item was considered last night and the Council voted 5 to 0 in support of the agreement.

City of Dunedin Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski and City of Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos thanked the Commissioners, Administrator, County Attorney's Office, and other partners, and Mayor Cretekos stated that the Phillies and the City of Clearwater have been communicating with the Blue Jays and have offered the use of Spectrum Field on a one-year basis in the event that there are delays with the project.

Andrew Miller, Toronto Blue Jays Executive Vice President of Business Operations, addressed the Board and noted that the Blue Jays are the only Major League Baseball team that has never moved their Spring Training home; and that the organization has had a 40-year partnership with the City of Dunedin and Pinellas County.

Chairman Welch called for citizens wishing to be heard, and the following individuals provided their comments and support:

Matthew Shuber, Toronto, Canada
Dan Shouvin, Largo
Steven Sandbergen, Dunedin
Jane Sweeney, Dunedin
Gene Snyder, Dunedin

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Mayor Bujalski stated that ad valorem taxes would be between \$350,000 and \$500,000, with the Blue Jays paying the first \$150,000 as outlined in the agreement.

Commissioner Seel congratulated the City of Dunedin for negotiating an outfield wall sign and inquired as to naming rights. Mr. Woodard explained that if the club is unsuccessful in finding a sponsor at the \$100,000 threshold, the naming rights would revert to the

Commission; that sponsorship income would go into the facility's capital reserves; and that if a multi-year naming arrangement was made, the rights could be in place for the term of the agreement.

Responding to queries by the Commissioners, Mr. Woodard related that the marketing and media promotional value was obtained from a study conducted by JLL Consulting and from Visit St. Pete/Clearwater's advertising consultant, and referring to a spreadsheet, he reviewed a projection pertaining to the 40-percent Tourist Development Tax portion allocated for debt service and capital projects, indicating that by Fiscal Year 2021, the Tourist Development Tax fund would have \$28 million with no commitments.

During discussion and responding to comments and queries by Commissioner Long, Mayor Bujalski related that the City has received written conditional approval with regard to the State's contribution, and Mr. Woodard clarified that the projection does not pertain to the TDC's Elite Event program, which is funded by the 60-percent tax allocation for marketing and promotion, and Chairman Welch provided input.

Commissioner Long inquired as to whether the numbers being discussed are still relevant given that the City wished to have the agreement completed by last May, and Mayor Bujalski responded that the numbers are relevant; that the original goal of completion by the 2019 spring training season has been revised to 2020; that there is a provision in the agreement that any cost overruns will be borne by the Blue Jays; and that architects will be making presentations in the next week and she hopes to have one chosen within the next 30 days.

Thereupon, the Commissioners offered their thanks and comments, noting the value of partnerships and the benefits provided to the community.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Planning

- 23.** Resolution approving the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Local Housing Assistance Plan for State Fiscal Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 for submittal to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Resolution No. 18-22 adopted approving the Plan; authorizing the Chairman or designee to execute and the Clerk to attest agreements with vendors, subrecipients, and developers and any necessary documents and certifications needed by the State; authorizing the

Chairman and County Administrator or their designees and the Planning Department Director to submit reports, certifications, and other necessary documents needed by the State; and authorizing the submission of the Plan for review and approval by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Estimated total funding allocation over the three-year period is \$4,892,931.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

- 24.** Resolution approving technical revisions to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Local Housing Assistance Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018.

Resolution No. 18-23 adopted approving the revisions and authorizing the submission of the Plan to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Public Works

- 25.** Traffic calming plan requiring the installation of two multi-way stop conditions located on Republic Drive at Kimberly Court, and Marsha Drive between Belcher Road and U.S. Highway 19 North, plus one electronic speed feedback sign on Republic Drive located west of U.S. Highway 19 North.

Plan approved in accordance with the County's Residential Traffic Management program; cost of installation estimated at \$7,035.36, with an anticipated additional cost of \$912.84 per year for maintenance.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Solid Waste

27. Ranking of firms and agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for a Solid Waste Master Plan.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 167-0471-NC approved in the amount of \$800,000.00 for a term of 365 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard related that the Solid Waste Master Plan is a critical part of the 2024 deadline involving the Waste-to-Energy Plant; that the County has not had a new Master Plan in over 30 years; and that part of the plan is to look towards a regional approach to waste management in cooperation with waste-to-energy plants in neighboring counties as partners and collaborators.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

28. County Administrator Miscellaneous.

School Resource Officer Funding Update

Referring to correspondence from Sheriff Gualtieri and a recent conversation with Pinellas County School Superintendent Michael Grego, Mr. Woodard provided an update on School Resource Officer (SRO) funding. He related that the Sheriff's Office estimated costs to provide an officer to each school within its service area, including a staffing multiplier and supervision as well as start-up costs such as vehicles and other equipment.

Mr. Woodard indicated that Superintendent Grego is working with the School Board and municipalities to meet the state mandate within each jurisdiction in cooperation with the School District. He noted that the Superintendent has indicated that the District can provide \$58,000 per SRO in funding; that it has sufficient fund balance and reserves to cover one-time costs, if needed; and that both the Superintendent and School Board are reluctant to ask for an increase in property tax, despite having the ability to take a ballot initiative to the voters in August to help fund the mandate.

Mr. Woodard discussed various options and indicated that simultaneous discussions are ongoing between the Sheriff, Superintendent, and several municipalities. He noted that the School District has indicated that it has a small police department that is currently expanding its number of officers; that salary and benefits for a ten-month contract cost around \$47,000; and that the biggest challenge is being able to fill the needed positions in such a short period of time.

Mr. Woodard indicated that expanding the School District's police department is a more cost-effective way to address the mandate and minimize the need for additional support from the County; that he has asked Superintendent Grego to meet with Sheriff Gualtieri and report back as to which needs would be met by what resource; and that the Board would likely receive a more formal update in the near future.

Chairman Welch stated that School Board Chairperson Rene Flowers recently shared a copy of a letter written by City of Largo Mayor Louis "Woody" Brown and addressed to Governor Rick Scott, and indicated that the letter asked for the following three actions:

1. That funding for school safety specific to school resource officers be revisited should the Florida Legislature hold a special session, or the Joint Legislative Budget Commission choose to convene.
2. That a majority of the funds earmarked for the Guardian Program be transferred to the Safe Schools allocation in order to provide funds for additional school resource officers.
3. That any remaining funds be utilized to enhance school hardening and other safe school initiatives.

Chairman Welch stated that upon the members' approval, he would send a similar letter on behalf of the Board, and Commissioner Gerard concurred.

Commissioner Seel indicated that if the School District chooses to staff SROs from its own department, it would likely be the best course of action; and that she encourages careful thinking on ways to support that action in the interim and for any requested capital investments, and discussion ensued.

Reappropriation of BP Settlement Funds

Mr. Woodard related that the Greater Mount Zion A.M.E. Church received a \$92,000 BP funding allocation from the Board to proceed with a proposed restoration project of the historic Lincoln Cemetery; that through no fault of the church, efforts have been unsuccessful in advancing the project due to an inability to secure clear title and ownership to the land; and

that the Church has put forward an alternative project that would use the same amount of funding in partnership with the University of Florida to address early learning and reading, targeting second through fifth graders within the south county area.

Mr. Woodard noted that the community need for early learning and reading is well established and documented; and that the Mount Zion Church has been vetted as an organization by the County; whereupon, he recommended that the Board request County staff to move forward and develop a funding agreement with the Church for the Cross and Anvil Reading Program.

Chairman Welch stated that he would support the recommendation, and indicated that the targeted area is within the south side Community Redevelopment Area; and that the Church has acted in good faith. He noted that a separate organization has made good progress towards restoration of the cemetery; and that an active title issue and existing liens on the cemetery property by the City of Gulfport are among several issues that remain unresolved. He indicated that once the issues have been cleared, he would be in favor of providing support for the cemetery through a decision package or other means. Discussion ensued and several members concurred with the recommendation.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Woodard indicated that he would ask the Church to provide its plans for sustaining the program once the initial funding is exhausted; that a handful of other awarded projects are behind schedule but remain funded at this time; and that there is roughly \$35,000 of BP settlement funds that have never been programmed.

Commissioner Seel clarified that approximately \$250,000 remain available in BP funds for affordable housing; that she is working on a proposal to fund an emergency family shelter program; and that she hopes it will be funded on an ongoing basis to help establish the shelter beyond its first year. She noted that the Juvenile Welfare Board vetted her proposal and found it to be a worthwhile program.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ATTORNEY

29. County Attorney Miscellaneous.

Attorney White recognized Paralegal Christine Kelley, who is retiring. She noted that after working six months during 1979 as a temporary receptionist for then County Attorney W. Gray Dunlop, Ms. Kelley returned to the County in 2000 as a paralegal and has been working on the County's civil litigation cases; whereupon, she thanked Ms. Kelley for her service on behalf of the County Attorney's Office.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

30. County Administrator Reports:
- Doing Things! TV - Reaching Out to the Community

Noting the extended length of the meeting, Mr. Woodard stated that he would defer the item to a later time.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

31. Public Comment.

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re HB 7069

Greg Pound, Largo, re DCF

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re King Edward VI/defacto (submitted documents)

COUNTY COMMISSION

32. Appointments to WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Economic Development Executive Director Mike Meidel provided information on the requirements of the appointment process, relating that the current board has 29 members and can operate as it is without new appointments; that the law requires 50 percent of new members to be selected from the Business category, which has five qualified applicants; and that the Commissioners may choose to appoint up to ten applicants total; whereupon, he discussed various options that would maintain the proper ratio and responded to queries by the members.

- William Apple, Candida Duff, Michael Gliner, Barclay Harless, and Chad Simpson appointed in the Business category following a ballot vote.
- Jody Armstrong, Michael Jalazo, and Zachary White appointed in the Workforce category following a ballot vote.
- Bill Law appointed in the Government, Economic Development, Community Development, and Other category following a ballot vote.
- Andrea Henning and Mark Hunt appointed in the Education and Training category following a ballot vote.

During the voting process, Mr. Woodard provided an update on Commissioner Morroni's progress, and Chairman Welch indicated that there is a need to appoint Canvassing Board representatives for the upcoming elections in August and November. Following discussion, Attorney White noted that there was consensus among the members for her to contact Herb Polson and Calvin Harris, who have served on the Canvassing Board several times in the past.

- 33.** Appointment to the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Iris Parrish appointed for a term to expire on December 31, 2020, following a ballot vote.

- 34.** County Commission New Business Items:

- Federal Government Relations Services Contract (BCC)
- Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) Funding Requests (Commissioner Long)
- CareerSource Pinellas Update (Commissioner Gerard)

Federal Government Relations Services Contract

Mr. Woodard indicated that the current contract with Van Scoyoc Associates will expire at the end of this year; that the City of Clearwater has completed a competitive process that resulted in a new contract award to Van Scoyoc; and that the Board could choose to pursue a new contract with Van Scoyoc in tandem with the City's process, or direct staff to circulate a request for proposals to test the market.

In response to query by Chairman Welch, Mr. Woodard related that the City's contract is for a five-year term; that the Board would be obligated to the same terms and conditions as agreed upon by the City; and that the contract allows either party to cancel at any time with a 30-day written notice. He clarified that staff is seeking the Board's direction on how to proceed and does not require a formal decision at this time, and Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack provided input and responded to queries by the members.

Following discussion, Chairman Welch indicated that staff has sufficient direction to retain Van Scoyoc Associates, and Mr. Woodard stated that staff will bring the matter back to the Board for a formal vote later this year.

MSTU Funding Requests

Commissioner Long indicated that she would withdraw the item to allow for further clarification of the requests.

CareerSource Pinellas Update

Commissioner Gerard related that a letter asking current members to reapply for the board was distributed last week; and that two applications have been received.

35. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

Chairman Welch started a discussion to review the County Administrator Profile document, and the members provided input regarding edits needed to correct spelling, capitalization, and other minor errors in the document; whereupon, Chairman Welch noted that the members should have the target dates of July 19 and August 13 and 14 reserved in their calendars.

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

Commissioner Eggers

- The Tampa Bay Water Board has set its budget at \$177 million and is discussing its long-term water supply plan and its five strategic goals: maintain reliability, increase efficiency, maintain financial stability and sustainability, maintain collaborative relationships, and ensure safety and security.
- Thanked Commissioners Long and Gerard for attending the Council of North County Neighborhoods town hall meeting with him in Palm Harbor.
- Congratulated the City of Dunedin for being recognized as the first Trail Town in Florida by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.
- Thanked the County Administrator for providing support for his upcoming meeting with residents of Spanish Acres.

Commissioner Seel

- The Homeless Leadership Board is pursuing a grant to help address the need for medical respite care, and a separate grant that would enhance the Board's website and help train staff who work with residents in shelter care.

Commissioner Gerard

- Reported that she represented the Board at the Arts for Complete Education breakfast.
- Noted that the Public Safety Coordinating Council is seeking an appointment, and Chairman Welch provided input.
- Prompted a brief discussion regarding home rule and a related lawsuit brought forth by municipalities, including St. Petersburg and Tampa.

Commissioner Long

- The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) is seeking financial commitments from its county partners, and has selected a recruitment firm. She encouraged Chairman Welch to invite the TBARTA Chair Jim Holton to a future meeting to provide an update on the agency's vision.
- The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) rodeo will be held on the first Sunday in May, the order of electric buses will be delivered sooner than expected and in time for the upcoming conference in Tampa, the spring break initiative to provide free bus rides out to Clearwater Beach was overwhelmingly successful, and the daily trips to Tampa International Airport will begin on June 17.
- Noted that she has been appointed by the PSTA as its representative to Forward Pinellas.
- Indicated that she attended the City of St. Petersburg's sustainability conference and the Economic Development Council, where she presented an update on behalf of the Board.
- Reported that she has asked Attorney White to research noise abatement to help address ongoing issues in Tierra Verde, and that the City of Indian Rocks Beach will hold a town hall meeting on May 11 to address the issue.
- Related that several Pinellas County neighborhoods have been recommended for designation as Low Tax Opportunity Zones.

Chairman Welch

- Provided comments regarding his Economic Development trip to Mexico City.
- The Economic Development Council is discussing rising sea level changes and its Small Business Enterprise program.
- Encouraged starting a discussion on using the Bed Tax for transit and other infrastructure.
- The Business Technology Services Board is discussing its budget and decision package items.
- Noted that the upcoming year will be challenging, citing issues such as unknown costs for school resource officers, the referendum for a third homestead exception, and other concerns.
- The Tourist Development Council workshop in May is open to everyone to attend and will focus primarily on Elite Events funding and transit options.

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

- 36.** Q Z/LU-01-01-18 (Berati 2, LLC) (*Withdrawn by applicant)
A request for a zoning change from C-2, General Retail Commercial & Limited Services to C-2-CO, General Retail Commercial & Limited Services-Conditional Overlay with the Conditional Overlay limiting the use of the subject property to the outdoor, indoor and/or covered storage of automobiles, recreational vehicles and/or boats, and a land use change from Residential Low Medium to Commercial General on approximately 1.5 acres located approximately 380 feet west of U.S. Highway 19 North and 495 feet south of Central Avenue in unincorporated Largo (a portion of parcel 30/29/16/55044/000/0024).

Chairman Welch announced that the item has been withdrawn by the applicant.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:45 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman