

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

2:00 PM

Public Hearings at 6:00 PM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 2:17 P.M.

Present: 7 - Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman Karen Williams Seel, Jay J. Beyrouti, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, and Janet C. Long

Others Present: Jewel White, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller; and Chris Bartlett, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Largo.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. National Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation:
 - Paul Cozzie, Director, Parks and Conservation Resources
 - Matthew Eberius, Chairman, Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory BoardChairman Welch read a proclamation recognizing July 2018 as National Recreation and Parks Month, and Messrs. Cozzi and Eberius provided brief comments.

2. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:
 - Kathy Barile, Chief Park Ranger, Parks and Conservation ResourcesChairman Welch and Mr. Woodard recognized Ms. Barile for her work as Chief Park Ranger, and a video was shown highlighting the services she provides.

3. Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada Distinguished Budget Presentation Award:
 - Bill Berger, Director, Office of Management & BudgetChairman Welch and Mr. Woodard presented Mr. Berger and the Office of Management and Budget staff with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the development of the 2018 fiscal year budget, noting the extensive qualification criteria.

Mark Woodard, County Administrator, 30-Year Service Award

Chairman Welch presented Mr. Woodard with a 30-year pin in recognition of his service to Pinellas County, noting that he began as a Senior Financial Management Analyst and held several leadership positions prior to his appointment as County Administrator in 2014.

4. Partner Presentation:
- John Thomas, Board President, Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation
 - Vernon Bryant, Executive Director, Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation which has been made a part of the record, Mr. Bryant discussed the Foundation's partnership with the Parks and Conservation Resources Department, noting how the organizations work together with respect to the physical gardens, special events, public education, marketing and public relations, and fundraising activities. He reviewed various funding sources, including memberships, sponsorships, and events, and Mr. Thomas provided an overview of how the funds are spent, highlighting major projects and events.

Mr. Thomas related that the Foundation is working with Parks and Conservation Services staff and a nationally recognized landscape architect to create a Master Plan to revitalize the Gardens to improve the visitor experience; whereupon, he discussed future events and fundraising opportunities, noting plans to collaborate with various other organizations.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 22 (Items 15, 18, and 19 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meetings held June 5 and June 19, 2018.
6. Vouchers and bills paid from May 20 through June 30, 2018.

Period: May 20 through May 26, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$17,370,639.41

Payroll - None

Period: May 27 through June 2, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$23,873,262.36

Payroll - \$3,473,356.75

Period: June 3 through June 9, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$36,525,552.78

Payroll - None

Period: June 10 through June 16, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$20,974,673.66

Payroll - \$3,574,281.97

Period: June 17 through June 23, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$7,061,276.65

Payroll - None

Period: June 24 through June 30, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$34,190,540.30

Payroll - \$3,810,965.81

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

7. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9152-18 adopted on June 7, 2018, annexing certain properties.
8. City of Dunedin Notice of Public Hearing to be held August 23, 2018, regarding proposed Ordinance No. 18-21 annexing certain property.
9. City of Seminole Ordinances Nos. 10-2018 through 12-2018 adopted May 22, 2018, annexing certain properties.
10. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019, pursuant to Chapter 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

11. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending June 30, 2018.
12. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2018.

Development Review Services

13. Plat of Creekview Estates, private street sign installation guarantee, and sidewalk guarantee for recording.
Plat and guarantees from Gulfwind Contracting, LLC accepted and approved for recording.
14. Plat of Enclave of Palm Harbor.
Plat submitted by Pulte Home Company, LLC accepted and approved for recording.

Public Works

- 16.** Award of bid to Florida Safety Contractors, Inc. for the Pine Street sidewalk upgrade project from Wilcox Road to 134th Avenue North.

Bid No.178-0350-CP (PID No. 001756A) in the amount of \$426,957.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 270 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and Clerk to attest.

- 17.** Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for replacement of span wire supported traffic signals with mast arm traffic signals.

Application submission approved for grant funding in the amount of \$3,906,317.00; County to provide a 35 percent local match in the amount of \$2,093,683.00, for a total project cost of \$6,000,000.00.

Utilities

- 20.** Award of bid to Odyssey Manufacturing Company for requirements of sodium hypochlorite.

Contract No. 178-0270-B in the annual amount of \$975,190.00 (total amount, \$4,875,950.00) awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a five year term and provides for price adjustments at 12-month intervals as set forth in the Staff Report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 21.** Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Lisa C. Carter v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-002600-CI-11 - allegations of discrimination.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Sheriff's Office

- 22.** Fiscal Year 2018 Board Budget Amendment No. 1 supplementing the Sheriff's General Fund Budget for increased Florida Retirement System costs.

Amendment approved realigning appropriation in the amount of \$172,270.00 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to the Sheriff's Office cost center.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Economic Development

15. Application for federal assistance to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the Tampa Bay Innovation Center Incubator.

Application submission approved for grant funding in the amount of \$9,000,000.00 to design and construct a 40,000- to 50,000-square-foot purpose-built, state-of-the-art business incubator facility (total estimated project cost, \$12,000,000.00). Chairman authorized to sign the application and the Clerk to attest.

Referring to Agenda Item No. 35, Commissioner Seel expressed concern that the Board is being asked to approve a response to the Request for Proposal in connection with the project prior to securing the required grant funding; whereupon, Mr. Woodard related that Item No. 15 pertains only to the grant application; that the City of St. Petersburg would contribute the land; that the County has previously sought both state and federal assistance for the project, without success; and that the grant provides a new opportunity utilizing the Hurricane Irma Disaster Fund.

Responding to queries by the members, Director of Economic Development Mike Meidel indicated that the proposal is tied to the specified land site, but there would likely be some flexibility should the land becomes unavailable; that the best alternative would be the Tropicana Field site, but the time parameters to secure federal funds may be prohibitive; and that research has been conducted to identify other sites, but a 40,000- to 50,000-square-foot building would be required to make the project feasible.

At the request of Commissioner Long, Chairman Welch directed that the item be deferred until later in the meeting. Following the discussion and vote on Item No. 35, action was taken on Item No. 15, as follows:

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

Purchasing

18. Award of bid to L&T Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Lowes Commercial Painting for exterior and infrastructure painting services.

Contract No. 178-0405-B in the annual amount of \$821,000.00 (total amount, \$4,105,000.00) awarded on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. Contract is for a five-year term and provides for price adjustments at 12-month intervals as set forth in the Staff Report.

Bids from Florida's Choice Home Improvements LLC and Kimszal Contracting, Inc. rejected for being non-responsive for not meeting specifications pertaining to licensure.

Chairman Welch inquired as to whether the bid process specified opportunities or requirements for participation by Small Business Enterprise contractors or subcontractors, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

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

- 19.** Authority to advertise a public hearing regarding proposed modifications to the Pinellas County Code related to purchasing.

Clerk authorized to advertise a public hearing to be held on August 7, 2018 pertaining to the modifications.

Responding to query by Chairman Welch, Mr. Woodard related that a consultant's report was received approximately two weeks ago and is currently under review; and that he would inquire as to the opportunity to include Small Business Enterprise language in the revised Code.

Mr. Woodard related that the proposed modifications include housekeeping changes to provide clarity, as well as a more substantive change relating to authority delegated to the County Administrator, noting that any additional changes could be addressed at a future date.

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

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Welch indicated that the Cross Bay Ferry project would be brought forward from Agenda Item No. 45 and discussed at this time.

- 45.** County Commission New Business Items:
- Cross Bay Ferry Project (Commissioner Welch)

City of St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman conducted a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information regarding the original pilot project, including ridership statistics, demographics, and comparisons to alternative transit options in the region.

Mayor Kriseman related that Hillsborough County officials are pursuing the creation of a permanent ferry service to and from MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa; that it would serve commuters from southern Hillsborough County during the day; and that it could potentially serve Pinellas County on nights and weekends by connecting Downtown St. Petersburg to Downtown Tampa. He indicated that a seasonal service connecting both downtowns would lay the groundwork for when permanent ferry service comes online in a couple of years.

Mayor Kriseman stated that the City of St. Petersburg issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and subsequently selected HMS Ferries, Inc. to operate the Cross Bay Ferry service for the new season; that HMS was the operator previously chosen for the pilot project; and that HMS is willing to assume more risk, which has reduced the funding amount needed from each of the participating governments. He noted that each government contributed \$350,000 for the pilot project completed two years earlier; and that for the current project, each government partner would be asked to contribute \$150,000 for a six-month program beginning in November and continuing through the end of April; whereupon, he discussed benchmarks and expectations for the service and revenue sharing.

In response to queries by Chairman Welch, Mayor Kriseman stated that notification to reserve the boat needs to be submitted to HMS by August 1; and that funding from partner governments would not be needed until the start of the next fiscal year in October, and Mr. Woodard noted that the Cross Bay Ferry is a decision package as part of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019; that it remains deferred until the involvement of the other partner governments is confirmed; and that resources within the Transportation Trust Fund have been identified that could be used for funding should the Board decide to move ahead with the project. He indicated that there may be an opportunity to request Tourist Development Tax money if a nexus between the project and tourism can be established.

Chairman Welch stated that he is seeking consensus among the members to support the project; and that a formal vote will be scheduled for a future meeting, and Commissioner Long provided input, indicating that a clear vision is needed long term; and that grants may be available to purchase one or more ferry boats.

Mayor Kriseman related that he is asking for support for this year only; that subsequent years would be pursued should the ridership continue to increase; and that he expects the amount of the request would continue to decrease each year. He indicated that in the long term, more boats could be added allowing for shorter wait times; that service could expand to include the Westshore area as a destination; and that partnerships with other local ferry services could help connect the entire county.

Responding to queries by the members, Mayor Kriseman stated that it would cost approximately \$3 million to purchase a boat; and that the City received no more than three bids in response to its RFP. Commissioner Eggers indicated that subsidizing another transportation or transit service is cause for concern; that it is not a good use of tax dollars; and that he would prefer to see the project supported through private enterprise and not through the public sector, and discussion ensued regarding marketing and the need to see prepared budget statements and long-term projections.

Commissioner Justice related that the County's contribution for the pilot year of the project was funded using BP Oil Spill Settlement funds, which are no longer available to fund the proposed project; and that moving forward, the ferry must continue to operate during the area's key events by avoiding blackout dates as experienced in the first year of the program. He noted that marketing through the Tourist Development Council, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, and other organizations, where appropriate, could help spread the risk and contribution levels of each partner, and Commissioner Gerard concurred and provided input.

In response to query by Commissioner Seel, Mayor Kriseman related that the Clearwater Ferry organization was aware of the RFP; and that it may have had issues with the size and scale of the service; whereupon, Commissioner Seel noted that the Clearwater Ferry has recently expanded its service to Dunedin without asking for additional subsidies from local government, and discussion ensued.

Chairman Welch indicated that there is support among the members to move forward and approve the proposed budget for the project. Mayor Kriseman noted that he will provide the budget and other requested information when he returns with a formal contract in the future.

Noting that Mayor Kriseman was at the podium from the previous item, Commissioner Seel recommended that Item No. 35 be discussed out of sequence, and no objections were noted.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Real Estate Management

- 35.** Response to the Request for Proposal for the Development of City of St. Petersburg-owned Property within the Innovation District.

County Administrator granted authority to submit a response pertaining to property located at the southwest corner of 4th Street South and 11th Avenue South in St. Petersburg, and to approve amendments, certifications, and other documentation related thereto; to approve preliminary plans to use the site as an incubator; and to approve the expenditure of \$12 million for the incubator facility, with \$3 million dedicated from the County, contingent upon the County receiving a \$9 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to fund the balance of the project. County authorized to acquire the property through purchase for a nominal amount or donation, or long term lease for nominal rent; and to approve entering into a binding agreement to ensure completion of the proposed project pursuant to the Request for Proposal, if selected.

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the property, indicating that it has been identified as the proposed future site for a technology incubator; that following

unsuccessful attempts to secure funding, the City of St. Petersburg issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop the land; and that the agenda item authorizes submittal of a proposal requesting that the City reserve the parcel as the future home of the incubator, noting that Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin indicated that the City would be receptive to such a request.

Commissioner Seel inquired as to whether the County could hold off on its response pending approval of the grant application; whereupon, Director of Economic Development Mike Meidel related that the funding for this request would be obtained through a nationwide disaster recovery fund; and that while there is no deadline for applying, he has been encouraged by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to act quickly, as funding is provided on a first-come-first-served basis. Noting that the pre-application referred to in Agenda Item No. 15 is ready for approval and can be submitted electronically, he discussed the application and approval process, indicating that funds could be awarded as soon as 90 to 120 days.

Discussion ensued, and Mayor Kriseman provided input and responded to queries by the members. Noting that considerable staff time will be involved in preparing the grant application, Commissioner Gerard suggested that the RFP be terminated. Mayor Kriseman stated he would discuss the matter with his staff, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

During continued discussion and responding to comments and queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Meidel provided information pertaining to possible funding sources, including the federal disaster fund, the Penny for Pinellas surtax, and the potential sale of the Science, Technology and Research (STAR) Center.

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

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

Chairman Welch requested that Agenda Item No. 37 be addressed at this time, and no objections were noted.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

CareerSource Pinellas

37. Revised 2018 two-year modification to the 2016-2020 Local Workforce Services Plan.

Modification approved as requested by the CareerSource Pinellas Board. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 23.** Second Amendment to the contract with Miles Partnership, LLLP for requirements of digital marketing services for the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Amendment to Contract No. 156-0447-P approved increasing the amount by \$7,600,000.00 for a revised total expenditure in the amount of \$20,850,000.00 through December 31, 2021 (revised annual expenditure, \$4,550,000.00). Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

- 24.** Fiscal Year 2019 Elite Event funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council.

Recommendations approved to fund the following Fiscal Year 2019 Elite Events for a total maximum expenditure in the amount of \$752,900.00, as delineated in the Staff Report: Valspar PGA Championship, Pure Silk Saint Pete Clearwater LPGA Classic, Outback Bowl/Clearwater Beach Day, Hooters Clearwater Super Boat National Championship, Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival, Clearwater Seafood & Blues Festival, St. Pete Pride, Sanding Ovations, King of the Beach (Fall), and King of the Beach (Spring).

In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Chairman Welch clarified that the Gasparilla Bowl application has been revised and resubmitted, and will be a topic of discussion at tomorrow's Tourist Development Council meeting.

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater Chief Operating Officer Tim Ramsberger discussed the Sanding Ovations event, and Commissioner Justice provided input.

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

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

Human Services

- 25.** First Option of Renewal and Amendment 3 to the Agreement with Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. for Pinellas Hope Emergency Shelter.

Agreement approved extending the contract through September 30, 2019, reflecting a name change for the Pinellas Homeless Management Information System, and including requirements to implement Housing First and coordinated entry principles and utilize a universal release of information form.

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

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

- 26.** First Option of Renewal and Amendment 1 to the Agreement with Boley Centers, Inc. for supportive housing.

Agreement approved extending the contract through September 30, 2019, reflecting a name change for the Pinellas Homeless Management Information System, and including requirements to implement Housing First and coordinated entry principles and utilize a universal release of information form.

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

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

- 27.** First Option of Renewal of the funding agreement with 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. for call center operations.

Agreement approved extending the contract through September 30, 2019.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares President and CEO Micki Thompson discussed the benefits of the additional funding that was approved by the Board for 2018 and provided statistical information regarding the satisfaction rate and calls handled by the suicide prevention and sexual assault hotlines, noting that staff additions, an increase in pay, and the increase in use of the texting application have contributed to better coverage of increased call volume, but there are still needs to be addressed.

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

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

Planning

- 28.** Contract for sale and purchase with Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County for the sale of six parcels.

Contract No. 167-0251-RN awarded in the revenue amount of \$75,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the Contract for Sale and Purchase.

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

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

- 29.** Agreement between Pinellas County and Lealman Community District Services, Inc. authorizing the County to be the agent to receive State funding appropriated pursuant to Appropriations Project Request #0917 and committing the County to complete identified projects in the Lealman community. (Companion to Item No. 30)

Agreement ratified, allowing the County to accept funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to be applied to the Lealman Community Campus and for additional capital improvements identified in the project list.

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

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

- 30.** Agreement between Pinellas County and Florida Department of Equal Opportunity to receive funds awarded by Appropriations Project Request #0917 to be applied toward the purchase price of the Lealman Community Campus. (Companion to Item No. 29)

Agreement ratified, allowing the County to accept funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Commissioner Justice thanked the state agencies involved for their efforts during the negotiation process, indicating that staff members did a good job and were a pleasure to work with.

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

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

Public Works

- 31.** Road transfer interlocal agreement with the City of Belleair Bluffs for the transfer of specific roadway segments.

Agreement approved transferring a roadway segment as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the agreement; Clerk authorized to record the agreement, with exhibits, and the corresponding right-of-way map.

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

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

- 32.** Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for installation of fiber optic cable for the Alternate U.S. Highway 19 South Advanced Traffic Management System project from U.S. Highway 19 (34th Street) to S.R. 60 (Gulf to Bay Boulevard).

(CSXT Agreement No. CSX858401; County PID No. 002598A) Agreement approved retroactive to March 13, 2018 and remains in effect until completion of project construction, but no longer than five years from the effective date. Fees include a \$1,500.00 one-time license fee, Railroad Protective Liability insurance, and flagging services at approximately \$800.00 per day. County is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of project activities with regard to CSXT facilities and/or encroachment. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Real Estate Management

- 33.** Declare County-owned property surplus and authorize transfer of the parcel to the City of Tarpon Springs.

Resolution No. 18-39 adopted declaring the property as surplus and authorizing its conveyance at no cost, pursuant to Section 125.38, Florida Statutes. Chairman authorized to sign the County Deed and the Clerk to attest. Clerk authorized to record the resolution and deed.

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

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

- 34.** Declare escheated property surplus and authorize transfer of the property by donation to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc.

Resolution No. 18-40 adopted declaring the property as surplus and authorizing its donation, pursuant Section 125.38, Florida Statutes. Chairman authorized to sign the County Deed and the Clerk to attest. Clerk authorized to record the resolution and deed.

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

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

Utilities

- 36.** Sewer Service Area and Supply Agreement for the treatment of the County's wastewater and purchase of reclaimed water from the City of Oldsmar.

Agreement approved for a period of ten years, maintaining the current sewer treatment fee of \$3.43 per thousand gallons and increasing the reclaimed water delivery fee from \$0.10 to \$0.50 per thousand gallons. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

At the request of Commissioner Seel, Interim Utilities Director Megan Ross confirmed that the County has a similar agreement with the City of Clearwater for the North County reclaimed water system, and agreed to look into the expiration date and fee structure of the Clearwater agreement.

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

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

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

- 38.** Resolution approving the issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project.

Resolution No. 18-41 adopted approving the issuance of the bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$9,500,000.00 for the benefit of SP Pinellas I LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or its affiliate; no County general funds are required; all lendable funds are generated from the sale of tax-exempt housing bonds and the sale of low income housing tax credits from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

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

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

Industrial Development Authority

39. Resolution to amend the financing agreement relating to the Authority's Industrial Development Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2012, which were issued on behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Suncoast, Inc.

Sitting as the Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority d/b/a the Pinellas County Economic Development Authority, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-44 amending the agreement and modifying the interest rate formulas applicable to the Series 2012 Bonds, resulting in a lower variable interest rate.

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

40. County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Contractor Licensing Department

Strategic Planning and Initiatives Director Jake Stowers conducted a PowerPoint presentation and provided a brief overview of the newly established Pinellas County Contractor Licensing Department, noting that Glenn Wardell has been chosen as its Director after recently serving as the County's Interim Building Director.

Mr. Stowers indicated that the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB) is now operating as a dependent agency of the Board of County Commissioners; that it will seat a 15-member board with established term limits; and that the members are appointed by the County Commission as a whole. He noted that the new department will be the administrative arm of the PCCLB; and that the County will have greater control over planning, coordination, and protection of services, which will ensure a safer and more secure community; whereupon, he discussed the process of licensing contractors and the makeup of the Board and its vacant positions.

Mr. Stowers stated that day-to-day tasks regarding Consumer Protection issues will be handled by the new department; and that the Sheriff's Office will continue to be involved with certain operations either directly with the Contractor Licensing Department or with Consumer Affairs. He related that recent modifications installed by the Office of Technology and Innovation have greatly increased the functionality of PCCLB-related systems, and Mr. Woodard indicated that the Office of Management and Budget and other departments have improved procedures and the flow of operations to help automate certain processes.

Commissioner Long suggested that a similar presentation be made at the next joint Legislative meeting, and Chairman Welch concurred. Mr. Stowers related that the Legislative amendment allows the County to ask for state funding over the next three years, and Chairman Welch indicated that he has sent a letter to the Governor.

Mr. Stowers stated that the department will move into the Young-Rainey STAR Center in Largo towards the end of August, and in response to query by Commissioner Seel, noted that the department has a staff of 12 full-time-equivalent employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

41. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Jerome Lascko v. Sun Country Properties, Inc.; HUD Case No. 04-18-1577-8; PC Case No. 18-030 - alleged housing discrimination.

County Attorney authorized to initiate litigation.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Seel, 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 Beyrouti

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long

42. County Attorney Miscellaneous.

Public official bond approved for Commissioner Jay J. Beyrouti, in accordance with Section 137.01, Florida Statutes.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Beyrouti

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chairman Seel, and Commissioner Long

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

43. County Administrator Reports:
- House Bill 631 Possession of Real Property (Public Beach Access)
 - Doing Things! TV - "Preserving Our Coastal Environment"
 - Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Presentation

House Bill 631 Possession of Real Property (Public Beach Access)

Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack conducted a PowerPoint presentation and provided a review of the bill, noting that it went into effect on July 1. He related that the public at-large has a general right to use certain dry sand areas of the beach for recreational purposes, which is often referred to as "customary use"; that property owners may not use traditional causes of action to stop such public use of private land; and that

some local governments have enacted customary use ordinances along their beaches.

Mr. Lowack stated that HB 631 prohibits a governmental entity from adopting an ordinance or rule establishing recreational customary use of privately owned dry sand areas, unless such an ordinance or rule is based upon judicial declaration affirming recreational customary use of the beach; and that the bill establishes a process by which a governmental entity may seek a judicial declaration. He indicated that the bill does not directly affect the statewide beach management program, beach restoration, nourishment, or erosion control projects; that everything seaward of the established erosion control line (ECL) is vested in the state; and that everything landward of the ECL is vested by the private property owner.

In response to queries by Commissioner Justice, Mr. Lowack stated that the County does not have a customary use ordinance; that the cities of North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Indian Rocks Beach, and St. Pete Beach have all passed customary use ordinances along their beaches, which were all adopted in June 2018; and that the bill does not affect any ordinances adopted prior to January 1, 2016. He noted that a portion of the bill says the law would not deprive a local governmental entity from raising customary uses in affirmative defense in any proceedings challenging an ordinance adopted prior to July 2018, and Attorney White provided input.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Lowack indicated that the impact on the County is minimal; that at least three of the four city ordinances are similar in language; and that Governor Rick Scott issued an executive order last week to help clarify the legislation, which includes a moratorium on state agencies from enacting policies limiting the public's access to Florida beaches, directing the Department of Environmental Protection to act as the public's advocate regarding the issue, among other protections.

Doing Things! TV - "Preserving Our Coastal Environment"

Following introduction by Mr. Woodard, a video was shown highlighting the importance of preserving the County's coastal environment.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Presentation

Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger conducted a PowerPoint presentation and Mr. Woodard provided an overview of the proposal, highlighting the following:

- The proposed total budget of \$2.4 billion reflects a 1.8 percent (\$41.9 million) increase over the current year.
- The level of reserves exceeds the 15-percent policy guideline by approximately \$2.3 million.
- Millage rates will not increase compared to the current year, with the exception of a small increase to the Feather Sound Community Services District millage from 0.5000 to 0.7000, requested by the agency.

- The importance of the annual Citizen Value Survey, the Board's Strategic Plan, and staff's accomplishments that align with its goals; and the high level of trust and confidence in Pinellas County government by the residents it serves.
- The Board of County Commissioner departments total budget of \$1.5 billion reflects a decrease of 0.2 percent, or \$3.3 million.
- The total budget for Constitutional Officers is \$367.6 million and reflects a 3.4-percent decrease, or \$12.8 million.
- All other agencies have a total budget of \$472.7 million, which reflects a 14-percent increase, or \$58 million.

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard related that decreases in the budget are often related to non-recurring expenditures, such as completing a project, no longer requiring an appropriation in the following year.

Mr. Woodard stated that staffing levels remain comparable to levels in 1989; that BCC staff increased by 69.1 full-time equivalents (FTE) to a total of 2,181.7 FTE; that Constitutional Officers increased by 16.8 FTE to a total of 2,931.2 FTE and Court Support employs 43.0 FTE, an increase of 2.0 FTE; and that Independent Agencies employ 198.8 FTE, reflecting a decrease of 17.2 FTE; whereupon, he discussed the FTE increase in BCC staff.

Mr. Woodard discussed the anticipated sources of revenue for the County, the amount of funding distributed to various agencies, and the costs associated with each of the County's major services. He related that doing things that serve the public and building constructive relationships with partners are among the themes that shaped the budget; whereupon, he highlighted information on the many tasks set for next year that align with the County's Strategic Plan.

Mr. Woodard provided information on several additional considerations regarding the budget as follows:

- Additional Homestead Exemption (Amendment 1): If approved, the estimated impact in Fiscal Year 2020 would be a \$20 million reduction in revenue, but it would have zero impact in Fiscal Year 2019.
- Non-Homestead Property Cap (Amendment 2): If approved, additional revenue would be generated starting in Fiscal Year 2020.
- Pay and Classification Study Implementation: The proposed budget includes an additional \$2 million for implementation of any decision moving forward.
- Contractor Licensing Department: Staffing adjustments and proposed changes to the fee schedule will likely come before the Board in early 2019.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reimbursement for Hurricane Irma: The proposed budget assumes that the County will receive full reimbursement before the end of Fiscal Year 2019.

Referring to the upcoming budget schedule, Mr. Woodard stated that the Board will receive feedback and finalize maximum millage rates at its Budget Information Session on August 2; and that the Property Appraiser is set to mail Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices to all property owners on August 20. He indicated that the tentative Fiscal Year 2019 Budget will be posted to the County website on September 11, followed by the first public hearing on September 13; and that the Board will adopt the final millage rates and budget at its second public hearing on September 25; whereupon, he noted that the final adopted budget would be posted to the County website by the statutory deadline of October 24; and that this is his 30th and final budget presentation for the County, and he expressed his appreciation to all those involved for their partnership and engagement.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Berger indicated that each individual taxing authority has a different tax base which can lead to slight variances in estimated property values; and that one authority may calculate only real estate while another may also include tangible personal property, for example.

Mr. Berger, with input by Mr. Woodard, responded to queries by the members and provided information regarding project schedules, the timing of the FEMA reimbursement, the new staff positions as a result of the BTS realignment, and the general restoration of County services.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

44. Public Comment.

Susan Myers, St. Petersburg, re budget

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re First Amendment, Home Rule 2.02(E) reclaimed "variance" application (submitted documents)

Mike Williams, Palm Harbor, re traffic light installation (submitted petition)

Bill Perkins, Palm Harbor, re traffic lights - Belcher and Innisbrook

Norm Lupo, Clearwater, re inquiry

Greg Pound, Largo, re Pinellas County government

Regarding the concerns of Messrs. Williams and Perkins, Mr. Woodard related that County traffic engineers have recommended the installation of a traffic-calming speedbump at the Innisbrook exit as a first step, followed by a plan to modify the median, if necessary; and that adding a traffic light is an option recommended after assessing the effectiveness of the first two options. He noted that he would meet with the community once the County has a better understanding of the mitigating factors.

COUNTY COMMISSION

45. County Commission New Business Items:
- Canvassing Board Appointments (Commissioner Welch)
 - Tampa Bay Resiliency Coalition/Compact Signing (Commissioner Long)

Canvassing Board Appointments

Herb Polson appointed as substitute Canvassing Board member for the County Commission for the November 6, 2018 general election.

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

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

Chairman Welch indicated that he has appointed Herb Polson and Calvin Harris as alternate Canvassing Board members for the Board of County Commissioners for the August 28, 2018 primary election and the November 6, 2018 general election, respectively.

Tampa Bay Resiliency Coalition/Compact Signing

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition approved.

Commissioner Long stated that the agreement allows each governing member of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council the ability to continue working on mitigation efforts regarding sea level rise and climate resiliency, which would ultimately better protect the citizens. She noted that each governmental agency has received the compact language that is included in the agenda packet.

Chairman Welch related that the item was on the published agenda; and that the members could vote on the item, and Attorney White concurred.

Responding to queries by the members, Commissioner Long indicated that the goal is to formally agree to begin a planning process; and that implementation of policy or restrictions, if any, would be separate and as part of future actions; whereupon, Commissioner Beyrouti noted that the State of Florida and various local governments continue to address such concerns; and that some restrictions and other changes have already taken place.

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

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

46. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

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

Commissioner Justice

- Reported on attending the Gulf Consortium in Orlando, including conversations with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the State expenditure plan, and the reduction in contributions needed from the member governments.
- Congratulated Jen Carlisle, formerly of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, for her dedication and service as a member of the Tourist Development Council.

Commissioner Long

- Reported that the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) is becoming financially sound and solvent.

Commissioner Gerard

- CareerSource Pinellas will hold its next meeting on July 18, which will include several newly appointed members, and several officers and Executive Committee members have been named.
- Applications for Youth Advisory Committee members will be received until August 24.

Commissioner Beyrouiti

- Thanked Pinellas County staff for their efforts preparing him for the meeting in a short period of time, and the Commission members for their warm welcome.

Commissioner Eggers

- Discussed a Forward Pinellas presentation given to the public that provided information on upcoming changes planned for U.S. Highway 19 through the northern communities, indicating that a business group roundtable discussion might be in the works.
- Noted the passing of Dunedin Chamber of Commerce President Lynn Wargo on June 4, and Commissioner Seel provided input.
- Reported that Whispering Souls African American Cemetery in Safety Harbor had 15 to 20 volunteers to help clean up the cemetery grounds on July 14. More work is planned.

Commissioner Seel

- The Homeless Leadership Board is preparing for its federal Notice of Funding Availability process.

- The Juvenile Welfare Board is proposing an early learning site in Lealman and may contact the County to explore a partnership. The Board has increased the budget for its MyON Reading program, a personalized digital book library for students.

Chairman Welch

- Noted that a document containing information regarding 45 applicants has been sent to each member.
- Discussed his participation in several partnerships and conferences on regional transit.
- The Tampa Bay Transit Forum will be held on July 20 at Tampa International Airport.
- Reported that he would cancel the proposed joint meeting with the Tourist Development Council in August, noting that most of the members attended and provided their input at an earlier workshop regarding the expanded uses of the bed tax.

Chairman Welch stated that he has a voting conflict regarding Item No. 48 and would not be attending the public hearings. He indicated that Vice-Chairman Seel will chair the hearings after a short recess.

Meeting Recessed: 6:14 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:28 P.M.

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

- 47.** Petition of Michael D. Mastry of Haines Road Holdings, and Mike's Haines Road Holdings to vacate a portion of a three-foot-wide public utility easement within Lots 11 through 15 Block 1, Grove Park Vista Subdivision, Plat Book 12, Pages 8 through 10, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, lying in Section 2/31/16.
(Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Resolution No. 18-45 adopted granting the petition. Clerk authorized to attest and record the resolution. Letters of no objection received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received.

Vice-Chairman Seel noted that Mr. Mastry is in the audience and available for questions.

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 - Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Beyrouti

Absent: 1 - Chairman Welch

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

- 48.** Case No. CW 18-15 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Retail & Services, regarding 2.8 acres more or less, located at 300 South Duncan Avenue (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance No. 18-28 adopted approving Case No. CW 18-15. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. Eleven letters in opposition to the amendment have been received.

Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager Rodney Chatman provided background information, referred to aerial maps and photographs, and described the existing uses of the property and the surrounding parcels. He noted that staff has found the proposed change to be consistent with Countywide Rules and recommends approval of the amendment.

Lauren Matzke, City of Clearwater Planning Manager, indicated that the City's Community Development Board reviewed the application in December and recommended approval; that the City Council found the proposal to be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and land development regulations; and that the Council adopted an ordinance in April approving the proposed change to the City's Future Land Use Map.

In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Ms. Matzke related that City staff initially recommended denial of the proposed change; that they had concerns regarding neighborhood compatibility and certain economic development implications; and that thereafter, the City Council found that the proposed change in land use met the standards for review and approval.

Brian Aungst, Macfarlane Ferguson and McMullen, Clearwater, appeared and indicated that he represents the applicant to the City. He indicated that the existing building would be removed and new storage facilities would be built further away from the neighborhood; and that the property would be oriented away from Rainbow Drive in order to front Gulf to Bay Boulevard; whereupon, he provided background information on the property and its current layout.

Mr. Aungst stated that the new building would be built 65 to 70 feet away from Rainbow Drive; that the site will have significant landscaping and include a sodded dry basin and not a retention pond; that a perimeter wall will be designed with windows; and that the proposed amendment will unify the parcel's land use designation, which is currently a mix between Office and Retail & Services. Referring to aerial maps and photographs, he discussed surrounding land uses and roadways.

StorCon Development President Jonathan Dorman, Sarasota, stated that the company has only developed self-storage facilities; that it does not flip properties or develop retail or residential projects; and that the company is purchasing the subject property in conjunction with a local family.

Real Estate Appraiser Dennis Noto, Tampa, discussed his analysis report for the Clearwater City Council regarding the feasibility to retain Office land use as the highest and best use of the property, noting that the current building is nearly 45 years old and requires a significant amount of investment to make it habitable; that a vacant parcel would still not produce a sufficient return for Office use; and that his analysis concluded that the highest and best use for the property would be something other than Office.

Mr. Aungst stated that he will present an amended site plan to the Clearwater Community Development Board on August 21; that the applicant remains open and willing to speak with community members regarding the site plan; and that today's request is only to approve the proposed land use change.

Vice-Chairman Seel called for proponents of the proposed amendment, and the following persons appeared and shared their comments of support:

Brian Barrett, Seminole
David Phillips, Clearwater
Ed Dickinson, Tampa
Jared Brown, Clearwater

Upon the Vice-Chairman's call for those wishing to speak in opposition to the proposed amendment, the following persons appeared and stated their concerns:

Eleanor Lyda, Clearwater
Daniela Rodeghero, Clearwater
Ed Clark, Clearwater
Lesley Klein, Palm Harbor
Aaron Smith-Levin, Clearwater
JoAnna Siskin, Clearwater
Gena Alker, Clearwater
Louise Cournoyer, Clearwater
Pierre Cournoyer, Clearwater
Gayle Smith, Clearwater

Zyanya Marsh, Clearwater
Linda Bock, Palm Harbor

Responding to the objectors' concerns, Mr. Aungst related that the building has been on the market for nearly ten years; and that the asking price has been reduced by 50 percent. He noted that all of the lighting in the proposed site plan is internal; that he has been working on the project for over a year; and that this is the fifth public hearing. He stated that the land use change has been recommended by the Clearwater Community Development Board, approved by the City Council, and unanimously recommended by the Planners Advisory Committee.

Mr. Aungst indicated that for the property to become residential, it would need approval for a zoning change; that no one has come forward to propose residential development; and that residential projects can be just as controversial, if not more so, than self-storage.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Aungst stated that the wall would be at least eight-feet high; that the main building would be 35-feet high, similar to the existing office building; and that the building would be set back from the road 130 feet. Mr. Dorman related that there would be 24-hour camera surveillance; and that the property would be gated, requiring a security code to enter. He noted that the interior lighting will be no higher than nine-feet tall; and that the light would not spill over into the neighborhood, per City of Clearwater requirements.

Following brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Seel closed the public hearing and related that a denial of the land use change would require a super-majority vote, or five votes.

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

- Aye:** 4 - Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Beyrouiti
- Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Justice
- Absent:** 1 - Chairman Welch

ADJOURNMENT - 7:36 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk