Pinellas County

315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 5, 2019
9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

Karen Williams Seel, Chair
Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Charlie Justice
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Kenneth T. Welch
ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Karen Williams Seel, Vice-Chair Pat Gerard, Dave Eggers, Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Kathleen Peters, and Kenneth T. Welch

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter

INVOCATION by Reverend J.C. Pritchett, Faith Church, St. Petersburg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. National 211 Day Proclamation:
   - Micki Thompson, President/CEO, 211 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc.

   Chair Seel invited Ms. Thompson and 211 Tampa Bay Cares board members and staff to the podium and provided background information on the services provided by the non-profit organization. She read a proclamation recognizing February 5, 2019, as National 211 Day; whereupon, 211 Tampa Bay Cares Board Chair Sallie Parks provided brief comments and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

2. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:
   - Scott Rintz, Safety Specialist, Risk Management

   Chair Seel and Mr. Burton recognized Mr. Rintz for his dedication and commitment to keeping Pinellas County staff safe at work; whereupon, a video was shown highlighting the services he provides.

3. Partner Presentation:
   - Elliott Steele, Founder, Vincent House
   - Bob Dillinger, Board Member, Vincent House

   Messrs. Steele and Dillinger provided background information regarding Vincent House and discussed their personal and working relationships with the late Commissioner John Morroni; whereupon, Mr. Steele displayed a banner that will be hung at Vincent House to honor his legacy and contributions to the community.

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


Resolution No. 19-4 adopted appropriating unanticipated fund balances for multiple capital improvement projects. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

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Countywide Planning Authority

5. Case No. CW 19-01 - Pinellas County

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 2.9 acres more or less, located at 2897 Belcher Road, Dunedin.

Ordinance No. 19-03 adopted approving Case No. CW 19-01. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Responding to the Chair’s call for public comments, Carl Towle, Clearwater, spoke in favor of the item.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 6 through 12

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch
6. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 8, 2019.


Reports received for filing:


COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Planning

9. Ranking of firms and Agreement with 11 firms for requirements of Planning Department support services.

 Ranking of firms and agreements approved with the following firms for an estimated five-year expenditure of $5,650,000.00 (estimated annual expenditure, $1,130,000.00).

- HCP Associates, Inc. - $200,000.00
- HDR Engineering, Inc. - $875,000.00
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. - $750,000.00
- Redevelopment Management Associates, LLC - $500,000.00
- Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. - $625,000.00
- S.B. Friedman & Company - $200,000.00
- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. - $500,000.00
- The Corradino Group, Inc. - $250,000.00
- Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. - $250,000.00
- Wade Trim, Inc. - $500,000.00
- Wantman Group, Inc. - $1,000,000.00

Public Works

10. Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for construction of the Roosevelt Creek Channel 5 improvements.

 SWFWMD Agreement No. 19CF0001790 (County PID No. 002123A) for funding in the amount of $357,571.00 approved; total estimated project cost, $1,536,219.89. Agreement is effective from October 1, 2018 through June 1, 2021. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.
Risk Management

11. Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of October 1 through December 31, 2018.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

12. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Linda Jones v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-008205-CI-13 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

13. Ratification of the County Administrator’s approval and authorization of the submission of applications authorizing continuation of a $4.50 Passenger Facility Charge at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Approval and submission of Applications Nos. 4, 5, and 6 to the Federal Aviation Administration ratified and confirmed. Total revenue to be collected in the applications is $13,574,684.00.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

Management and Budget

14. FY19 Board Budget Amendment No. 2 to realign appropriation from Reserves within the General Fund, Emergency Medical Services Fund, Emergency Communications E-911 System Fund, and Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund to various departments and agencies.

Amendment approved realigning Reserves for Contingencies as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch
Office of Technology and Innovation

15. First Amendment to the purchase authorization with Woolpert, Inc. for the implementation of Cityworks as an Enterprise Asset Management technology solution.

Amendment to Contract No. 156-0032-G approved increasing the amount by $4,554,973.06 for a revised total of $11,102,525.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Assistant County Administrator Paul Sacco provided background information regarding the original contract and the proposed amendment, noting that the project scope was revised as a result of discovery conducted under Phase 1; that approximately $1 million of the increase relates to Geographic Information System readiness; and that the remaining balance relates to the extension of the project from 46 to 63 months to accommodate the new two-track approach; whereupon, he presented a breakout of the General Fund and other sources that are contributing to the project.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Sacco introduced Jeremy Waugh, Director of the Office of Asset Management, and related that the hiring of additional staff is currently at a standstill to allow Human Resources to work through pay and classification issues; and that updates will be provided to the Board.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

Parks and Conservation Resources

16. Air Quality Consent Order A18-037 with Stephen P. Rivera, owner of a 10-unit apartment building located at 306 129th Avenue East, Madeira Beach.

Consent Order approved assessing a penalty in the amount of $33,500.00 to resolve asbestos air quality violations.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch
Real Estate Management

17. Electric Vehicle Site Host Agreement with Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Agreement approved allowing Duke Energy Florida, LLC, to install electric vehicle charging stations at County-owned locations as part of the Park & Plug Program. The agreement shall commence on the date of installation of the equipment and continue until December 31, 2022. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Chair Seel invited Jeff Baker, Government and Community Relations Manager at Duke Energy, and Director of Real Estate Management Andrew Pupke to the podium; whereupon, Mr. Pupke discussed possible locations for the charging stations. Mr. Baker indicated that Duke Energy will be installing and maintaining the devices at no cost to the County; and that there will be no cost for County vehicles to charge at the stations. He discussed costs to the consumer and payment options for the stations, and related the possibility of installing stations at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Baker explained the differences between a rapid charging station and the typical devices, and related that, with the exception of Tesla-only charging stations, most electric vehicles are able to utilize the stations.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

Utilities

18. Waiver of 30-day notice and decline of arbitration related to the Eldridge-Wilde Wellfield Pumps and Motors replacement project with Tampa Bay Water.

Thirty-day notice waived and arbitration declined in connection with Tampa Bay Water’s Environmental Resource Permit application.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

19. Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement and Three Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road 699/Gulf Boulevard project, from Park Boulevard to Walsingham Road.

(FDOT Financial Project No. 436697-1-56-01; County PID No. 003748A) Agreements approved for an amount not to exceed $8,564,547.57. Planned date for construction to begin is March 2019; all work is expected to be completed within 430 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.
A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

20. County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Mr. Burton introduced Visit St. Pete/Clearwater Interim President and CEO Jim Dean, and Mr. Dean provided an overview of his background in the tourism industry. Noting that it is his second day in his new position, he shared his first impressions of the job and remarked that he is impressed with the marketing success of the organization; whereupon, he responded to queries and comments by the members.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

21. County Attorney Miscellaneous - None.

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Human Resources


Mr. Burton indicated that the proposed change aligns Hartford with the other deferred compensation programs of the County, allowing a separated plan participant to roll funds into the plan following separation. Chair Seel provided input, noting that it is an important benefit for current employees and retirees; and that the County incurs no cost as a result of the change.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

23. County Administrator Reports:
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program
- PLANPinellas Status Update
- Young-Rainey STAR Center
Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program

Senior Economic Development Manager Cynthia Johnson provided an update regarding the Small Business Enterprise Program. She related that small businesses comprise approximately 95 percent of the business base in Pinellas County, and recounted a listening session held in April 2018 with over 140 small business owners, partners, and County staff, where small business owners expressed concern about limited access to opportunity and lack of support and guidance. She indicated that small business owners view the broader region as their market, not solely the county.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Johnson related that outside consultant Morrison and Associates, Inc. was hired in March 2018, and after a five-month assessment of the current program, made the following key findings:

- SBE program lacked program ownership and was inadequately staffed
- Limited capacity for statistical analysis
- Poor vendor communication
- No program “champion” at County Administration level
- Missed opportunities for SBE participation

Dr. Johnson reviewed the consultant’s recommendations, including the following: purchasing software to improve tracking and monitoring of data; creating new staff positions dedicated to the initiative; increasing the program’s sheltered market threshold; providing vendor certification reciprocity; developing and modifying purchasing policy and procedures; and providing technical assistance and training.

Dr. Johnson described the impactful outcomes of the program improvements and the new B2GNow contract compliance software. Responding to queries by the members, she related that there are currently 87 SBE firms registered with the County; that the software is fully implemented; that contracts are uploaded once a month; that the system is integrating the registration and contract systems; and that since other communities use the same software, the County has access and has sent invitations to 300 SBEs in the database.

Dr. Johnson indicated that various policies have been put in place to assist small businesses in accessing opportunities and to provide technical assistance and training; whereupon, she reviewed new program criteria.

Discussion ensued, and responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Dr. Johnson clarified that contractors may use any subcontractor; and that any qualified subcontractor can be invited to register in the system; whereupon, Purchasing Director Joe Lauro referred to the competitive bid process and indicated that prime contractors who use SBEs will be awarded a higher percentage of points.
Dr. Johnson indicated that discussions will continue regarding various ways to engage small businesses and how to utilize the new database, and announced that a Community Update, with break-out sessions, will take place on March 1; and that representatives from various government entities will be present; whereupon, Mr. Burton indicated that his office will be looking at different ways to make small business initiatives a day-to-day priority throughout all departments, with better accountability; and that he will provide updates to the Board on an ongoing basis.

Commissioner Eggers expressed his support for the new initiatives, and Commissioner Welch thanked the Board and Mr. Burton for supporting the program, increasing its staffing, and purchasing the software. He commented on the removal of race-based criteria, noting that a future disparity study is a possibility.

Upon the Chair’s call for public comments, the following individuals spoke in support of the SBE program and its new initiatives:

Lorene Gregory, St. Petersburg, Project Director for Impact St. Pete
Deborah Figgs-Sanders, St. Petersburg
Jonathan D. Graham, St. Petersburg
Loretta Monroe Calvin, St. Petersburg
Zebbie D. Atkinson IV, Tarpon Springs, President of NAACP, Clearwater Branch, and speaking on behalf of St. Petersburg branch

Dr. Johnson stated that she looks forward to creating a sustainable program with true benefits; and that she will provide Mr. Burton with monthly progress updates and will report quarterly to the Board.

PlanPinellas Status Update

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Principal Planner Rebecca Stonefield provided background information and an update regarding the PlanPinellas project, a revision of the Comprehensive Plan for unincorporated Pinellas County. Indicating that the last major Plan update occurred in 2008, Ms. Stonefield related that it contains over 1,100 policies within 13 separate elements; that the language is repetitive; and that there is a need to address emerging challenges and County initiatives; whereupon, she provided an overview of the multiphased update process, noting that the first two phases, Policy Consolidation and Guiding Principles, were completed in 2018.

Ms. Stonefield related that many of the policies were determined to be strategies, and could be better contained in a regulatory document or department action plan; that the number of policies has been reduced to 300; that 47 governing principles were streamlined to 8 guiding principles; that the information was presented to the members of the public via various means; and that feedback indicated their support.

Referring to the Plan Revision phase, Ms. Stonefield indicated that staff will work with internal departments and continue public outreach to achieve a streamlined, focused plan;
that restructuring will show the interrelationship between the policies; and that it is important to modernize the document and have it primarily web-based to facilitate quick navigation; whereupon, she stated that her team will provide the Board with updates throughout the process.

Mr. Burton indicated that the restructuring will help the County to better understand the relationship between various investments to redevelop the community and maximize the return on that investment, and Chair Seel provided input.

**Young-Rainey STAR Center**

Assistant County Administrator Paul Sacco referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information regarding the County-owned Young-Rainey Science Technology and Research (STAR) Center in Largo, noting that staff is requesting Board direction as to whether to continue to manage and redevelop the property or to attempt to sell it.

Mr. Sacco pointed out the 96-acre property on an aerial photograph, noting two areas that are immediately ready for development and the area occupied by Raytheon, the primary tenant, and related that the property was acquired by the County from the U.S. Department of Energy; that it is owned by the Economic Development Authority and managed by Real Estate Management; and that the Center operates in the black and does not use General Funds.

Mr. Sacco discussed the Board’s 2015 decision to sell the property and reinvest the proceeds for other economic development projects, and provided details of Request for Negotiation processes conducted in Fiscal Years 2016 and 2018, noting that the offers received were deemed unsuitable and the County ultimately ended the procurement process. He discussed the STAR Center’s current occupancy rate, financial status, economic impact, and other factors, and noted that while certain improvements have been made to protect the tenants, a number of larger Capital Improvement Program projects have been deferred and must be addressed; whereupon, he displayed a chart depicting the financial forecast through Fiscal Year 2024.

Mr. Sacco indicated that, should the Board decide to pursue sale of the property, he would recommend that it be appraised based on income, versus market value; that a commercial broker be used; and that the advertisement continue for an open or long term. He related that, while Raytheon’s lease rate is less than market value, the property has competitive disadvantages; and that the company has made considerable investments in building improvements and security and has been instrumental in attracting other tenants.

Referring to option two, Mr. Sacco discussed various considerations and redevelopment opportunities. He pointed out that the property can continue to operate in the black; that the infrastructure is in place; that Penny for Pinellas IV funds could be used for economic development projects; and that the density could be increased.
Discussion ensued, and responding to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Sacco related that there is chemical ground contamination under one of the buildings that cannot be removed by the Department of Energy while the building is in place, although treatments continue; that no safety issue exists; and that other sources of contamination on the property have been removed.

Commissioner Eggers expressed his support for obtaining a commercial broker's opinion, and related that there are developers who develop a property and find tenants for a fee, and discussion ensued with regard to existing leases, development opportunities, and the use of Penny for Pinellas funds.

Chair Seel requested a consensus to direct staff to move forward to determine future development potential, with the County retaining ownership of the property, noting that due diligence would continue; and Mr. Sacco provided input, relating that staff's recommendation is to hold the site for three to five years and reevaluate the matter at that time, and no objections were noted.

Thereupon, at the request of Chair Seel, Economic Development Director Mike Meidel provided an update regarding a federal business incubator grant application pertaining to property located in St. Petersburg, indicating that the process was delayed due to the partial government shutdown; and that he is awaiting receipt of a letter requesting additional information. He related that there may be a reduction in the grant amount; that the City is willing to transfer ownership of the property to the County; that there may be opportunities for private sector investment; and that he will brief the Board once additional details become available.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

24.  Public Comment.

Robert W. Remaley, Palm Harbor, re channeling Vets & 1st Responders into high pay manufacturing positions
Kitty Rawson, St. Petersburg, re affordable housing
Kathy Filippelli, St. Petersburg, re affordable housing - submitted document
Bob Meehan, Clearwater, re affordable housing
Cynthia Melbourne, Largo, re requesting to return home
David Ballad Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Article 3 Section 3 vs 14th Amendment - submitted documents
Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Common Core & charter schools
Greg Pound, Largo, re rights
COUNTY COMMISSION

25. Appointment to the Pinellas County Historical Commission (Individual Appointment by Commissioner Long).

Tina Bukuvalas appointed for a term concurrent with that of Commissioner Long.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch


27. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous.

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

Commissioner Welch

- Thanked the Commissioners for their support of the SBE program.

Commissioner Peters

- Provided an update on the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s audit of hurricane damage; and reported that the County should receive 50 percent of its reimbursement by the end of April.

- Expressed support for the County’s mental health initiatives.

Commissioner Justice

- Indicated that he attended a Gulf Consortium meeting in Tallahassee last week and provided an update.

Commissioner Long

- Related that she met with Florida Department of Transportation District 7 Secretary David Gwynn, who reported that the new Governor wants transportation projects and initiatives to be flexible and focused on urban areas and transit solutions.

- Reported that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Executive Committee met on February 4 and discussed the issue of municipalities that are not part of PSTA but receive the benefits.

- Indicated that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council continues to work on the resiliency effort.
• Reported that former Commissioner Morroni’s annual Awards Dinner for law enforcement and first responders is February 16 at the Hilton Carillon and is sold out.

• Remarked that she is disturbed by the rate of suicides in the county, especially among young people, and requested that staff return to the Board with recommendations.

  Commissioner Eggers

• Noted that Forward Pinellas will meet February 13; and that the group’s Advantage Pinellas Plan, a long range plan looking forward 20 to 25 years, should be ready by the end of the year.

• Discussed the recent Forward Pinellas revenue workshop, noting that discussions are continuing; and that different revenue sources should be explored.

• Announced upcoming meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group, the MyVa Community Engagement Board, Tampa Bay Water, and the Consolidated Justice Information System Board, and noted items for discussion.

• Related that he continues to have monthly meetings with Dr. Uylee Choe, Director of the Department of Health in Pinellas County, and they have discussed creating a pilot program on suicide awareness. Indicated that Florida suicide rates have declined, but Pinellas County rates are increasing; and that the University of South Florida is doing a study on the issue; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding school nurses.

• Related that he has received many inquiries from local chambers of commerce regarding Tourist Development Council interaction and funding, and requested that Visit St. Pete/Clearwater Interim President and CEO Jim Dean look into the matter.

• Expressed frustration by the repeated delays in re-opening the Pinellas Trail Bridge over Alternate U.S. Highway 19 in Palm Harbor and requested an update on its completion and how the information will be disseminated to citizens.

  Commissioner Gerard

• Reported that the CareerSource Pinellas Board will meet on February 6 and will likely award the bid for marketing the Science Center. Thanked Economic Development Director Mike Meidel for his work on the by-laws and Interlocal Agreement.

• Related that the Public Safety Coordinating Council met yesterday and discussed Marchman Act assessments and Drug Court funding. Echoed Commissioner Peters in her praise of the County’s mental health efforts.
Chair Seel

- Thanked the Florida Botanical Gardens for their annual holiday light display.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:54 P.M.

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Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _________________________
Deputy Clerk