

## **Agenda and Meeting Notes**

### **Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement/Annexation Workgroup Meeting**

December 8, 2009 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

Sunken Gardens

1825 4<sup>th</sup> Street N. St. Petersburg, FL

- I. **Call to Order** – Bruce Haddock, Oldsmar City Manager and Co-Chair of the Workgroup, opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Introductions around the table followed.
- II. **Approval of the Meeting Notes** – There were no comments on the notes for the September 30th, 2009 meeting and they were approved as drafted.
- III. **Summary of the December 4, 2009 City Managers Meeting with the County Administrator**

Bruce Haddock reviewed the meeting that took place between County Administrator Bob LaSala and city managers on the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA) process that was initiated in July of 2008. Twelve city managers attended that meeting. After they had discussed the status of negotiations, everyone at the City Managers Meeting was in favor of ending the process. The city managers and the County Administrator concurred that enough time and energy had been devoted to the process. Bruce had spoken with Robert DiSpirito, City Manager of Dunedin, who had not attended the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and he also agreed with this decision. In terms of annexation, the cities would comply and follow the Florida Statutes and the Interlocal Agreement from 2007 that has an impact on annexation.

Brian Smith, who had attended the City Manager's Meeting, relayed that he agreed with Mr. Haddock's summary of the meeting, which was to end the ISBA process. The idea is to end it now, with the understanding of unwinding the process as simply as possible, without having to go through the Chapter 164 conflict resolution process. This would still leave open the opportunity for reaching agreements with individual cities under the current law.

Bruce Haddock then asked if anyone in the group had any comments, objections, or different positions. No comments were received from the group. As there were no comments, it was assumed that all were in agreement. Mr. Haddock noted that the process would be ended with the understanding of "no harm, no foul" on the part of all negotiating parties. Bruce then went to Item VII C on the agenda.

#### **VII. C. How best to proceed with the program**

Bruce moved to this item on the agenda, discussing how best to proceed with bringing this effort to a conclusion. The municipalities requested that the County Commission rescind the resolution that they adopted in July of 2008. This would undo County Resolution 08-110, which initiated the ISBA process.

David Sadowsky explained how this could happen. Under Chapter 171, Part II, the participants in the ISBA process may declare an impasse in negotiations and then have to go through a Chapter 164 process, have another meeting of the ISBA group, and then have a joint public meeting. To avoid this cumbersome way to end the process, Mr. Zimmet, prior to the meeting, had recommended that the County could rescind their resolution that initiated the

process. David Sadowsky had spoken with County Attorney Jim Bennett, who then spoke with County Administrator Bob LaSala, who said that he would be willing to recommend rescinding the resolution to the County Commission. This approach to ending the negotiations would avoid the Chapter 164 process. Jim Yacavone thought that those cities that had passed responding resolutions that had additional issues not included in the County's resolution would also need to rescind their resolutions in order to remove those issues from the negotiations. David Sadowsky agreed and stated that the recommendation of Jim Bennett would be for the County to rescind its initiating resolution, and that those cities that had identified additional issues also rescind their responding resolutions, otherwise those additional issues would still be on the table. The County Commission could probably vote on rescinding their resolution in January 2010. The first step would entail going to the County Commission to get permission to do the rescinding resolution. Permission could probably be obtained this month. Secondly, we would need a letter from a representative of the cities, requesting that the County do this, and send it to Mr. LaSala, who would then bring it to the County Commission.

Bruce Haddock requested that the minutes reflect that it was a unanimous decision from the Workgroup participants and the jurisdictions attending the meeting this morning, that the process be brought to an end. He again asked the group if there was anyone who objected to the decision to end the process. No objections were heard. A question was asked as to the County resolution number that initiated the ISBA process; it was determined to be Resolution 08-110. Once again, hearing no objections, it was agreed that the Interlocal Services Boundary Agreement Process be brought to a conclusion, and the recommendation for accomplishing this is that Resolution 08 -110 be rescinded. It was agreed that there will be no need for the letter that David Sadowsky is requesting since the minutes clearly reflect the action of the Workgroup. Bruce Haddock and Brian Smith can sign the notes of the meeting for documentation of the action taken. The County will follow up with providing the Workgroup participants with the dates for County action on rescinding the County's initiating resolution.

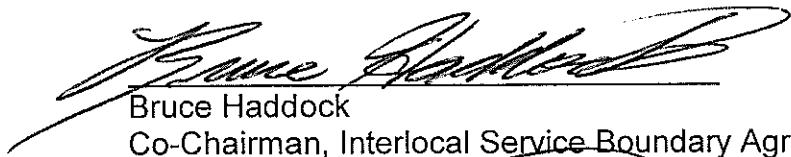
#### **VIII. Set Next Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items**

Bruce Haddock stated that there was no need for another meeting, so a date will not be set.

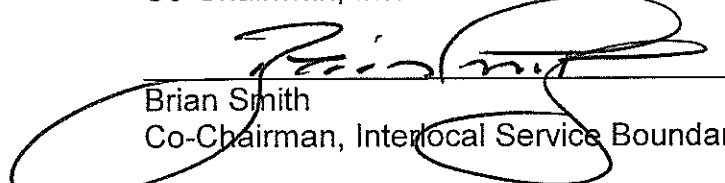
#### **IX. Public Comment**

Mr. Haddock asked if there were any public comments. One comment was received from a representative of the Council of North County Neighborhoods, asking about the County map. Brian Smith stated that it was the final revision, from the County website, but it was no longer relevant, because the process is being ended.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Bruce Haddock  
Co-Chairman, Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement/Annexation Workgroup



Brian Smith  
Co-Chairman, Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement/Annexation Workgroup

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