

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Regular Public Meeting
June 2, 2015

7. Approval of minutes:

Regular meeting held May 5, 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015 – 9:34 A.M.
ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR
315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

Members Present: John Morroni, Chairman; Charlie Justice, Vice-Chairman; Janet C. Long; Kenneth T. Welch; Dave Eggers; and Pat Gerard.

Not Present: Karen Williams Seel.

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Michael P. Schmidt, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION: Reverend Bob Scott, Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chief Deputy Clerk Harris.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

1. Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation presented to:
Steve Krok, Real Estate Management.
Dorothy "Dottie" Simpkins, Public Works.
James "Wade" Skinner, Public Works.
Bobby Voss, Parks and Conservation Resources.
2. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week Proclamation presented to Bruce Moeller, Director of Public Safety Services.
3. American Heart Association EMS Gold Level Recognition Award presented to the Board of County Commissioners by Dr. Robert Sanchez and Kathy Fenelon.
4. EMS Professionals of the Year Awards presented to:
Kathy Boucher, Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year.
Tsambika "Sam" Aysh. Emergency Medical Technician of the Year.
Josh Hoover, Paramedic of the Year.
5. World Trade Month Proclamation presented to Mike Meidel, Pinellas County Economic Development Director.

SCHEDULED 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.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

- # 1a Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-18 approving Case No. CW 15-8, the proposal by the City of St. Petersburg to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Planned Redevelopment–Residential to Planned Redevelopment–Mixed Use, re 0.3 acre m.o.l., located at 356 and 366 41st Avenue North (subthreshold amendment). Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposed amendment and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

and

- # 1b Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-19 approving Case No. CW 15-9, the proposal by the City of St. Petersburg to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Residential Medium to Planned Redevelopment–Mixed Use, re 0.2 acre m.o.l., located at 9000 4th Street North (subthreshold amendment). Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposed amendment and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion	-	Commissioner Welch
Second	-	Commissioner Gerard
Vote	-	6 – 0

Later in the meeting, Chairman Morroni stated for the record that Marilyn Healy, Tampa, representative for the applicant, had completed a Citizen Comment Card for Agenda Item No. 1b; and that because he misread the number, he did not ask if she wished to speak on the item; whereupon, he reported that the item passed by a unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- # 2 Ordinance No. 15-20 adopted amending Sections 2-387, 2-390, 2-393, and 2-398 of the Pinellas County Code relating to the Housing Finance Authority. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion	-	Commissioner Welch
Second	-	Commissioner Long
Vote	-	6 – 0

- # 3 First public hearing held regarding a proposed resolution adopting a four-year schedule of retail and wholesale rates for the Pinellas County water, sewer, and reclaimed water

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systems. No correspondence has been received. Second public hearing to be held May 19, 2015.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, Marcus Harrison, Palm Harbor, presented his comments and concerns with respect to billing practices.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard, with input by Chairman Morroni, related that no action will be taken on the item today; that it will come back to the Board for final action on May 19, 2015; that the proposed rate changes are posted online; and that a public engagement process has begun to inform citizens of the multi-year rate increases.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Linda Benoit, Office of Management and Budget, provided detailed information regarding the item, and indicated that the rate increases are required to support improvements and upgrades to the water system infrastructure, to maintain adequate cash flows and reserves, and to allow for the cost of purchasing water from Tampa Bay Water; whereupon, she discussed the yearly true-up process, relating that a small increase in the cost of water is built into the rate study; and that the volume of water pulled by the City of Tampa can affect the rates for the other Tampa Bay Water customers, including Pinellas County, and agreed to provide detailed rate schedules to the members.

In response to comments and queries by Chairman Morroni, Andrew Burnham, Senior Vice President, Burton and Associates, agreed to present a shortened version of his utility rate analysis presentation at the May 19 public hearing, and Mr. Woodard related that he will verify that the information is posted on the County website.

- # 4 Petition of Edward R. Sharp, Sr. and Joyce A. Sharp Trust, West Family Trust u/w Gurth A. West, and U-Haul Company of Florida to vacate, abandon, and/or close a portion of East Rena Drive 60-foot-wide right-of-way and Lot 8, Block 2, as shown on the Plat of Palm Breeze Estates Subdivision (Legislative Hearing), temporarily deferred. Letters of no objection have been received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Woodard reported that the advertising/public notice requirements for the item may not have been met; and that it will be necessary to temporarily defer and re-advertise the item; whereupon, responding to the Chairman's call for objectors to the application, Arthur Winquist, Safety Harbor, appeared and expressed his concerns.

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In response to queries by Chairman Morroni, Attorney Bennett related that his office will strive to have the item ready for placement on the June 2 agenda. Chairman Morroni indicated that a staff summary will take place when the item is brought back; and that Mr. Winkquist can forward his written comments to the members prior to the public hearing; and suggested that he contact the office in a couple of weeks to confirm the hearing date.

Thereupon, Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be temporarily deferred.

Vote - 6 – 0

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Tampa – Wounded Warriors miracles.

Marcus Harrison, Palm Harbor, re budget and unincorporated areas.

Requested that an online process be put in place so that people who cannot physically attend a Regular County Commission Meeting or Budget Information Session can participate using a computer; that a link be included on the Pinellas County website listing vacancies for board appointments; and that online information regarding the budget for the unincorporated area be updated.

- Commissioner Welch stated that a listing of Boards, Councils, and Committees, current and upcoming vacancies, and general procedures can be found at www.pinellascounty.org/boards.
- Mr. Woodard related that he will contact Mr. Harrison with information regarding the Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Religious Freedom Act of 1786 is a departure of Almighty God.

Greg Pound, Largo, re the law.

Paul Curry, Meriden, Connecticut, re Clerk of Court ineptness.

Discussed his dealings with the Clerk's Office subsequent to a seatbelt violation.

- Chief Deputy Clerk Harris related that she will follow up on the issue and get back with Mr. Curry.
- Commissioner Welch confirmed that Mr. Curry's nephew was ticketed for a seatbelt violation.
- Chairman Morroni clarified that Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, is an elected Constitutional Officer and does not report to the County Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 5 THROUGH 15 – APPROVED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS NOS. 9, 10, AND 13, WHICH WERE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM NO. 16.

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Motion	-	Commissioner Welch
Second	-	Commissioner Gerard
Vote	-	6 – 0

5 Minutes of regular meeting of April 7, 2015 approved.

6 Reports received for filing:

- a. Dock Fee Report for the month of March 2015.
- b. Quarterly Report of Routine Dock and Dredge/Fill Permits issued from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015.

7 Vouchers and bills paid – None.

8 Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- a. City of Clearwater Notice of City Council Public Hearing held April 16, 2015 regarding the vacation of a portion of a drainage easement in Lots 85 and 86, Wynwoods Landing II.
- b. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8656-15, 8659-15, 8662-15, 8665-15, 8668-15, and 8671-15 adopted March 5, 2015 annexing certain properties; and Notices of Public Hearings to be held May 7, 2015 regarding proposed Ordinances Nos. 8693-15 through 8701-15 annexing certain properties and amending the Land Use Plan and the Zoning Atlas.
- c. Town of Indian Shores Code Supplement No. 40 dated March 2015 incorporating Ordinances Nos. 2015-01 and 2015-02.
- d. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes of the meeting held December 11, 2014.

9 See Item No. 16.

#10 See Item No. 16.

#11 Resolution No. 15-36 adopted declaring County-owned personal property (Tuttnauer Autoclave, Asset No. 77769) as surplus and transferring same by donation to Operation: SNIP, Inc., as requested by Animal Services.

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- #12 Declaration of miscellaneous County-owned equipment and vehicles as surplus as set forth in the agenda memorandum dated May 5, 2015 approved; authorization granted for sale of same to the highest responsible bidder through competitive public auction, pursuant to Section 274.06, Florida Statutes and Board surplus disposition procedures.
 - #13 See Item No. 16.
 - #14 Quarterly Report of Claim Settlements for January 1 through March 31, 2015 for claims requiring the mutual consent of the County Attorney and Risk Management in the settlement range of \$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00 received for filing – no claims paid.
 - #15 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board received and accepted a Countywide Plan Map Adjustment submitted by the City of St. Petersburg, as recommended by the Pinellas Planning Council in its memorandum dated May 5, 2015, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record.
 - #16 Items pulled for discussion from Consent Agenda (County Administrator).
- # 9 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Agreements with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) approved and resolutions adopted for construction services associated with the Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation System (ATMS/ITS) projects at:
- a. Gulf Boulevard at State Road 682, 107th Avenue, Park Boulevard, State Road 688, and Belleair Causeway (FDOT Financial Project No. 429068 1 58 01; County PID No. 001031A) (TRIP Funding, \$2,027,300.00; estimated total construction cost, \$4,054,600.00). Resolution No. 15-38 adopted authorizing the Chairman to execute the agreement and the Clerk to attest.
 - b. Belcher Road from Druid Road to Park Boulevard (FDOT Financial Project No. 429067 1 58 01; County PID No. 001030A) (TRIP Funding, \$1,277,300.00; estimated total construction cost, \$2,554,600.00). Resolution No. 15-39 adopted authorizing the Chairman to execute the agreement and the Clerk to attest.
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- #13 Award of Bid to R.A.M. Excavating Incorporated for Pipe Replacement – Old East Lake Drive (County Road 77 at Hollin Creek) (Bid No. 145-0088-CP; PID

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No. 001313A) approved in the amount of \$537,640.90 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 220 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Woodard indicated that the project name on Item No. 13 should specify "East Lake Drive" and recommended that the Board approve the item, noting that he will approve the name change under his delegated authority and provide documentation as part of the quarterly Delegated Items Report.

Commissioner Eggers requested a brief clarification on the three projects; whereupon, Mr. Woodard related that Item No. 9 relates to improvements in the Gulf Boulevard and Belcher Road corridors; and noted that the FDOT Grants will provide 50 percent of the funding for each project, with the County providing the remaining funding from the Ninth Cent Local Option Gas Tax.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard indicated that the Ninth Cent Local Option Gas Tax was approved several years ago; and that the proceeds are earmarked for ATMS/ITS projects.

Referring to Item No. 13, Mr. Woodard noted a history of flooding issues at the East Lake Road and Hollin Creek intersection, and stated that the project will replace a box culvert and include additional road reconstruction.

Commissioner Eggers related that the funding for Item No. 13 would be from the Penny for Pinellas.

Motion	-	Commissioner Eggers
Second	-	Commissioner Welch
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- #10 Submittal of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application with the United States Department of Transportation for the Pinellas Trail Loop temporarily deferred.

Mr. Woodard requested that the item be deferred to the May 19, 2015 meeting to allow additional time for staff due diligence, and no objections were noted.

- #17 Other administrative matters – None.

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- #18 Proposal for settlement rejected in the case of Michele T. Jones, as Parent and Natural Guardian for Neil T. Valk, a Minor versus Pinellas County, Florida, Circuit Civil Case No. 13-009972-CI-15, in accordance with the confidential memorandum from County Attorney James L. Bennett dated May 5, 2015.

Motion	-	Commissioner Long
Second	-	Commissioner Welch
Vote	-	6 – 0

- #19 County Attorney miscellaneous – None.

- #20 County Administrator reports:

San Martin Boulevard over Riviera Bay Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Mr. Woodard reported that today's presentation is the start of the PD&E process for the rehabilitation or replacement of the existing San Martin Boulevard Bridge over Riviera Bay Project, which includes some roadway and trail improvements; whereupon, Marlin Register, P.E., Project Manager, HDR, Inc., conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *San Martin Boulevard over Riviera Bay Project Development and Environment Study*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and discussed the following topics:

- Project Location, History, and Objectives.
- Project Limits and Scope; PD&E Approach.
- Public Involvement and Outreach.
- Key Issues; Alternatives Evaluation.
- Alignment and Profile Alternatives.
- North Bay Trail Extension Evaluation Objectives and Typical Sections.
- Schedule.

Throughout the presentation, Mr. Register, with input by Mr. Woodard and Director of Engineering Kevin Becotte, responded to queries by the members.

When will the item be heard by the public and the study completed? (*Morroni*)

- The Alternatives Workshop is targeted to take place in spring 2016 and the study should be completed in the fall of that year.

Why is the process taking so long? *(Morrone)*

- There have been competing priorities on the project list; the project is on the current work schedule and is programmed to be completed by the end of the decade during the current Penny for Pinellas cycle.

Who determines the priority list for projects? *(Long)*

- The priority list is presented to the County Commission for approval.

Have federal grant dollars been secured for the project? How will the County proceed if the grant dollars are not disbursed? How much funding is dedicated to the project through the Capital Improvement Program? *(Welch)*

- The entire PD&E process must be completed before a grant application can be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for matching funds; approximately \$5 million in Penny funds are dedicated to the project; the grant request is for approximately \$4.2 million; and the project may need to be reprioritized or potentially pushed out to the next Penny extension if the grant dollars are not secured.

How will the neighbors be informed of the project? *(Morrone)*

- Notification will be provided via newsletters, flyers, and public hearing notices.

Will the mid-level and high-level profile alternatives extend into the adjacent neighborhood? *(Eggers)*

- The mid-level and high-level alternatives would extend significantly into the neighborhood.

Following the presentation and at the request of Chairman Morrone, Mr. Becotte agreed to provide a historical perspective of the project at a future County Commission meeting, and that subsequent to the May 21, 2015 St. Petersburg City Council meeting, during which a presentation regarding the PD&E Study will be provided, he will report back to the members regarding community input received.

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Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Morrone indicated that Item No. 21 would be heard at this time; and that the second presentation under Item No. 20 would follow.

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- #21 Appointment of Kyle Parks to the Pinellas County Economic Development Council for a two-year term expiring in May 2017, approved.

In response to queries by Commissioners Justice and Gerard, Chairman Morroni related that up to 100 members can serve on the Council; that 35 to 40 people attended the April meeting; and that the request for an appointment did not originate from another Board; whereupon, he remarked that he does not know the total number of members presently serving on the Council and, at his request, Mr. Woodard related that he will research the matter and report his findings to the Board.

Motion	-	Commissioner Welch
Second	-	Commissioner Long
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- #20 County Administrator reports (continued):

City of St. Petersburg Request – South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Mr. Woodard provided historical background information regarding the item and related that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) had delegated certain redevelopment authority to the City of St. Petersburg in June 2014, which allowed the City to begin preparing a Community Redevelopment Plan; and that today's report relates to a request by the City to establish a CRA in South St. Petersburg; whereupon, he briefly discussed changes that St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman had made to the draft plan proposal since it was reviewed by the members earlier in the year, and St. Petersburg's request to expedite the timeline for approval of the CRA and TIF.

Planning Department Director Gordon R. Beardslee conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *South St. Petersburg CRA*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and discussed the following topics:

- South St. Petersburg CRA Actions Taken to Date.
- Status of the Proposed South St. Petersburg CRA Plan.
- Primary Attributes of the Proposed CRA Plan.
- Proposed Redevelopment Programs in the CRA Plan.
- Proposed Redevelopment Projects in the South St. Petersburg CRA Plan.
- CRA Redevelopment Programs; Redevelopment Timeframe and TIF.
- Changes to Existing CRAs Proposed by St. Petersburg.
- Pinellas County Payments to St. Petersburg-Four CRAs.

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In response to queries by the members, Mr. Beardslee indicated that the original proposal by St. Petersburg was to have two TIF districts within the South St. Petersburg CRA boundary; that those two proposed districts have been replaced with one large 4,700-acre TIF district that includes the entire CRA; that the Pinellas Park Downtown CRA would be the second largest in Pinellas County at 1,339 acres; and that the City will utilize County TIF dollars in accordance with projects and programs approved by the Board over the years; whereupon, he requested that the members offer direction regarding the City wishing to use County TIF dollars for interior renovations to commercial properties.

Chairman Morroni and Commissioner Eggers expressed their concerns regarding the issue of precedent relating to County TIF dollars being used for interior improvements to buildings within the South St. Petersburg CRA, and discussed the fiscal implications related to other areas in the county potentially amending their TIFs in a similar manner; whereupon, Commissioner Welch related that the City should have the opportunity to make a compelling argument for what it deems necessary to tackle poverty.

Mr. Beardslee indicated that flexibility has been built into the redevelopment plan, which will not only allow the construction of affordable housing in the City, but also the renovation and rehabilitation of existing structures; and that as part of the Interlocal Agreement, County and City TIF dollars would be accounted for separately. Later in the meeting and in response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, he agreed to provide further information regarding matters associated with County TIF dollars being used for interior improvements.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodard provided further information regarding the segregation of funds, indicating that if the members wish to separate out interior improvements, the Interlocal Agreement can be revised to reflect that; and that upcoming slides in the presentation have policy implications and will require policy decisions by the members.

Commissioner Long remarked that the investments being made in the impoverished areas of Pinellas County will go a long way to help eliminate the generational cycle of poverty and will provide an opportunity for residents in those communities to excel and succeed; whereupon, she discussed the possibility of utilizing TIF funds to address pockets of poverty already identified throughout the County, including the Lealman area, and Chairman Morroni provided input.

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Commissioner Gerard related that she only has minor concerns with regard to setting a precedent; that the County can make up its own rules for its own money; and that there can be different rules for different areas, and Commissioner Welch concurred, indicating that because the TIF has been reduced from 40 to 30 years with a 15-year review, his hope is that there will be continued flexibility during the course of the program; whereupon, Mr. Beardslee discussed the flexibility of the programs themselves, the purpose of the nine-member CRA Advisory Council, and how the members would have a chance to review and comment on County-funded programs prior to implementation.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Eggers, Mr. Beardslee indicated that the City has presented a new request to increase the TIF-funded capital projects by \$20 million; that the funding is for implementation of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan and does not represent additional dollars from the County; and that the City has expressed its willingness to reduce the County's TIF contribution from 95 percent to 85 percent of the increment; whereupon, he reiterated that the \$20 million is for the implementation of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan, and discussion ensued.

Mr. Beardslee, with input by Mr. Woodard, discussed the sunseting of four existing CRAs, indicating that they will be folded into the South St. Petersburg CRA; that while the City orally agrees to sunset the Intown West and Bayboro CRAs in 2021 and 2018, respectively, the status of Intown West is still under discussion and will need to be resolved prior to the Board moving forward; and that the City has agreed to reduce the County's commitment from 95 to 85 percent on both the Intown West and Bayboro TIFs.

In response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Justice, Mr. Beardslee indicated that a city would normally submit its request for extending a CRA close to its expiration date; and that the number of years for an extension can vary; whereupon, Commissioner Welch indicated that the City seems to want to follow the normal process of making a compelling case when the time comes regarding what it wants to do with the Intown West CRA; that the members can make a determination at that time; and that both CRAs will expire on the dates listed unless extended by the Board.

Mr. Beardslee provided general, statistical, and financial information regarding County contributions to the Intown, Intown West, Bayboro, and South St. Petersburg CRAs for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2046, and Mr. Woodard related that there are inherent inaccuracies in the numbers because the projections go out for 30 years, and provided information regarding the four agreement scenarios and where dollars can be saved; whereupon, in response to queries by Chairman Welch, Barry Lupiani, Office Management and Budget, indicated that because the City and the County are using

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slightly different percentages for calculating growth, the dollar amounts for the TIF savings are different.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals appeared, spoke in support of the item, and responded to comments and queries by the members:

Dr. Kanika Tomlin, Deputy Mayor, City of St. Petersburg

Rick Smith, Community Redevelopment Manager, City of St. Petersburg

During discussion, Dr. Tomlin and Mr. Smith indicated that St. Petersburg is eager to get the TIF in motion, confirmed that the City will abide by the June 2014 policy as set forth by the County, and requested that the County allow the City to continue to move forward.

In response to queries by Chairman Morroni, Dr. Tomlin related that the agreement regarding Intown West has not been formalized; that County and City staffs are currently working together on the document; and that she is mindful of the timeframe regarding the matter; whereupon, she indicated that City dollars will be used to make interior upgrades to buildings within the CRA; and that County and City accounts will be segregated with no intent to comingle funds, and Chairman Morroni provided input.

Commissioner Welch referred to a slide titled *Estimated Total TIF Revenues Collected (2015-2045)* and related that the category of Education, Job Readiness, and Workforce Development Programs is slated to receive only about 10 percent of those revenues, and in response to his queries regarding the flexibility of that percentage, Mr. Smith related that the City will have five-year running plans during which it can identify and respond to priorities and opportunities.

Commissioner Welch briefly discussed the sunset of the Bayboro CRA in 2018, the roughly \$500,000.00 in yearly savings afforded the County by contributing 85 percent versus 95 percent of the increment, and a *New York Times* article regarding wages in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties; whereupon, relating that the agenda item addresses a major issue in the county, he urged the members to try to meet the schedule as requested by the City.

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Commissioner Eggers expressed excitement about the plan, and indicated that he looks forward to regular updates regarding its success. Commissioner Long related that she agrees with the comments of Commissioners Welch and Eggers; that the plan is in sync with the new County motto of doing things and getting things done; and that the Public Policy Council of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce is very supportive of the initiative; whereupon, Commissioner Gerard indicated that there is a lot of excitement in St. Petersburg; and that she hopes the plan can begin within the City's timeline.

Commissioner Justice related that the program goals are aligned with those of the County, and opined that the programming is outstanding. In response to his queries regarding whether the 85 percent contribution scenario has gone before the City Council, Mr. Smith indicated that following its presentation to the Community Redevelopment Agency on Thursday, there will likely be a good sense for the feel of the City Council; whereupon, Commissioner Justice related that while he wants to move the item along in an expeditious manner, he wants to be sure it is crafted correctly the first time and does not have to come back for revisions.

In response to further queries by Commissioner Justice regarding how the plan is to be initiated and adopted, Chief Assistant County Attorney Jewel White stated that the only real legal requirement is that the Redevelopment Plan be adopted by St. Petersburg prior to the creation of the Trust Fund; and that the reason for the ambitious timeframe is to meet the Property Appraiser's deadline to lock in the 2014 tax year as the base year; whereupon, she related that the timing issue should not present a problem if the City and County staffs get and remain on the same page with respect to certain legal and other considerations as they develop the Interlocal Agreement, and Mr. Smith indicated that the City Council will approve the plan prior to the BCC approving the creation of the Trust Fund, and discussion ensued.

Chairman Morroni indicated that he agrees with all of the Commissioners' comments, including the concerns expressed by Commissioner Justice about doing things right; that his concerns regarding the interior improvements have been addressed; that the program is a fantastic idea; and that he looks forward to working with St. Petersburg; whereupon, upon confirming that Mr. Beardslee had completed his presentation, Chairman Morroni briefly discussed the City's proposed schedule for moving forward, and on behalf of himself and the members, thanked the Dr. Tomlin, Mr. Woodard, and the City and County staffs for working together in such a great manner.

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Thereupon, Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the South St. Petersburg CRA be allowed to proceed as outlined during discussion and to try to meet the schedule provided to the members; and that the Intown West CRA be allowed to go through the normal process, and discussion ensued.

At the request of Chairman Morroni, Mr. Woodard discussed how the process will move forward. He related that he has been in discussions with Mayor Kriseman throughout the process; that there are many moving parts regarding the South St. Petersburg CRA/TIF and other CRAs/TIFs throughout the area; and that there will need to be a great deal of cooperation and collaboration between the City and County Attorneys' Offices; whereupon, he briefly discussed how the item fully aligns with the County's Strategic Plan.

In response to concerns expressed by Chairman Morroni and Commissioner Welch regarding the item potentially not being heard due to a full City Council agenda, Dr. Tomlin assured the members that the item would be heard and acted upon.

Thereupon, in response to queries by Chairman Justice, Commissioner Welch briefly discussed the part of his motion regarding the Intown West CRA being allowed to go through the normal process, and upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Vote - 6 - 0

#22 County Commission miscellaneous:

- a. Commissioner Eggers extended Happy Mother's Day wishes.
- b. Commissioner Welch echoed the comments of Commissioner Eggers.

thanked the members for their support of the South St. Petersburg CRA and the County Administrator, County Attorney, and staff for their hard work.
- c. Commissioner Justice presented clarifying information regarding a comment made earlier in the meeting under Citizens To Be Heard.
- d. Chairman Morroni thanked Commissioners Justice and Eggers for covering two meetings while he was on vacation.

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#23 Meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk