

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Regular Public Meeting
June 23, 2015

1. Approval of minutes:

Regular meetings held May 19 and June 2, 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 – 2:02 P.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; Pat Gerard; and Karen Williams Seel.

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Laura M. Todd and Christopher Bartlett, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION: Swami Ishtananda, the Vedanta Center of St. Petersburg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: County Attorney Bennett.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

Utilities 80th Anniversary Proclamation presented to Water Supply Manager Steve Soltau.

National Public Works Week Proclamation presented to Public Works Division Manager Troy Tinch.

Memorial Day Proclamation presented to Father Bob Swick, Tampa Bay Veterans Alliance; Commander Paul Martin, VFW Post 2550; and Charlie Fitzgerald and Roy White, American Legion Post 7.

Civility Month Proclamation presented to Clearwater Bar President-Elect David Ellis.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Thomas Jefferson's "Religious Freedom Act of 1786."

Greg Pound, Largo, re Government.

JoAn Y. Totty, Palm Harbor, re Monkey Tree Gateway to Palm Harbor; Veterans' Memorial.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 1 THROUGH 9 – APPROVED.

Motion	–	Commissioner Welch
Second	–	Commissioner Justice
Vote	–	7 – 0

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- # 1 Minutes of regular meeting of April 21, 2015 approved.
- # 2 Reports received for filing:
 - a. Continuing Bond Disclosure Report dated April 30, 2015 pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission for:

\$86,580,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003
\$25,205,000 Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2006
\$59,510,000 Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012
 - b. Southwest Florida Water Management District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014 (CD).
 - c. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2015.
- # 3 Vouchers and bills paid – None.
- # 4 Miscellaneous items received for filing:
 - a. City of Clearwater Notice of Public Hearing held May 7, 2015 regarding the vacation of a 15-foot drainage easement in Lot 7, Block 70, Mandalay Subdivision.
 - b. (1) City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8677-15, 8683-15, and 8686-15 adopted April 2, 2015 annexing certain properties and (2) Notice of Amendment to the Clearwater Community Development Code regarding proposed Ordinance No. 8715-15; public hearing to be held June 3, 2015.
 - c. Clearwater Cay Community Development District proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Operations and Maintenance and Debt Service Fund Budgets.
- # 5 Resolution No. 15-37 adopted authorizing execution of a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (Contract No. ARS02; Financial Project No. 43714619401) providing \$300,000.00 in grant funds for design development of an In-line Baggage Screening System for Ticketing “A” at the

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St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (total project cost, \$600,000.00); Chairman authorized to execute the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

In response to queries by Commissioners Seel and Long, Airport Director Thomas Jewsbury clarified that an In-line Baggage Screening System is an automated baggage check system which screens baggage placed on a conveyor belt; and that the Noise Abatement Task Force continues to track noise complaints to ensure airlines are complying with the County's Noise Abatement Program, noting that noise complaints are down from an average of 285 complaints per year during the past 12 years to about 65 complaints in 2014.

6 DELEGATED ITEMS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –
RECEIVED FOR FILING

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
1.	Airport	Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force St. Pete Clearwater International Airport Semi-Annual Report	N/A	4.9.15
2.	Building Services	Interlocal Agreement with the City of Belleair Beach for Building Department services	N/A	4.16.15
3.	Convention and Visitors Bureau	Contract with the Association Française du Festival International du Film for a pavilion, including indemnification provisions	\$14,014.70	4.1.15
4.	Convention and Visitors Bureau	Insertion Order with Northstar Travel Media, LLC for exhibition space, including indemnification provisions	\$5,000.00	4.1.15
5.	Convention and Visitors Bureau	Letter of Agreement with Visit Florida for the Medical Tourism Grant Program	\$109,000.00 grant revenue; no County match	3.25.15
6.	Economic Development	Defense Reinvestment Grant Application to Enterprise Florida, Inc. for Coast Guard airfield pavement improvements	\$250,000.00 Defense Infrastructure Grant revenue; no County match	3.17.15

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7.	Economic Development	Defense Reinvestment Grant Agreement with Enterprise Florida, Inc. for a strategic market research study	\$50,000.00, grant revenue; \$15,000.00 County match	2.20.15
8.	Economic Development	Defense Reinvestment Grant Application with Enterprise Florida, Inc. for transitioning of defense industries into other industry sectors	\$125,000.00, County match \$37,500.00	7.24.14
9.	Engineering and Technical Support	Indemnification exemption with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Belcher Road and Belleair Road Intersection Improvement Project	N/A	4.1.15
10.	Human Services	Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County for an additional health center medical home located at Turley Family Health Center in Clearwater	N/A	4.2.15
11.	Justice and Consumer Services	Service Funding Agreement with Family Resources, Inc., for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Now is the Time, School Justice Collaboration Program, Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Grant Project for OJJDP Truancy Collaboration Program	\$375,000.00 over three (3) years	4.7.15
12.	Parks and Conservation Resources	Agreement with the Pinellas County Historical Society for funding of Grant Worker position	\$4,500.00	4.21.15
13.	Planning	Specific Performance Agreement with the Local Community Housing Corporation for reimbursement costs associated with the operation of the Agency's Home Share Program	\$13,584.00	4.21.15

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14.	Planning	Specific Performance Agreement with Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. for administering the County's Community Homeless Assistance Program	\$168,208.00	3.30.15
15.	Planning	Specific Performance Agreement and Land Use Restriction Agreement with Religious Community Services for facility improvements at the Grace House	\$120,000.000	3.30.15
16.	Public Works	Indemnification exemption to the Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the 66th Street North ITS Project	N/A	4.13.15
17.	Public Works	Temporary Alcohol Waiver with Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce for the 7th Annual Palm Harbor Citrus Festival	N/A	4.10.15
18.	Public Works	Grant Applications with FDEP for the Lake Seminole Sediment Removal Project		3.30.15
		(a) Regular Cycle Request	(a) \$2,000,000.00 FDEP grant revenue: \$2,000,000.00 County match	
		(b) Out of Cycle Request	(b) \$2,000,000.00 FDEP grant revenue: \$2,000,000.00 County match (ratified by the Board on 4.21.15)	
19.	Public Works	Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement with FDEP for the Treasure Island Beach Nourishment Monitoring for extension and reallocation of funds	N/A	3.10.15

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20.	Real Estate Management	Memorandum of Understanding with the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board for fleet maintenance, service and fuel	\$30,000 Revenue	4.5.15
21.	Real Estate Management	Declaration of Restrictive Covenant with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Dansville South Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Completion Report	N/A	2.4.15
22.	Risk Management	Summary of commercial insurance coverage with Arthur J. Gallagher, Inc. for March 1, 2015 renewal	\$7,854,914.00 Premium Total	4.7.15
23.	Safety and Emergency Services	Grant application with Tampa Bay Urban Area Security Initiative for upgrading the radio infrastructure in the Pinellas County Emergency Communication Trailer	\$298,632.00 grant revenue; no County match	3.26.15
24.	Safety and Emergency Services	Scope of Work with Airbus DS Communication for Geo-Diversification and Wide Area Network Testing	N/A	2.19.15
25.	Solid Waste	Consent Order with FDEP for the Resource Recovery Facility	\$4,500.00	3.27.15
26.	Utilities	Release of Liens (12)	Liens have been paid in full	3.18.15
27.	Utilities	Release of Liens (8)	Liens have been paid in full	3.13.15
28.	Utilities	Release of Liens (23)	Liens have been paid in full	3.9.15
29.	Utilities	Notice of Liens (32)	N/A	3.9.15
30.	Utilities	Release of Liens (39)	Liens have been paid in full	3.5.15

- # 7 Resolution No. 15-40 adopted supplementing the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Budget to appropriate earmarked receipts for a particular purpose (unanticipated grant revenues in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Pinellas County Emergency Management Division of the Safety and Emergency Services Department).
- # 8 Award of bid to Rick Richards, Inc. for Restoration of Flatwoods in Brooker Creek Preserve (Contract No. 145-0216-B) approved on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid received (estimated total expenditure not to exceed \$296,250.00); contract is from the date of award through September 30, 2015, with one 12-month extension to be exercised if all prices, terms, and conditions remain the same and approval is granted by the County Administrator.
- # 9 Award of Bid to Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Inc. for Adopt-A-Program Management Services (Contract No. 145-0167-B) approved for a total estimated 36-month expenditure not to exceed \$862,086.96 on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid received; 36-month contract effective May 24, 2015 with one 24-month term extension; term extension provides for a price adjustment as set forth in the agenda memorandum dated May 19, 2015, and shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions remain the same and the County Administrator grants approval.
- #10 Items for discussion from Consent Agenda – None.
- #11 Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement (at Utility expense) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Three Party Escrow Agreement between FDOT, Pinellas County Utilities, and the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, Division of Treasury, along with the FDOT Resolution Utility Agreement for utility relocation associated with the FDOT Local Agency Project Agreement with the City of Largo for roadway and sidewalk improvements for Adrian Avenue from Indian Rocks Road to Trotter Road, and Gladys Street from Hillside Avenue to Dryer Avenue (FDOT Project No. 424532-9-56-02; County PID No. 002292A/2167) approved (estimated Pinellas County expenditure, \$414,000.00); Chairman authorized to sign the agreements and resolution and the Clerk to attest.

Motion	–	Commissioner Welch
Second	–	Commissioner Gerard
Vote	–	7 – 0

- #12 Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Pete Beach for the relocation of potable water and reclaimed water facilities along Pass-A-Grille Way (County PID No. 001589A) approved; total construction cost to the County, \$2,475,000.00; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Motion	–	Commissioner Welch
Second	–	Commissioner Long
Vote	–	7 – 0

- #13 Facility Encroachment Agreement No. CSX779430 with CSX Transportation, Inc. approved for the 66th Street North Intelligent Transportation System project (PID No. 000326A); cost to County for authorization to install fiber optic cable, \$1,750.00; Chairman authorized to execute the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Motion	–	Commissioner Long
Second	–	Commissioner Welch
Vote	–	7 – 0

- #14 Submittal of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application with the United States Department of Transportation for the Pinellas Trail Loop approved and Resolution No. 15-42 adopted in support of the TIGER grant application.

Motion	–	Commissioner Long
Second	–	Commissioner Welch

Mr. Woodard related that it has long been a vision of this and previous Boards to complete recreational and alternative transportation around the entire county; and referring to a map, he indicated that the trail on the west side of the county is complete; and that there has been partial progress on the loops on the east side.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Traffic Engineer Ken Jacobs, with input by Mr. Woodard, indicated that the project cost is estimated at \$32 million; that the grant would provide \$20 million in federal funding; and that the County's local match would be \$12 million. Discussion ensued pertaining to funding for intersection improvements and the trail portion of the San Martin Bridge project, and Mr. Woodard related that 100 percent of the County portion will come from Penny for Pinellas funds.

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Commissioner Seel, with input by Mr. Jacobs, indicated that the grant application is due by June 5; and that the determination will be made sometime in September or October.

Vote – 7 – 0

- #15 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held on June 23, 2015 for a proposed amendment to Section 166-57 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, providing for an additional revenue source for the Tree Bank Fund from ecologically beneficial tree thinning.

Motion – Commissioner Seel

Second – Commissioner Long

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard indicated that for many years, the County has had a Tree Bank Fund where fines from habitat ordinance violations are deposited; and that the proceeds can only be used to purchase trees for reforestation and plantings; whereupon, Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie clarified that the public hearing would address ecologically beneficial selective tree thinning in Brooker Creek Preserve and other County-owned lands, which would reduce the danger of wildfires and improve the health of the forests; and that the trees which are harvested would be sold, noting that the additional revenue would be placed in the Tree Bank Fund and would support the Fund in the future, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

Vote – 7 – 0

- #16 Resolution No. 15-41 adopted establishing an Affordable Housing Land Assembly Fund and amending the Interlocal Agreement with the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) of Pinellas County for administration of the Community Housing Program; Chairman authorized to execute the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Motion – Commissioner Justice

Second – Commissioner Seel

Mr. Woodard related that the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement establishes a new Land Assembly Fund, as presented at the last BCC meeting, which will be funded by Penny for Pinellas revenue, noting that \$15 million is budgeted from the current Penny extension.

Housing Finance Authority Executive Director Kathryn Driver gave a brief update on the Land Assembly Fund and discussed the ad-hoc committee's work on applications for

developers who desire to utilize tax credits offered in various programs. She indicated that meetings will be held with developers and nonprofit service providers to solicit input as to what should be included in the application, noting that a final draft will be brought before the HFA Board on July 1. In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, she clarified that the HFA would be purchasing land on behalf of the developers, which would be leased back to the developers for an affordability period of 99 years, noting that, as an incentive, it would be one less expense developers would have to incur in order to make their program work, and discussion ensued regarding set aside rates, tax credits, market rate units, and application submittals.

Vote – 7 – 0

#17 Other administrative matters:

Mr. Woodard announced that based upon the direction of the Board at the May 5 meeting, staff will advertise a public hearing to be held at the BCC meeting on June 2, 2015 to consider the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Plan, and no objections were noted.

#18 County Attorney miscellaneous – None.

#19 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board approved the Final Negotiated Contract between the Authority and Paramedics Plus, L.L.C. for ambulance services (Contract No. 134-0452-P). Contract period will commence on October 1, 2015 and terminate at midnight, September 30, 2020; agreement may be renewed by written agreement of the parties for up to two consecutive three-year periods after initial term (estimated expenditure for the initial term is not to exceed \$246,443,154.00); Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Motion – Commissioner Long
Second – Commissioner Gerard

Noting the complexity of the agenda item, Chairman Morroni requested that staff provide a brief presentation; whereupon, Safety and Emergency Services Director Bruce Moeller provided an overview of the contract, which utilizes the current provider of ambulance services, Paramedics Plus. He related that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued late last year; that an RFP committee consisting of various stakeholders assisted the County through a competitive process; and that Paramedics Plus was the top ranked firm.

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Mr. Moeller discussed highlights of the agreement, noting that the size of the fleet has increased from 66 ambulances to 74 due to an eight-percent increase in the number of calls received and the inclusion of two new medical ambulance buses for mass casualty incidents that were donated by Pinellas County Schools and equipped using grant funding; whereupon, in response to queries by Chairman Morroni, he indicated that the increase in calls is due to several factors, including aging of the population, increased tourism, greater access to healthcare, and improvements in medical technology, noting that, nationally, the increase is between three and five percent.

Noting that the contract provides continuity, Mr. Moeller acknowledged Vice President Mark Postma and the Paramedics Plus team, as well as the firefighters and paramedics that make up an award winning EMS system, and Chairman Morroni provided input.

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Moeller indicated that he has met with all of the fire chiefs individually to obtain feedback; and that the relationships between the first responders and the Sunstar Paramedics is extraordinary, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Moeller discussed the average transport cost, the maximum reserve capacity, and rates tied to the medical index, noting that the maximum the contract can adjust year to year is four percent. He related that the transport-capable all-terrain vehicle added to the fleet could be used in the beach communities, parks, and for special events, and discussion ensued regarding the reimbursement rate for multiple patients transported in a single vehicle.

In response to the Chairman's call for individuals wishing to be heard, EMS Board member and Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno appeared and expressed his support for the agreement; whereupon, Chairman Morroni thanked everyone involved in the negotiation process.

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#20 American Manufacturing Skills Initiative.

Chairman Morroni introduced American Manufacturing Skills Initiative Executive Director Brian Kamm and Norma Henning of the Federal Republic of Germany, Honorary Counsel for the West Coast of Florida, noting that she is also the President of the European American Network of Southwest Florida, and a Leadership Committee

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Member of the Florida Chapter of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States.

Mr. Kamm related that when he was last before the Board, the program was known as the Tampa Bay Advanced Manufacturing Skills Initiative, which now will be known as the American Manufacturing Skills Initiative (AMSkills).

Noting that she recently moved to the area, Ms. Henning provided a brief overview of her relationship with the German manufacturing industry, and related that the Tampa Bay area is a very important part of the German manufacturing industry; and that German manufacturing supports the AMSkills program.

Mr. Kamm referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *AMSkills – American Manufacturing Skills Initiative*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, provided background information regarding the program, and indicated that he works with Pinellas Site Coordinator Tom Mudano, who works with the school district and with local manufacturers. He stated that equipment is currently being installed at three sites in Pinellas County: East Lake High School, Pinellas Technical Education Center, and Dixie Hollins High School; and that there are five training centers in the region, including Marchman Technical Education Center in Pasco County and Industrial Park Training Center in Hernando County.

Mr. Kamm discussed U.S. manufacturing industry concerns, and related that in Germany, workers are trained through partnerships with companies, technical schools, and trade guilds, which blend academics with hands-on practical experience. He stated that the mission is to establish world-class German-style Apprenticeship Training Centers, which enables students to obtain hands-on experience and helps local manufacturers obtain qualified and trained employees, noting that the goal is to train America's future manufacturing technicians, engineers, and Chief Executive Officers.

Mr. Kamm stated that the four-year apprenticeship program offers the following Florida Industry Certifications: Electronics Technician for Industrial Engineering, Mechatronics Fitter, Industrial Mechanic, and Tool Maker. He discussed student options and benefits of the AMSkills program, noting that the program consists of a compulsory high school education, high school/college dual enrollment, advanced placement classes, the AMSkills four-year apprenticeship program, and Associate and Bachelor's degrees with no debt to students.

Mr. Kamm indicated that \$1.15 million was received from the State of Florida for start-up and equipment in the first year; and that the second and third years are supported by Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando Counties in the amount of \$200,000.00 each. He discussed the manufacturing partners located in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, as well as in Europe and Germany, and indicated that the companies bring credibility to the program; and that they are heavily invested in the apprenticeship programs throughout Europe and Germany, noting that they incur expenses for equipment and training.

Mr. Kamm discussed the registration process for students interested in the program, the manufacturing tours offered to students and parents, a one-day production workshop, a six-week summer camp, and the selection of apprentices. In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, he indicated that the six-week program is for high school and college students; that students must provide their own transportation; and that the AMSkills program is working with the Pinellas School Board and its Centers of Excellence K-12 program; whereupon, he provided information regarding the cost of equipment purchased by companies participating in the Pinellas program.

Ms. Henning indicated that as an attorney, she represents German manufacturers; that the German business model is very successful because of exports to the United States; and that manufacturers are now feeling the pressure from customers to produce goods in the United States, noting that direct flights from Frankfurt to Tampa will begin in September.

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Eggers regarding promotion of the program, Mr. Kamm related that it would be beneficial if larger companies such as Jabil and Honeywell would partner with the program.

Noting that she sits on the Industry and Certification Training Centers Governing Board, which oversees the AMSkills program, Commissioner Long suggested that the BCC have a more in-depth and robust conversation in a work session pertaining to the program. Following brief discussion and at the request of the Chairman, Mr. Woodard agreed to add the AMSkills program to the agenda for a future work session.

In response to query by Commissioner Justice as to the ideal student for the program, Mr. Kamm indicated that students who enjoy working with their hands building projects and who love high technology would be good candidates, and Ms. Henning provided input.

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Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Kamm indicated that there will be ten paid, company-sponsored apprentices at each site the first year, which will grow to 20 apprentices the second year, followed by 30 apprentices the third year.

Economic Development Director Mike Meidel provided input, and indicated that the reason no one has heard about manufacturing in Pinellas County could be because tourism has a \$30 million budget for marketing, and manufacturing has a \$30,000 budget. He related that staff is working directly with existing employers to get them interested in partnering with the apprenticeship program, and noted the possibility of six- to eight-week mini certifications for adult students. He stated that the *Industrie- und Handelskammer* or IHK Certification is internationally recognized, and discussed other partners in the program, including the school district and St. Petersburg College, noting that the jobs are “high wage.”

#21 Finding of necessity analysis to establish a Lealman Community Redevelopment Area.

Mr. Woodard related that about a year ago, the Board requested that staff devote more attention and resources to Lealman; that the County has dedicated Planning Section Manager Frank Bowman and Code Enforcement Supervisor Jeff Gibbud to focus solely on Lealman; and that staff conduct an analysis which is before the Board today, noting that it is the first step in the consideration of a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) within Lealman; and that it is a statutorily prescribed process.

Planning Division Manager Renea Vincent referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Lealman Study Area – Finding of Necessity Analysis to Establish a Lealman Community Redevelopment Area*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that the first step in creating a CRA in Lealman consists of a review and analysis of 14 statutory conditions to determine if blight conditions exist; whereupon, she referred to a GIS map of the Lealman Study Area, pointed out the surrounding boundaries, and provided demographic information pertaining to the area.

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At this time, 4:09 P.M., Commissioner Gerard left the meeting.

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Ms. Vincent discussed a summary of challenges from the 2014 Lealman Citizen and Stakeholder Research Study and the methodology for the finding of necessity, and indicated that the Lealman Study Area exhibits nine of the 14 blight factors required to determine the area meets the criteria for establishing a CRA, noting that a minimum of two blight factors are required; whereupon, she discussed the nine blight factors as follows:

- Defective/inadequate transportation facilities
- Falling/stagnant aggregate assessed value of real property over the last five years
- Faulty lot layout
- Unsanitary/unsafe conditions
- Site deterioration
- Incidence of crime compared to remainder of county
- Incidence of fire/Emergency Medical Services calls compared to remainder of county
- Incidence of Florida Building Code violations compared to remainder of county
- Governmentally owned property with adverse environmental conditions

Mr. Bowman provided a brief history of Lealman, noting that one of the main issues in Lealman is the old and deteriorating housing stock. He related that when the recession hit and county resources shrank, staff stopped providing the hands-on neighborhood planning functions; that many of the new homeownerships were created by blue collar workers; that when jobs were lost, homes went into foreclosure and the banks took over properties, which reverted to investor-owned properties; and that about 54 percent of the houses in Lealman are rental properties, some of which rent for \$1,000 per month. He noted that there is a large proportion of derelict mobile home parks, which serve low income residents, and related that some of the investor properties end up being drug and prostitution houses.

Mr. Bowman stated that a new faith-based organization known as the Florida Dream Center operates the Adopt-A-Block program, which is improving the physical appearance and conditions of alleys and properties in Lealman on a weekly basis; whereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Eggers as to how the housing stock can be improved, he related that creation of the Land Assembly Fund would provide resources which could be used to acquire and control some of the properties; and that organizations such as the Florida Dream Center would maintain them and provide affordable rents, and Commissioner Welch provided input.

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Noting that one criterion for establishing a CRA is increasing vacancy rates and decreasing rents in commercial, industrial, and office property, Economic Development Director Mike Meidel indicated that vacancy rates in Lealman are actually lower than in the county as a whole; and that the primary issues with Joe's Creek Industrial Park are that the buildings are outdated, the lot shapes and sizes are small with very little parking, and there are drainage problems, noting that four of the 40,000 square-foot buildings within the Joe's Creek development are currently vacant.

Mr. Meidel indicated that it is difficult to bring in high-wage jobs because of the quality of the equipment, the crime issues, and the lack of signage and landscaping, noting that the area does not make a good first impression; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Justice as to updating the buildings in the Joe's Creek development, he indicated that there is a need to tear the buildings down, but the owners would have to meet modern code with stormwater, landscaping, and parking requirements, noting that a demolished 63,000-square-foot building would only be rebuilt to about 35,000 square feet; that the warehouses west of U.S. Highway 19 North are part of the study area; and that because of the accessibility to Interstate 275 and U.S. Highway 19, the warehouses tend to stay occupied but the amount of rent continues to drop, and discussion ensued.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long regarding Clearview Avenue Elementary School, Mr. Woodard, with input by Assistant County Administrator Jake Stowers, related that staff believes the cost for cleaning up the entire site including the air conditioning, floors, and plumbing to be around \$420,000.

Ms. Vincent related that between 2001 and 2014, multiple studies, plans, and surveys were developed for the Lealman Area; that it was identified as one of the five target areas in the *Economic Impact of Poverty Report*; and that the finding of necessity methodology is based on data from the Property Appraiser, Enterprise GIS, Economic Development, the Sheriff's Office, and Code Enforcement.

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At this time, 4:32 P.M., Commissioner Seel left the meeting.

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Ms. Vincent related that the maps in the PowerPoint presentation demonstrate roadway connectivity, sidewalks, bus routes, and open drainage ditches which are conditions adversely affecting the residents' ability to move about the community, access goods and

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services, and have a good quality of life; and that the drainage ditches prohibit the ability to put in sidewalks.

Mr. Bowman indicated that Joe's Creek and Joe's Creek Industrial Park are semi-natural barriers with only two roads that run east and west, 54th Avenue and 38th Avenue; and that the rest of the streets are blocked by either the CSX Railroad or Joe's Creek. He discussed pedestrian mobility and safety, noting that a large area of Lealman does not have sidewalks, and related that the issues have been identified, but have not been fixed because of budget issues at the time; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Welch regarding bike lanes, he indicated that a reconfiguration of 54th Avenue to include bike lanes is being considered, noting that staff is working with the Metropolitan Planning Organization to upgrade and improve several areas in the county, and discussion ensued.

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Bowman, with input by Assistant County Administrator David Scott, indicated that the Joe's Creek Watershed Study is projected to last another 12 months; and that staff is making an effort to prioritize the \$650,000.00 the Board identified last year for the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) roadways. Mr. Woodard noted that nothing would prevent the County from moving forward with other improvements that would come from the CRA.

Referring to the PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Vincent discussed the incidence of crime in 2014, noting that in the study area, crime was twice the rate as in the remaining Sheriff's Service Area; and that fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Code Enforcement rates of incidence are significantly higher than outside the area.

In conclusion, Ms. Vincent indicated that Lealman meets the finding of necessity to establish a CRA; that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) will bring an additional revenue stream which can pair with existing resources; and that it is staff's recommendation to establish a Lealman CRA Advisory Committee early in the planning process to help move the plan forward; whereupon, in response to query by Chairman Morroni, she stated that residents, business owners, and stakeholders make up the South St. Petersburg CRA Advisory Committee.

Ms. Vincent discussed the next steps in establishing the CRA, and suggested that the BCC adopt a resolution declaring a finding of necessity for the Lealman Study Area; that it declare a need for a CRA; that it provide authorization to proceed with the redevelopment plan; and that it direct the creation of a Lealman CRA Advisory

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Committee. Chairman Morroni thanked staff for their hard work; whereupon, he stated that the County needs to make a firm commitment to Lealman; and that he supports moving forward, and Commissioner Welch concurred.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Bowman indicated that the lack of fire hydrants continues to be a problem; that over a month ago, the Fire District did an analysis of the fire hydrants; that at the current standard, a hydrant should be placed every 500 feet; and that Lealman is missing over 690 hydrants, and discussion ensued regarding availability of the analysis, the makeup of CRA Advisory Committee, and the possibility of additional resources.

In response to further query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Gibbud related that Code Enforcement is identifying the worst properties in Lealman; that it is an ongoing process; that bringing those properties into compliance is difficult; and that staff is faced with a tough situation because of the large number of foreclosed and abandoned properties; whereupon, he discussed the additional tools the CRA would provide in revitalizing the area.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioner Justice, Mr. Woodard, with input by Ms. Vincent, indicated that under the statute, once the CRA has been developed, a plan accompanies the CRA and provides a roadmap; that the TIF, in theory, would have a small increment after the first year; that there would be an opportunity to invest non-TIF related MSTU dollars in the area; and that matching dedicated TIF revenue with Community Development Block Grant and Penny for Pinellas funds will give the County the “best bang for the buck,” noting that establishment of a CRA allows the County to tap into additional funding sources whether or not there is a TIF.

Motion	–	Commissioner Justice
Second	–	Commissioner Eggers

Commissioner Long commented that the Board should speed up the improvements in the area, noting that the County cannot wait four or five years to get things done in Lealman, and Chairman Morroni concurred. Commissioner Eggers opined that the “lifting up of a community” is about public safety, infrastructure improvements, and economic development, and encouraged staff to become creative in finding additional funding, and discussion ensued regarding partnering with the Juvenile Welfare Board, the Florida Dream Center, the Pinellas County School Board, and the Police Athletic League.

Vote	–	5 – 0
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#22 County Commission miscellaneous:

- a. Commissioner Justice noted an increase in sea grass and water clarity due to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and local government partners.

announced a reception for the Youth Advisory Committee tonight at 5:00 P.M.
- b. Commissioner Long announced the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Energy Summit to be held on May 28 and 29.
- c. Commissioner Eggers thanked the Fraternal Order of Police in Clearwater for holding a memorial service earlier this week.

appreciated a tour of St. Vincent DePaul.

wished a blessed Memorial Day to veterans and their families and encouraged everyone to enjoy the many related events throughout Pinellas County.
- d. Commissioner Welch sent thoughts and prayers to St. Petersburg Police Officer Michael "Mickey" Cordiviola, who recently was wounded in the line of duty.

stated it was an honor to work with David Scott and wished him luck as he leaves for Atlanta, and the members concurred.
- e. Chairman Morroni congratulated the Tampa Bay Lightning on last night's victory and looks forward to Wednesday's game.

shared the result of his annual cancer screening that proved he remains free of cancer for the third year.

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At this time, 5:10 P.M., the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 6:05 P.M. with all members present.

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PRESENTATION:

Youth Activity Committee Chairman Michael Schuller reviewed the Committee's activities, initiatives, and topics of discussion during the school year and plans for next year; whereupon, Commissioner Justice displayed a video produced by the Committee in cooperation with the County's Communication Department and presented certificates to the Committee members.

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.

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Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Morroni indicated that Item No. 24 would be heard at this time, followed by Item No. 26, and no objections were noted.

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#24 Ordinance No. 15-21 adopted amending Chapter 158 and repealing Article III of Chapter 170 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code relating to floodplain management and flood damage prevention. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the proposed amendments based on the staff report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion	—	Commissioner Seel
Second	—	Commissioner Gerard
Vote	—	7 – 0

- #26 Resolution No. 15-44 adopted granting the application of the City of Seminole for a conditional use to allow a fire station with associated parking and retention areas, regarding three parcels of land containing approximately 0.73 acre located on the southeast corner of 110th Avenue North and 108th Street North in the unincorporated area of Seminole (CU-6-4-15). The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the proposed amendments based on the staff report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion	–	Commissioner Long
Second	–	Commissioner Gerard
Vote	–	7 – 0

- #23 Resolution No. 15-43 adopted approving a four-year schedule of retail and wholesale rates for the water, sewer, and reclaimed water systems. Chief Deputy Clerk Claretha N. Harris related that 13 letters in opposition to the proposed rate schedule have been received.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Utility Rate Analysis*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Andrew Burnham, Senior Vice President, Burton and Associates, presented background information regarding the proposed rate schedule for the water, sewer, and reclaimed water services; whereupon, he identified the needs of each service and the proposed increases based on each service's average user.

Mr. Burnham indicated that the proposed rate increases are significantly lower than the Board's previous rate increases for 2012 through 2015; that the aggregated adjustments for water and sewer approximate a one-percent increase over four years; that the reclaimed water rate increase is slightly higher than for water and sewer; that each service must ensure its financial health and credit rating and meet renewal and replacement requirements to provide reliable service; and that the outlook for the funds is very positive and remains consistent with the Board's minimum policies and the guidance provided by industry groups and rating agencies.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burnham related that the proposal includes the cost requirements and demand forecast of Tampa Bay Water; that six months of reserves for water and twelve months of reserves for sewer are the target amounts for each system; that reducing the proposed rate increases would lower reserve levels, which would reduce liquidity and the ability to withstand changes while carrying greater risk; and that the proposed reserve levels would remain consistent with industry guidelines and meet the rating agencies' level of reserves indicative of healthy utility systems.

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Mr. Woodard noted that when compared to having one large rate increase every few years, a multi-year plan of small percentage increases is easier to absorb into a family's budget; and that the proposed rate increase is lower than the current rate of inflation, and Mr. Burnham concurred.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals presented their concerns and comments, and indicated that the rate increase will burden poor and middle class county residents; that past increases have been excessive; that the current level of reserves is sufficient and does not require an increase; that past projections have been incorrect; that some citizens pay fees for services which they do not use; that Pinellas County should sell water from wells it owns in Pasco County; that the cost for reclaimed water has increased 800 percent; that the Florida Water Boards should promote xeriscaping; and that the County should install meters on all homes with reclaimed water.

David McKalip, St. Petersburg
Tony Caso, Palm Harbor
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
George Dimoff, Largo
Norm Lupo, Clearwater
H.P. Wheeler, Palm Harbor
Regina Brown, Largo
Nancy Davis, Seminole
Fred Kiehl, Largo
Deb Caso, Palm Harbor
Linda Skempris, St. Petersburg
John Pfanstiehl, Indian Rocks Beach

Responding to the concerns of the objectors, Mr. Burnham related that, as part of transitioning the wellfield ownership responsibilities, Tampa Bay Water is now solely responsible for the water supply on County-owned properties in Pasco County; and that the combined annual revenue requirements of the county utility systems total over \$165 million, while the reserve levels are around \$80 million in comparison; whereupon, he clarified that the proposed increase for a typical user would equal about .75 percent in the first year and then approximately 1.4 percent in subsequent years.

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Burnham explained that the reclaimed water system began as an alternative to deep injection wells or ocean outfalls for disposal of treated waste water effluent; and that the value of the

product began to increase over time. He further related that the initial pricing for reclaimed water was nominal so as to facilitate its acceptance; and that the current revenues are only at a 30-percent cost recovery level.

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard noted that the reclaimed water system's increase occurred over a period of 15 to 20 years; and that the current proposal shows no increase in the monthly availability charge and a one-dollar increase per month in the user fee, and Commissioner Seel provided input.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Burnham explained that the rating agencies have increased their reserve criteria levels in response to the volatility of water demands, unforeseen infrastructure failures, and natural disasters, noting that Pinellas County is currently rated AA. He stated that reserve levels, along with debt service ratios, are main factors in the rating agencies' criteria; whereupon, Commissioner Seel remarked that Pinellas County has a pay-as-you-go policy; and that the only debt it carries is associated with the sewer system.

Regarding the County's renewal and replacement investment needs, Mr. Burnham indicated that the proposed rates would sustain the ongoing costs of capital improvements while avoiding new debt; whereupon, Commissioner Seel related that the utility system is 80 years old; and that the Board is making sure that the infrastructure remains in good working order.

In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Mr. Burnham indicated that utility systems often incur additional costs due to increased regulatory requirements from state and federal agencies; and that changes occur most often in terms of the concentrations of various pollutants in the waste water effluent.

Commissioner Gerard related that a higher rating from the rating agencies equates to lower interest rates, and referring to her previous municipal experience, stated that the cost of not maintaining a sewer system over many years can lead to a Consent Order demanding expenditures in excess of \$100 million and the need to pass those costs through to the customers; whereupon, Mr. Burnham pointed out that the County's renewal and replacement requirements continue to rise; and that identifying ways to fund capital improvements are the biggest challenges for any utility system.

Regarding the advanced age of the current systems, Commissioner Gerard related that the older pipes are failing; and that their replacement is a huge undertaking, not just for

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Pinellas County but for the entire country; whereupon, Chairman Morroni commented that a million people did not live in the county 80 years ago, and the pipes were not being utilized to the level they are today.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Burnham explained that the funding of water and sewer infrastructure has a greater impact than the reserve targets on the proposed rate increase; that the volatility of demands for water is an additional key driver in the forecast; and that without the rate increase, the sewer system will see a negative cash flow by the end of the forecast period.

In summary and responding to comments by Commissioner Long, Mr. Woodard indicated that the current proposal is fiscally conservative and maintains the health and safety of the community; that maintaining the systems aligns with the Board's strategic plan and goals; that the proposal includes best practices in the industry; that the County maintains a relatively small amount of debt; and that as a pay-as-you-go system, resources must be set aside each year for the planned renewal and replacement of the assets.

Commissioner Eggers thanked Mr. Burnham for his professionalism and stated that the recommended level of reserves is high and leaves the County in an ultra-conservative position; whereupon, referring to the passion of the citizens who were heard, he noted that he remained unconvinced that an increase is needed this year; and that he would not support the item.

Referring to his many years serving on the Board, Chairman Morroni stated that he favors small conservative increases as opposed to the large increases implemented in past years; and that while Tampa Bay Water has not increased its water rates, the rising cost of minerals and other expenses will have to be absorbed by the member governments.

Motion	—	Commissioner Welch
Second	—	Commissioner Long
Vote	—	6 – 1 (Commissioner Eggers dissenting)

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At this time, 7:57 P.M., the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 8:03 P.M. with all members present.

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- #25 Board action on the proposed Ordinance amending Section 118-32 of the Pinellas County Code relating to the Tourist Development Plan and authorizing the expenditure of Tourist Development Taxes temporarily deferred until after the June Tourist Development Council (TDC) Meeting.

Michael Zas, Managing Assistant County Attorney, referred to discussion at the March 18, 2015 Joint BCC/TDC meeting pertaining to proposed amendments to the Tourist Development Plan, and indicated that two options were considered with regard to the allocation of Tourist Development Tax revenue; that the TDC voted in April to approve the revised Plan; and that the proposed Ordinance reflects its recommendation of Option Two, as well as other minor changes proposed by the TDC members. He related that regardless of which option is approved, the awards are discretionary with no entitlements; and that the changes in the Plan provide more flexibility while still complying with the statutory restraints.

Responding to queries by the members, Attorney Zas indicated that a super majority vote is needed to adopt any Plan amendment; that the expiration of future emergency provisions would be at the discretion of the Board; that any funds not used for their designated purpose could then be used for advertising per statute; and that the proposed changes will make the current Plan simpler and more flexible by providing category minimums and maximums.

Commissioner Long noted that the Board has had no discussion regarding whether to impose the sixth percent tax for which it recently became eligible, and questioned why a vote is proposed on the amendment apart from that discussion; whereupon, Attorney Zas stated that while imposing the sixth cent in the future would increase the dollar amount of the allocations, the mechanics of the Plan would not change.

In response to queries by Commissioner Justice, Attorney Zas noted that the Plan has been operating just above the 60/40 split between advertising and capital spending; that one full percent currently averages about \$7 million; and that the total amount of \$35 million is dependent on collections.

Responding to queries by the members, Attorney Zas indicated that there are spending caps in certain categories around 30 to 35 percent; that the County's current obligations include Tropicana Field (ending in September 2015), the Dali Museum, and spring training facilities which total about \$5 million; and that an additional \$6.3 million could be used for capital but has not been allocated.

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In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals presented their comments and concerns.

Tony Satterfield, St. Petersburg	(supported)
Dara Hindman, Dunedin	(supported)
Suzanne Ruley, Palm Harbor	(supported)
Russ Kimball, Clearwater	(supported)
Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Dunedin	(opposed)
Doug Izzo, St. Pete Beach	(supported)
Travis Norton, St. Petersburg	(opposed)
Mayor Travis Palladeno, Madeira Beach	(supported)
Sally Everett, City of St. Petersburg	(opposed)
Mayor George Cretelos, Clearwater	(undecided)
Rick Baker, St. Petersburg	(opposed)

Responding to query by Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Seel noted that the County is spending \$7 million annually on debt service for Tropicana Field, which equals the entire fourth cent; that the debt for Tropicana Field and the stadium in Dunedin will be satisfied in less than a year; that the 60/40 and 50/50 funding options allow up to \$10.1 or \$14 million annually for future capital needs under the current five percent; and that the Visit St. Pete/Clearwater budget would initially be reduced by \$4.1 or \$7.6 million without implementing the sixth percent.

Commissioner Seel related that funding capital projects is a legitimate use of bed tax funds, but caution is needed regarding any reduction of funds for advertising and marketing; that the TDC must promote, advertise, and market the region and bring in the bed taxes; that there is no expectation for new capital funding requests in the next three years; and that the current proposal could allow the County to build up \$30 to \$40 million in capital reserves by that time; whereupon, she respectfully asked the Board to support the TDC proposal.

Responding to queries by the members, Commissioner Seel explained that, under the new proposal, the money accumulated for capital reserves is separate from the money needed to service existing debt; and that the proposed Plan allocates additional funding to the new categories as each debt is satisfied.

Commissioner Welch stated that he has concerns about reducing the marketing budget when marketing and advertising are so important; that the sixth cent should be a part of this decision, as it contributes to the funding amounts in both capital and marketing; and that he supports the proposed reserve of funds for future capital projects. He concluded

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that he would not support the proposed Plan; and that the Board needs to have the conversation regarding the sixth cent.

Responding to query by Chairman Morroni, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director David Downing stated that he is unable to identify any specific budget cuts he could make at this time. Chairman Morroni noted that accepting the sixth percent would avoid a cut in the marketing budget, which would be ideal.

Commissioner Welch indicated that this is a good discussion to have and that there is not an endless source of funds to address all issues; whereupon, Mr. Downing related that while tourism development revenues have never been higher, it remains important to have reserves in place for any needed emergency campaigns in the future, noting the successful campaigns completed during the recent oil spill in the Gulf.

Comparing the fifth cent 60/40 split to the sixth cent 50/50 split, Commissioner Eggers noted that the same deficit of \$3.9 million to the advertising budget would result; that the beaches are the key driver; and that he would not support the recommendation, in order that the Board could have a more complete discussion of the sixth cent and percentage split in the near future, and Commissioner Long concurred.

Attorney Zas clarified that the proposed splits are not absolutes but are minimums that allow the ceiling to move with regard to marketing and advertising; and that the structure of the proposed Plan would not change significantly if the sixth cent were to be added in the future.

Commissioner Gerard agreed that the sixth cent and allocation issues should be joined together; and noted that the community has additional needs beyond advertising; that the \$24 million budget for advertising is a record amount; that the amount needed for capital projects is still unknown; and that she is not willing to approve the proposed Plan without more historical data.

Chairman Morroni stated he does not want to see the marketing budget reduced; and that he would not support the proposed Plan until after a discussion regarding the sixth cent; whereupon, Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be deferred until after the TDC meeting in June.

Vote – 7 – 0

- #27 Resolution No. 15-45 adopted approving the application of Susan McCann through Michelle Serdynski, Representative, for a change of zoning from R-1, Single Family Residential, to R-R, Rural Residential, and a variance to allow a four-foot-high fence with a zero-foot front setback on approximately 2.3 acres located at the southeast corner of 74th Avenue North and 138th Street North in the unincorporated area of Seminole (Z-8-4-15). The Local Planning Agency (LPA) recommended approval of the application based on the staff report. Nine letters of support and two letters of objection have been received.

Referring to aerial photographs and the zoning and land use map, Planning Department Zoning Manager John F. Cueva pointed out the location of the subject property, described surrounding land uses, and provided background information regarding the application. He indicated that a change to R-R zoning would increase the minimum lot size on the property appropriate to its neighboring lots to the south; that there would be less impact on hurricane evacuation, surrounding roads, and the water and sewer systems; and that horses and other livestock would be allowed.

Mr. Cueva related that the conditions recommended by the LPA and staff will allow a four-foot-high fence with zero setback; that the fence on the south side near the water would be set back 50 feet to protect the water quality; and that any related trailers must be maintained on the subject property and not in the public right-of-way. Referring to a fourth condition to conduct a swale and berm on the south side of the property, he explained that the applicant has proposed an improved solution, and staff has made the applicant's solution a part of the variance request and conditions.

Michelle Serdynski, Madeira Beach, appeared as representative for the applicant, and indicated that her parents have owned the subject property for more than 40 years; that she spent her childhood there and her children now visit the property daily; that there are no immediate development plans; that any future development would have a smaller impact if zoned R-R; and that until recently, her parents believed they were grandfathered with regard to the horses; whereupon, Michael Serdynski, Madeira Beach, appeared and provided input.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals presented their comments in support of the application:

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MaryAnn Barrucci, Seminole
Susannah Ford, Seminole
Chris Lautterbach, Largo
Linda Mills, Seminole
Danielle Anderson, Seminole
Randy Mills, Seminole
Marci Vucich, Seminole
David Stansel, Seminole
Andrew Koon, Seminole

In response to the Chairman's call for objectors, Jack Soifer, Seminole, indicated that he and his wife are neighbors of the applicant; that his objection is in regards to parking on the right-of-way, which hinders access to the road from their driveway; and that enforcement of Pinellas County ordinances would take care of any future problems. Nancy Soifer, Seminole, added that the road is narrow, which can hinder the flow of traffic; that it can be difficult for visitors to find parking; and that they sometimes must move their parked vehicles to allow the McCanns to pull their horse trailer onto their property.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Soifer indicated that trailers are sometimes parked for several days in the right-of-way, and Mrs. Soifer added that the road is being torn up by the horse trailer; whereupon, Chairman Morroni thanked the Soifers and closed the public hearing.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Cueva referred to the proposed conditions and stated that the trailers would have to be kept on the applicant's property, and the right-of-way is open to any member of the public for parking.

Motion	–	Commissioner Justice
Second	–	Commissioner Long

Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Serdynski stated that the public right-of-way is used by both families; that on one occasion she had asked the Soifers to move their vehicle in order to allow the trailer to turn into the driveway; and that they do try to work together when there are conflicts.

Vote	–	7 – 0
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Following the vote, Mr. Cueva clarified that the third condition of the variance includes constructing a manure compost bin as presented by staff; whereupon, responding to query by Chairman Morroni, Commissioner Justice confirmed his intent to include the condition as part of the motion, and Commissioner Long concurred.

#28 Public hearing held on the application of Pinellas County, C1 Bank, and Pinellas County Surplus Land Trust-Bayside, Pinellas Community Housing Foundation Inc., Trustee, through the Pinellas County Planning Director for zoning and land use changes on approximately 19 acres located at the northern terminus of 49th Street North, west of the western terminus of 164th Avenue North in the unincorporated area of Largo (Z/LU-3-3-15). The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the proposed amendments based on the staff report. One phone call, thirteen letters, and a petition with 707 signatures in objection to the application have been received.

- Resolution No. 15-46 adopted denying the application of C1 Bank through the Pinellas County Planning Director for a change of zoning from RPD-10, Residential Planned Development, ten units per acre, to RPD-5, Residential Planned Development, five units per acre, and a land use change from Residential Low Medium to Residential Low on approximately 0.84 acres.
- Resolution No. 15-47 adopted approving the application of Pinellas County and Pinellas County Surplus Land Trust-Bayside, Pinellas Community Housing Foundation Inc., Trustee, through the Pinellas County Planning Director for a change of zoning from RPD-10 to RPD-5 (7.23 acres), and A-E, Agricultural Estate Residential (3.7 acres), retaining RPD-5 on 1.54 acres.
- Ordinance No. 15-22 adopted amending the land use designation of approximately 10.93 acres from Residential Low Medium to Residential Low.

Referring to aerial photographs and the zoning and land use map, Mr. Cueva related that the proposal is a result of a 2008 development agreement; that Section 10.3 of the agreement specifies that if no construction has commenced within five years, the zoning and land use designation would revert to its original designation; that construction has not commenced; and that the current proposal would only partially revert the zoning and land use designations of the property.

Referring to a jurisdictional environmental study completed for the original agreement, Mr. Cueva noted that the study identified environmentally sensitive lands, trees, and vegetation on the C1 Bank property; and that the property's original zoning of R-2 and R-3 would allow development that could be detrimental to the wetland areas, but an RPD-5 designation would allow clustering of the development away from the wetland areas, preserving the environmentally sensitive lands. Noting that R-2 and R-3 zoning would allow single family homes, he related that RPD-5 zoning would allow townhome

and multi-story development; and that there are no specific contractual reasons for this request.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Cueva stated that all parcels would revert to their original zoning under the proposal except for the two bank-owned properties; that changing the bank-owned properties to RPD-5 would better protect the environmentally sensitive areas; that the bank-owned properties' land use designation would remain at five units per acre; and that all County- and bank-owned properties in this proposal will continue to be zoned for aquatic lands.

Noting that no comment cards were received in support of the application and that some of the people who completed comment cards may have had to leave, Chairman Morroni called for citizens who wished to be heard; whereupon, the following individuals presented their comments and concerns:

Janet Modrakovic, Clearwater
David Waddell, Clearwater
John Hood, Belleair
Andrea Anderson, St. Petersburg
Richard Shott, Clearwater
Jim Frishe, St. Petersburg

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Cueva stated that the best option to protect the wetland areas is an open-space zoning such as Resourced-Based Recreation, which does not allow development; whereupon, Commissioner Welch noted that a park could increase the level of traffic to the area.

In response to query by the members regarding the feasibility of creating a passive park on the property, Mr. Woodard related that an increase in traffic would be a concern; that the current budget lacks the funds needed to acquire, develop, and maintain a new passive park; that there are no immediate plans for the property, which remains fenced and posted; and that the requested RPD-5 zoning is the best zoning option.

Commissioner Justice stated that he feels an obligation to honor the previous agreement at this time but would discuss other changes in the future, and that what should be done with the parcels closest to the water is most significant; whereupon, Mr. Cueva stated that a land use amendment to Recreation/Open Space and a zoning change to Resource-Based Recreation would demonstrate an intent to establish the parcels as a passive park; that, if all parcels were reverted, the property owners could immediately

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start the development process; and that the approximately seven-acre tract could be developed at five units per acre with a height up to 45 feet.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice noted that the bank-owned property was previously listed at \$1.8 million but has since been pulled off the market; whereupon, Chairman Morroni stated that he was on the Board in 2008; that promises made to the public need to be recognized by word and action; that he supports reverting the properties to the original 2008 designations; and that he will vote against the proposal.

Commissioner Eggers moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the property be reverted to its 2008 designations.

Referring to the bank-owned properties, Senior Assistant County Attorney David Sadowsky clarified that the item was advertised as a change to RPD-5; and that it will be necessary to re-advertise in order to consider the change to R-2 and R-3; whereupon, he indicated that the Board could proceed to revert the County-owned property at this time.

Thereupon, Commissioner Eggers moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the County-owned property be reverted to its original zoning, with the intention of bringing the bank-owned property back for consideration after being properly advertised.

Vote – 7 – 0

#29 Meeting adjourned at 10:59 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015 – 9:33 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 Karen Williams Seel.

Not Present: Pat Gerard.

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Arlene L. Smitke, Senior Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk; and Lynn M. Abbott, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION: Bob Harris, Chair of the Baha'i Community of Pinellas County, Clearwater Baha'i Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Long.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

Presentation of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award Certificate of 4000-plus Volunteer Hours from the White House to Cathy Blackburn, Heritage Village; Emma Eshbaugh, Extension Services; Mike Johnson, Solid Waste; Cindy Schneller, Animal Services; Douglas Williams, Emergency Management Services (EMS); Larry Ruegger, EMS; and Richard Samay, Heritage Village.

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.

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

- # 1 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-23 approving Case No. CW 15-10, the proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Residential Low to Commercial General, re 0.2 acre m.o.l., located at 11787 Walsingham Road (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 Long
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 6 – 0

- # 2a Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-24 approving Case No. CW 15-11, the proposal by the City of Clearwater to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Residential Low to Institutional, re 4.5 acres m.o.l., located at 2930 County Road 193 (regular 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 Long
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 6 – 0

- # 2b Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-25 approving Case No. CW 15-12, the proposal by the City of Largo to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Residential Urban and Residential/Office General with Activity Center Overlay to Residential/Office General and Commercial General with Activity Center Overlay, re 2.3 acres m.o.l., located at 1925 and 2031 Seminole Boulevard (regular 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 Long
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 6 – 0

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- # 3 Amendments to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg for the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) approved; Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest (Companion to Items Nos. 4 and 16).

Noting that this item sets forth conditions that Companion Items Nos. 4 and 16 rely on, County Administrator Mark Woodard indicated that because of the significant increase in the area where Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds would go to the City of St. Petersburg instead of into the County General Fund, the County's TIF contribution levels to the South St. Petersburg, Intown, and Bayboro Harbor CRAs were reduced from 95 to 85 percent; and that the City is requesting that the TIF-funded capital projects be increased by \$20 million for implementation of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan.

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Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Woodard confirmed that the South St. Petersburg CRA and conditional items regarding the Intown and Bayboro projects in the Interlocal Agreement will be coming back to the Board as separate items. Commissioner Seel expressed concern that the Board has been asked for an additional \$20 million when in 2008 a cap of \$97.4 million had been instituted following intense negotiations, and stated that she will not support this item, although she supports and will vote for the companion items; whereupon, she requested an update regarding the Bayboro Harbor CRA.

Mr. Woodard indicated that the Downtown Waterfront project is actually an additional capital project; that the \$20 million is not a reallocation of the existing projects that were approved as a part of the Redevelopment Plan; and that the accumulating allocated monies will cover the project, and Planning Department Director Gordon Beardslee concurred.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Beardslee related that the geography of the CRA has not changed; that the City will create a Redevelopment Trust Fund once the amendments to the Intown CRA and Interlocal Agreement are adopted; that the County will schedule a public hearing; and that the timetable for the County to start contributing is later this year; whereupon, Mr. Beardslee stated that the statutes provide that once a TIF expires, any remaining Trust Fund monies must be expended within three years.

Mr. Woodard indicated that in order for 2014 to be the base year for establishing the increment for the South St. Petersburg CRA, these actions need to be accomplished prior to July 1; and that a public hearing will be held June 23, 2015.

Commissioner Long requested that a workshop be held to discuss whether the \$97 million cap negotiated in 2008 is still realistic, and Commissioner Welch concurred.

Responding to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, Wengay Newton, St. Petersburg Councilmember, appeared and expressed his support for the proposed ordinance; asked that everyone involved in the matter be diligent in seeing that the funds go to the distressed areas; and thanked the Board and County staff and the City of St. Petersburg Councilmembers, mayor, and staff for their outstanding work.

Motion	-	Commissioner Welch
Second	-	Commissioner Justice
Vote	-	5 – 1 (Commissioner Seel dissenting)

- # 4 Resolution No. 15-48 adopted approving the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Plan and delegating additional redevelopment powers to the City of St. Petersburg, including the power to establish a Redevelopment Trust Fund for the South St. Petersburg CRA. The proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district will be adopted in a separate action and will direct an estimated \$27.6 million of County General Fund revenue to the Proposed South St. Petersburg CRA over the 30-year life of the requested TIF district. This estimate is based upon an assumed two percent annual increase in assessed property values over the 30-year life span of the district. No correspondence has been received (Companion to Items Nos. 3 and 16).

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, Chairman Ricardo Davis, South St. Petersburg Redevelopment Area Citizen Advisory Committee, and Reverend Sheila Griffin, St. Petersburg, presented comments and concerns in support of the South St. Petersburg CRA.

Commissioner Welch stated that intentions are important and agreed that the entire Gas Plant community had been relocated and dislocated with a broken promise of economic development and jobs associated with Tropicana Field; that the difference this time is a funding source tied to the TIF; that the Oversight Committee will ensure community involvement; that there is an entrepreneurship element; and that the bottom line is that any program that is funded must have an impact on poverty.

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

- # 5 Resolution No. 15-49 adopted granting the petition of Mathew L. Scott, Trustee of the Leo W. Scott Trust, to vacate a 40-foot portion of right-of-way on Marie Street, a 30-foot unnamed right-of-way, and a 40-foot portion of right-of-way on St. Louis Avenue in the W.V. Futrell's Subdivision, retaining a drainage, utility, and access easement over the vacated right-of-way known as Marie Street (Legislative Hearing). Authority granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. 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.

Commissioner Eggers expressed concern that the County does not require notice of public hearing or signage on the property itself, only to the surrounding area; noted that the property to be vacated has significant value, and a change could affect the entire neighborhood; and requested that the public notice policy be revisited. Mr. Woodard

confirmed that the current policy was adopted in 2009 and only requires notifying property owners within a 200-foot radius of the subject property; and that staff has discretion to post signage particular to each situation; whereupon, Chairman Morroni concurred with Commissioner Eggers and requested that Mr. Woodard look into changing the notice requirement policy.

Commissioner Seel commented that a large area is being vacated and queried as to the plans for the property; whereupon, Mr. Woodard related that the matter before the Board is only a petition to vacate; and that should a development plan come forward at a later date, it would be subject to site plan review and various regulatory safeguards that are in place and separate decisions going forward.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, George Stamas and George Zutes, Pioneer Homes, appeared and stated that they represent the petitioner. Mr. Stamas related that the property currently resembles a junkyard; that Pioneer Homes intends to build upper-end housing; and that the petition to vacate only affects the rights-of-way of the subject property.

Commissioner Eggers stated that he will not support the item and recommended that the petition be delayed for 30 days in order to give notice of public hearing. Chairman Morroni indicated that the correct procedure has been followed for the current policy; that the petitioner has met the criteria for today's hearing; that the Board should either approve or deny the petition today; and that the policy could be changed for future actions, and Commissioner Long concurred, stating that it would be unfair to change the rules mid-stream. Mr. Woodard related that each petition to vacate stands on its own merit; and that staff can look at property signage requirements on a go-forward basis; whereupon, the Chairman directed that staff research the matter and bring it before the Board at an upcoming work session.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Stamas indicated that the process started in July of 2014; that the vacation request has already been delayed many times by the County; that a 30-day delay would be harmful at this point; and that, hopefully, the project can move forward.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Zutes pointed out that even though a public meeting was not held, every effort was made to reach out to the community and Ozona leaders regarding different residential concepts; and that the community has been made aware of the intentions of Pioneer Homes and supports the clean-up of the property.

Motion	-	Commissioner Seel
Second	-	Commissioner Long
Vote	-	5 – 1 (Commissioner Eggers dissenting)

- # 6 Petition of Edward R. Sharp, Sr. and Joyce A. Sharp Trust, West Family Trust under the will of Gurth A. West, and U-Haul Company of Florida to vacate a portion of the East Rena Drive 60-foot-wide right-of-way and Lot 8, Block 2 in Palm Breeze Estates Subdivision denied (Legislative Hearing). Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. All interested parties have been notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended approval of the proposed vacation. Three letters, one email, and a petition with 23 signatures in objection to the petition have been received.

Referring to an aerial photograph, a sketch, and a zoning and land use map, Assistant County Administrator Paul Sacco pointed out the location of the subject property and described the surrounding land uses, noting that the Board, sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, approved the land use change from Industrial to Commercial General on March 10, 2015. He reviewed proposed conditions for approval, and indicated that staff objects to the requested vacation until the applicants construct a cul-de-sac as required by County Code. Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Sacco related that the cul-de-sac will meet the 45-degree turning radius required for school buses; and Mr. Woodard stated that “no parking” signs will be posted within the cul-de-sac; and that a letter has been received from the School District indicating that its concerns have been addressed.

Sean Cashen, Gulf Coast Consulting, indicated that he represents the applicant. Referring to an aerial photograph, he pointed out the right-of-way proposed to be vacated, the right-of-way to be dedicated to the County, and the location of the proposed cul-de-sac, noting that a deed has been submitted for the dedication; that plans have been submitted for the right-of-way permit; and that a performance bond has been submitted to show the applicant’s plans to construct the cul-de-sac.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Cashen clarified the applicant’s intentions for redevelopment of the property, indicating that East Rena Drive south to Ulmerton Road will be closed; and that all surrounding properties’ access will be maintained via the cul-de-sac.

In response to the Chairman’s call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals appeared, located their property on the map, and expressed their concerns pertaining to notice to surrounding property owners, routing tractor trailer traffic onto a

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residential street, vehicle maneuverability, flooding on West Rena and North Rena Drives, loss of parking, access to the industrial park and Ulmerton Road, property values, and giving public land to a private entity.

Arthur Winqvist, Largo
Joe Kuligowski, Largo
Patrick Healey/Orbit, Largo
Mark Comerford, Largo
John Espey, Dunedin

At the request of Mr. Woodard, Transportation and Stormwater Section Manager Troy Tinch discussed the flooding history of the area and indicated that the County is aware of the issue and has commissioned a study, which should wrap up within the next several months; that the recommendations will then go to a committee for evaluation and rating for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Plan; and that due to funding, the process will likely take a couple of years.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Tinch related that flooding has long been a problem and drainage improvements are required; that development of the subject parcel would require retaining the drainage onsite; and that improvements might eliminate some of the drainage issues in the area but would not solve the problem. Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Tinch reviewed the conditions under which staff would support the vacation and clarified that the County does not own the property in question but has access rights; that the vacation would return the right-of-way to the adjacent property owners; and that the County would retain access for utility and drainage purposes.

Chairman Morroni expressed concern regarding the lack of neighborhood support and area flooding, and Commissioner Welch concurred, noting his concerns pertaining to limiting access to the surrounding properties and shifting access to West Rena Drive, and discussion ensued.

In rebuttal and referring to an aerial photograph, Mr. Cashen stated that construction plans submitted to the County illustrate that the flooding situation will be improved by installing swale and stormwater piping improvements and retaining surface water runoff on the applicant's property. He indicated that a traffic study has been prepared and will be submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Largo as part of the site plan process; and that the retail development will increase traffic in the area, and the rerouting will be a minor inconvenience, but with the drainage improvements and better use of the property, the dilapidated area will be improved and revitalized.

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Commissioner Seel suggested that the applicant meet with the adjacent property owners to attempt to resolve the issues, and Chairman Morroni proposed that all affected property owners, including the companies on West Rena Drive, join the effort to reach a resolution. In response to query by Chairman Morroni, Mr. Winquist indicated that he does not believe there is an amenable solution, and moving would be his only option.

In response to query by Commission Eggers, Attorney Bennett stated that there is no required delay for re-submission of a denied petition to vacate.

Motion	-	Commissioner Seel
Second	-	Commissioner Welch
Vote	-	5 – 1 (Commissioner Eggers dissenting)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re middle school excellence.

JoAn Totty, Palm Harbor, re Palm Harbor.

Greg Pound, Largo, re county and state government.

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At this time, 11:40 A.M., Commissioner Welch left the meeting.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 7 THROUGH 13 – APPROVED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NO. 12, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM NO. 14.

Motion	-	Commissioner Long
Second	-	Commissioner Justice
Vote	-	5 – 0

7 Approval of minutes:

Minutes of regular meeting of May 5, 2015 approved.

8 Reports received for filing:

- a. City of Belleair Beach Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014.

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- b. City of Dunedin Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014.
 - c. Dock Fee Report for the month of April 2015.
- # 9 Vouchers and bills paid – None.
- #10 Miscellaneous items received for filing:
- a. City of Clearwater Notices of Public Hearings regarding proposed Ordinances Nos. 8705-15 through 8713-15 annexing certain properties and amending the Land Use Plan and the Zoning Atlas; public hearings to be held June 3, 2015.
 - b. City of Pinellas Park Notice of Public Hearing held May 14, 2015, regarding proposed Ordinance No. 3942 voluntarily annexing certain property.
 - c. City of St. Petersburg Notice of Public Hearings regarding two proposed ordinances approving a Community Redevelopment Plan for the Southside St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and establishing a Tax Increment Financing District and Redevelopment Trust Fund for the CRA. Public hearings held May 21 and to be held June 11, 2015, respectively.
- #11 Resolution No. 15-50 adopted in support of an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Application with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to help fund the enhancement of the urban forestry program (no fiscal impact to the County). Upon approval of the \$30,000.00 grant, County Administrator authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with FDACS.
- #12 See Item No. 14.
- #13 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board approved the renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for providers of nonmedical wheelchair transport, as follows, in accordance with Section 54, Pinellas County Code:
- AVS Mobility, Inc.
Care Ride, L.L.C.
Comfort Coach Wheelchair Transportation, Inc.
Express Medical Transporters, Inc.
Lifefleet Southeast, Inc.. d/b/a American Medical Response (AMR)

Mac J Transport, Inc.

MedFleet, Inc.

Safe Choice Transportation Services, L.L.C.

Tender Touch Transport Service, L.L.C.

The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Inc., d/b/a TransCare Medical Transportation Services

Trinity Mobility, Inc., d/b/a A Trinity Wheelchair Transportation

Wheelchair/Stretcher Limo, Inc.

Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc.

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At this time, 11:42 A.M., Commissioner Welch returned to the meeting.

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#14 Item pulled for discussion from the Consent Agenda:

#12 Award of bid to Traffic Control Devices, Inc. for Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation System (ATMS/ITS) Improvements – State Road 693 (66th Street) from Gulf Boulevard to Park Boulevard (Bid No. 145-0189-CP; PID No. 000326A) approved for an expenditure in the amount of \$2,437,437.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Traffic Engineering Division Manager Kenneth A. Jacobs provided a brief overview of the countywide ATMS/ITS project. Referring to a map showing the project phases, he noted areas that are complete or scheduled for construction this year, indicating that the 66th Street segment is next on the priority list.

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

#15 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held on June 23, 2015 on the Pinellas County Consortium's Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, including the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan for federal funding.

Mr. Woodard reported that the Pinellas County Consortium consists of Pinellas County in its capacity as the Urban County and, together with the City of Largo, represents 20 local

governments; whereupon, referring to a document titled *2015-2016 Proposed Projects*, he indicated that it lists various improvements that are part of the program.

At the request of Chairman Morroni, Planning Section Manager Bruce Bussey provided a brief overview, indicating that the Consolidated Plan contains the Consortium's Five-Year Strategic Plan for meeting housing and community development needs; and that the Annual Action Plan includes the application for Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership programs; whereupon, he discussed the public hearing process, annual application cycle, and selection of projects.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Bussey discussed the difference between *recommended* and *alternative* projects and how they are ranked and funded; whereupon, he related that the Clearview Elementary renovation in Lealman is presently listed as an alternative project, and identified the cities that do not participate in the program.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by Commissioners Seel and Long, Mr. Bussey indicated that two recommended projects and one alternative project are listed as part of the Public Infrastructure Program, and briefly discussed eligibility requirements and how the program operates in order to fairly fund the cities; whereupon, he reported that Planning Department staff will be in attendance at tomorrow evening's Town Hall meeting regarding Lealman.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodard related that submission of the plan will allow Pinellas County to qualify for approximately \$4.5 million in federal grant funds.

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

- #16 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held on June 23, 2015 regarding a proposed ordinance approving the creation of a Redevelopment Trust Fund for the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (Companion to Items Nos. 3 and 4).

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

- #17 Resolution No. 15-51 adopted designating the Ulmerton Road Opportunity Corridor Expansion Area as a Brownfield Area pursuant to Chapter 376, Florida Statutes, and authorizing the County Administrator to notify the Florida Department of Environmental Protection of said designation.

Motion	-	Commissioner Long
Second	-	Commissioner Welch

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Pinellas County Economic Development Director Mike Meidel related that public notice was provided to property owners in the subject area; that a public hearing took place at the EpiCenter on April 16, 2015; and that during public comment, only one person spoke and expressed support for expanding the corridor; whereupon, he indicated that approximately 20 businesses are located within the expansion area; and that many of those properties still rely on septic systems.

Mr. Meidel related that people seem to be generally supportive of the expansion; that the area is comprised strictly of businesses; and that business owners can receive tax credits for cleaning their properties; whereupon, responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, he briefly discussed the benefits of the expansion, including improving stormwater issues associated with the Cross Bayou Canal.

Vote	-	6 – 0
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- #18 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for Wilshire Drive Culvert Replacement (Bid No. 134-0298-CP; PID No. 000546A) approved, increasing the contract amount by \$80,293.50 for a revised total contract amount of \$656,817.00 and authorizing a time extension of 25 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Eggers, Director of Engineering Kevin Becotte, with input by Mr. Woodard, indicated that the change order is the result of field conditions that were encountered during construction and required additional work to be performed; whereupon, he related that all of the contingencies were exhausted in the original contract; and that further contingency funding is being requested to accommodate unforeseen issues that may arise during the project.

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

- #19 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for indigent pharmacy benefits with Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. (Contract No. 089-0197-P) approved, extending the contract from June 2,

2015 to September 30, 2015 and providing an increase to the base pharmacy contract for the current term to address increased program expenses (additional base contract expenditure not to exceed \$1,250,000.00; additional four-month time extension expenditure not to exceed \$2,000,000.00); Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

#20 Other administrative matters – None.

#21 Recommendation of settlement in the case of Edward Rice versus Pinellas County Sheriff and Risk Management – Workers’ Compensation Case No. 14-026038SLR approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum from County Attorney James L. Bennett dated June 2, 2015.

In response to queries by the members, Attorney Bennett briefly reviewed the case.

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

#22 County Attorney miscellaneous – None.

#23 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board authorized two public hearings to be held on July 21, 2015 and August 4, 2015 to consider the update to the Countywide Plan, as recommended by the Pinellas Planning Council in its memorandum dated June 2, 2015, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record.

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

#24 Announcement of a Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) public hearing to be held at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 23, 2015, on behalf of Goodwill Industries–Suncoast, Inc., for Sumter County Industrial Development Authority Industrial Development Revenue Note, Series 2015 Bonds, to make improvements in Sumter, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties.

#25 County Administrator reports – None.

#26 County Commission Miscellaneous:

- a. Commissioner Eggers thanked County staff for the Memorial Day event, and Tampa Bay Veterans Alliance and the City of Clearwater for the memorial groundbreaking.

wished happy birthday to the City of Clearwater.

looks forward to touring Directions for Living, South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Plant, Traffic Facility, and Waste-to-Energy Plant.
- b. Commissioner Welch wished Commissioner Eggers happy birthday and Tampa Bay Lightning success against the Chicago Blackhawks, and the members concurred.
- c. Commissioner Justice echoed comments of Commissioner Eggers regarding Memorial Day ceremony.
- d. Chairman Morroni requested update regarding reclaimed water stoppage in beach communities, and staff reported that a leak has been fixed and service restored.

wished Commissioner Gerard well with her medical issue.

announced the 2015 Atlantic Hurricane Season starts today, and the 2015 Hurricane Guide is available at various locations and on the County website. Commissioner Long noted that the Sheriff has implemented a pass system and urged barrier island residents to register.

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#27 Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk