



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE:** June 23, 2015

**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 17

**Consent Agenda** ☐

**Regular Agenda** ☒

**Public Hearing** ☐

 **County Administrator's Signature:**

**Subject:**

Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on July 21, 2015 to appoint the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners as the Community Redevelopment Agency for the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area.

**Department:**

Planning

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Gordon Beardslee, Director  
Renea Vincent, Division Manager

**Recommended Action:**

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 21, 2015 TO APPOINT THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE LEALMAN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

**Summary Explanation/Background:**

The proposed ordinance appoints the Board as the Community Redevelopment Agency for the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area and further directs Planning staff to coordinate with the Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Committee to draft a redevelopment plan for review and recommendation by the Advisory Committee and the Local Planning Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency.

On June 23, 2015 the Board will take action on a Resolution establishing the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area. In accordance with Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, the Board must be appointed as the CRA in order for redevelopment activities to be carried out in the Lealman Redevelopment Area.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:**

N/A

**Exhibits/Attachments Attached:**

Ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO. 15- \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CARRY OUT REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF CHAPTER 163, PART III, FLORIDA STATUTES. WITHIN THE LEALMAN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature duly enacted Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes (the "Community Redevelopment Act") establishing the conditions and procedures for the establishment of community redevelopment areas and agencies; and finding that areas or portions thereof which are deteriorating or economically distressed could be revitalized and redeveloped in a manner that will vastly improve the economic and social conditions of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter the "Board", on June 23, 2015, by resolution, made a legislative finding that conditions of blight exist in an area generally known as the unincorporated "Lealman Study Area"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board on June 23, 2015, by resolution, declared a need for the establishment of the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board on June 23, 2015, by resolution, directed staff to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board on June 23, 2015, by resolution, directed the creation of a Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Citizens Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it necessary and appropriate to exercise its authority under the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969 and declare itself to be the Community Redevelopment Agency to conduct activities within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area..

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- A. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners is hereby declared as the Community Redevelopment Agency for the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area of Pinellas County.
- B. The Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency shall have all the rights, powers, duties, privileges and amenities granted by Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, subject to all responsibilities and liabilities imposed thereby.
- C. The Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency shall carry out the community redevelopment purposes authorized by Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes.

## Section 2. REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The County's Planning Department is hereby directed to coordinate with the Lealman Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee to prepare the Lealman Redevelopment Plan. Such plan shall be submitted to the Local Planning Agency and the Lealman CRA Advisory Committee for review and recommendations to the Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency.

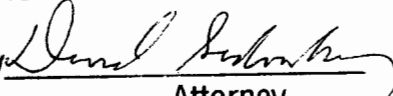
## Section 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and it shall be construed to be the legislative intent to pass this Ordinance without such unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative part therein.

## Section 4. FILING OF THE ORDINANCE: EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Section 125.66 of the Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective when the acknowledgment is received from the Secretary of State that the Ordinance has been duly filed.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

By   
Attorney