

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

A Joint Meeting between the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following Board of County Commissioners members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. The following City of Punta Gorda Councilmembers were present: Mayor Lynne Matthews, Councilmember William Dryburgh, Councilmember Melissa Lockhart, Councilmember Deborah Lux, and Councilmember Donna Peterman. Also in attendance were: City Attorney David Levin, City Manager Gregory Murray, County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Johnston, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1) Public Input – Agenda Items Only

John Welsh spoke in favor of Convention Center / Seawall / Docks.

Tim Ritchie commented on Water Quality Update.

Gene Pawlowski spoke in favor of Convention Center / Seawall / Docks.

2) Discussion Items

a) Punta Gorda Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

City Manager Gregory Murray discussed Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), report, debt payoff, sunset, assets, funding, revenues, refund, Proforma, maintenance, expenses, Herald Court Operations Division Proforma, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Operations Division - Assumptions for Renewal & Replacement of Infrastructure, Debt Service Division Proforma, and CRA Fund: Debt Service Division Accounting Structure.

Kristin Simeone, City Finance Director gave a brief overview of Punta Gorda (PG) CRA 101, CRA Extension, CRA Fund: Debt Service Division Accounting Structure, Debt Service Division Assumptions, History of Taxable Value Increment, History of TIF Revenue, Balance of Current Debt Schedule and Update regarding final millage rate, Proforma, Herald Court Operations Division Accounting Structure, Herald Court Division Assumptions, Herald Court Operations Division Proforma, Operations Division Accounting Structure, Operations Division - Assumptions for Renewal & Replacement of Infrastructure, and Operations Division Proforma.

Commissioner Constance discussed prepayment penalties, History of Taxable Value Increment, History of TIF Revenue, district, and Debt Service Division Proforma. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned CRA, sunset, Herald Court Operations Division Proforma, and Debt Service Division Proforma. **Councilmember Dryburgh** noted Operations Division - Assumptions for Renewal & Replacement of Infrastructure.

County Administrator Flores replied to Tax Increment Financing.

b) Sales Tax Projects

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis gave a brief overview of History and 2026 Sales Tax Timeline.

Mitchell Austin, City of Punta Gorda Principal Planner gave a brief overview of Downtown Punta Gorda: The Vision, The Challenge, Planning for Parking, Parking as Public Infrastructure: Strategies, City Investments, Publicly Owned Parking Structure, Parking Structure Opportunity Sites, and Parking as Public Infrastructure.

Commissioner Constance commented on 2026 Sales Tax Timeline, extension length, projects, workshops, projects, Herald Court, building cost, Charlotte Harbor Event Center, parking elevation, structure configuration, flow, design, uses, and funding. **Chair Truex** spoke to 2026 Sales Tax Timeline, extension length, polling, priorities, Parking as Public Infrastructure, parking garage, structure configuration, flow, TIF, and participation level. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned 2020 voter turnout, Charlotte Harbor Event Center, structure configuration, uses, and operating expenses. **Councilmember Dryburgh** spoke to Sales Tax signs. **Councilmember Lux** discussed Charlotte Harbor Event Center, ownership, parking, garage, funding, uses, and Sunseeker. **Mayor Matthews** noted parking garage, funding, Sales Tax, partnership, projects, and Sunseeker. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed parking, site, process, partnership, and Capital Needs Assessment (CNA). **Councilmember Melissa Lockhart** commented on partnership, benefits, parking, and concerns.

City Manager Murray interjected on City of Punta Gorda Sales Tax timeline, parking, study, responsibility, structure configuration, and uses.

c) Water Quality Update

Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager gave a brief overview of Overview, State Water Quality Assessments 2023: Nutrients, Bacteria, Enhancement, Protection, and Partnerships, Habitat Enhancement/Protection, Habitat Improvements Efforts and Partnerships, and Policy/Planning Update, Bacteria in Punta Gorda Isles (PGI), Revisited, and Water Quality Town Hall - January 31st, 2024 Charlotte Harbor Event Center.

Brittany Metzler, City of Punta Gorda Planner I gave a brief overview of Punta Gorda's Water Quality Improvement Policies – Recent Efforts, Water Quality Policies Overview, Engineering Solutions: Septic-to-Sewer Conversion (Charlotte Park), Lift Station Upgrades, Boca Grande Drainage Project, Seawall Replacement, Nature-Based Solutions: Habitat Restoration, Living Shoreline Expansion, Community-Oriented Solutions: Pump-Out Boat, Vulnerability Assessment Update, and Facilitating Public Education and Volunteerism.

Chair Truex mentioned efforts. **Commissioner Constance** noted criteria, nitrogen, phosphorus, and Nutrients. **Mayor Lynne Matthews** spoke to Bacteria.

d) Septic to Sewer

City Manager Murray highlighted City of Punta Gorda Septic to Sewer.

Dave Watson, Utilities Director gave a brief overview of Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement, Lakeview/Midway - Water Quality, Cape Haze - Water Quality Improvement, and Sewer Master Plan Update.

Chair Truex commented on Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement. **Commissioner Constance** discussed City of Punta Gorda cost per unit conversion and Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement. **Commissioner Tiseo** inquired to City of Punta Gorda updated numbers.

County Administrator Flores remarked on Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement.

e) Convention Center / Seawall / Docks

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director gave a brief overview of Event Center: sea wall, day docks, and parking garage.

Chair Truex noted day docks. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to Event Center: sea wall.

Deputy County Administrator Lewis responded to sea wall, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and funding.

f) Roads

City Manager Murray gave a brief overview of Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-FY2028 Unfunded Project, commented on Aqui Esta, Baynard Drive, maintenance, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), funding, legislative agenda, and right of way (ROW).

Mayor Matthews spoke to traffic, signal, issues, FDOT, Madrid Boulevard (Blvd), shopping center, Home Depot, signage, mobile home parks, Burnt Store Road, public safety, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), study, funding, accidents, distance, speed limits, Tripoli Blvd, Rio Villa, Aqui Esta, growth, Burnt Store Isles, Baynard Drive, stacking, and hurricane evacuation. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned traffic, signal, distance, Jones Loop Road, Madrid Blvd, FDOT, MPO, growth, stacking, Burnt Store Road, Tripoli Blvd, speed limits, funding, Rio Villa, Baynard Drive, and Aqui Esta. **Councilmember Lockhart** commented on distance, FDOT, Madrid Blvd, traffic, signal, Burnt Store Road, shopping center, Monaco Blvd, growth, and real time radar. **Commissioner Doherty** noted FDOT, signal, Madrid Boulevard, Home Depot, traffic, flow, study, MPO, and improvements. **Chair Truex** discussed City of Punta Gorda and Charlotte County motions for support next meeting.

John Elias, Public Works Director replied to study, signal, FDOT, US41, stacking, traffic, funding, Burnt Store Road, speed limit, and radar feedback signs.

g) Legislative Initiatives

City Manager Murray gave a brief overview of City of Punta Gorda 2024 Legislative Agenda.

3) Public Input

Tim Ritchie discussed water quality, Mosaic, clay settling areas, beneficiation plant, phosphate mining, environmental fines, Charlotte Harbor, rivers, and impacts.

Pat Niles mentioned Burnt Store Road, Home Depot, traffic signal, boat slips, pump-outs, funding, and Sunseeker.

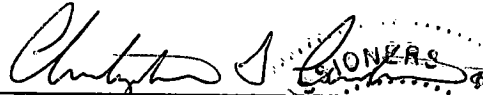
4) Commissioner & Council Comments

City Manager Murray noted staff efforts.

County Administrator Flores spoke to staff efforts.

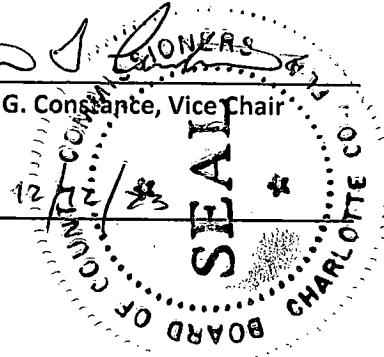
Commissioner Deutsch commented on staff efforts. **Councilmember Lockhart** discussed partnership. **Councilmember Dryburgh** mentioned Joint Meeting. **Commissioner Doherty** noted partnership. **Councilmember Peterman** remarked on parking garage. **Councilmember Lux** spoke to water quality. **Commissioner Constance** commented on commonality, Information Technology (IT), and cyber security collaboration. **Mayor Matthews** discussed partnership. **Chair Truex** mentioned Joint Meeting and staff efforts.

ADJOURNED: 3:38 pm



Christopher G. Constance, Vice Chair

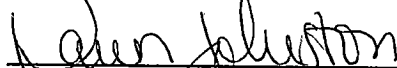
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