

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 20, 2021

A Board Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Charlotte Harbor CRA Board

Joshua Hudson, Redevelopment Manager gave a brief overview of Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area, Brief History: Charlotte Harbor Improvement Committee (CHIC), Finding of Necessity Report - October 1992, Notable Projects, Current Status: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Committee, Debt Repayment, Charlotte Harbor CRA Property Values, Charlotte Harbor CRA Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Collections, Future Projects, and Going Forward.

Chair Truex mentioned CRA, sunset, repayments, infrastructure, purpose, Future Projects, Parmely Street Improvements, Kings Highway connection, Advisory Committee, public input, quorum, and Bayshore Pedestrian Connection to Riverwalk. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Bayshore Road Street Lighting and Multi-Use Path, records, sewers, predictions, Sunseeker, Bayshore Park Pedestrian Connection to Riverwalk, parking garage, planned connection, walkway, public space, Parmely Street Improvements, rights of way, Kings Highway, County ownership, Main Street, access point, funds, tax revenue, park enhancements, parking, TIF, Advisory Committee, sunset, CRA, funding, General Fund, flexibility, and surplus. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Brief History, Bayshore Road Street Lighting and Multi-Use Path, decorative lights, community enhancement, playground, CRA, Parmely Street Improvements, Sunseeker, boardwalk, citizens input, advisory boards, and sunset. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to Brief History, accomplishments, Charlotte Harbor CRA TIF Collections, Sunseeker, sunset, Parmely Street Improvements, traffic flow, road improvement, scope of work, widening project, Kings Highway, Melbourne Street/US 41 intersection, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), transportation needs, funding options, Capital Improvements Projects (CIP), Advisory Committee, quorum, vacancies, Parkside CRA, Murdock Village CRA, and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Debt Repayment, Advisory Committee, sunset, Regional Planning Committee, quorum, vacancies, Parkside CRA, Bayshore Park Pedestrian Connection to Riverwalk, Developer Agreement, Sunseeker, design, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, connection, parking garage, public land, Letter of Intent, Melbourne Street, planning, responsibility, conceptual plan, field conditions, Charlotte Harbor CRA, taxpayer benefits, incremental financing, General Fund, and flexibility.

John Elias, Public Works Director responded to Bayshore Road Street Lighting and Multi-Use Path, planned connection, and elevation changes.

2. PACE Program Overview

Ben Bailey, Community Development Director highlighted Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Agenda, What is PACE, What type of projects does PACE cover, Qualifications for tax payer, The assessment, Program concerns, 8% interest at 20 year terms, New Legislation, and Considerations.

Chair Truex mentioned contractors, accountability, tool, program improvements, insurance, fraud, legislature, restructure, interest rates, repayment, Tax Collector, recess, negative impacts, interior remodeling, licenses, credit options, and agenda item. **Commissioner Constance** discussed The assessment, loan, improvements, predatory and criminal intent, price gauging, Attorney General Moody, PACE, Consent Agenda, contracts, consumer protections, and termination. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on PACE, tool, homeowner, flood insurance requirements, responsibility, consumer, public hearing, and credit options. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to termination, tool, and history. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Truth in Lending requirements, 8% interest at 20 year terms, consumer protections, legislature, occupational license legislation, taxpayer exposure, program, permits, license, Program concerns, leases, penalties, consumers, termination, and financing options.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Regular Agenda item, contract termination periods, notice provision, Legislative Agenda, and Truth in Lending.

3. Manchester Waterway

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Manchester Waterway Agenda, introduced Matthew Logan, Projects Manager, responded to intent of presentation, flexibility, challenges, land ownership, methodology, data, Manchester Waterway Civic Association Presentation, and governmental agencies requirements.

Mr. Logan gave a brief overview of Representatives, Agenda Items Discussed, Land Ownership and Coordination, Lands Coordination of Easement and Public Interest for Upland and Submerged Lands, Resource Impacts of Upland Cut, Resource Impacts Submerged, Water Quality, Challenges to the Permit, Additional Items/Concerns by Agency, Charlotte County Tasks 05/13/2021 to 07/02/2027, Engineering/Permit and Design 2/11/2022 - 12/4/2026, and Manchester Waterway Cut-Through Summit Notes.

Chair Truex mentioned Lands Coordination of Easement and Public Interest for Upland and Submerged Lands, flushing, filtration process, water quality, estuary benefit, negative effects, economic benefit, seagrass, environmentally sound, septic tanks, permitting, data, cost, support, public attendance, and Regular Agenda item. **Commissioner Constance** discussed property rights, Lands Ownership and Coordination, process, Manchester Waterway Timeline, Ackerman Waterway, sewer, water quality, expense, Mr. Logan's efforts, Engineering/Permit and Design 2/11/2022 - 12/4/2026, General Fund,

Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), funding, City of Punta Gorda, Bird cut, Alligator Creek, ownership, cost, Workshop, updates, and Regular Agenda. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on project, flushing, Stump Pass, Lemon Bay, history, Manchester Waterway, water quality, West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND), preliminary study, environmental protection, economic benefit, lock, alternatives, water flow, and Mr. Logan's efforts. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to staff efforts, Manchester Waterway Cut-Through Summit, federal permitting, regulatory agencies, flexibility, rules, requirements, process, alternatives, access, cumulative impacts, Engineering/Permit and Design 2/11/2022 - 12/4/2026, funding sources, cost, environmental concerns, Resource Impacts Submerged, methodology, and criteria. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted permit condition, Resource Impacts of Upland Cut, Manchester Waterway MSBU land ownership, regulatory agencies, data, research, lock removal, Christopher Waterway, permits, Settlement Agreement, alternatives, flushing, lock, Charlotte County Tasks 05/13/2021 to 07/02/2027, presentation, water quality, environmental impact, back up studies, reports, Bird cut, City of Punta Gorda, Alligator Creek, Muddy Cove, Charlotte Harbor, internal cut, agenda item, and next steps.

County Attorney Knowlton replied to funding, General Fund, feasibility study, consultant, benefits, and MSBU subunit.

4. Ambulance Fees

Chief Jason Fair, Public Safety Director highlighted Reasons for Rate Increase, Digitech's Recommendation, 2020 FL Agency Fee Survey Data, Surrounding Counties, Our Proposed Rate Increase, Treatment No Transport: Charge #1 - \$175, Charge #2 - \$350, Revenue, and Summary.

Chair Truex mentioned Treatment No Transport: Charge #1 - \$175. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Digitech's Recommendation, 2020 FL Agency Fee Survey Data, Our Proposed Rate Increase, Surrounding Counties, tax payers, infrastructure, service cost, health, welfare, and safety. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on fees, funding difference, budget, and General Fund. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to Our Proposed Rate Increase. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Our Proposed Rate Increase, service cost, internal calculation, analysis, Surrounding Counties, collections, insurance deductibles, ambulance service, and community.

5. State Legislative Agenda

Cameron Pennant, Legislative Manager gave a brief overview of 2022 Legislative Calendar, Guiding Principles, Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement Project - Zone 4, William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, Utilities Communication/Cybersecurity Project, Sunshine Law: County State of Emergency, Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) & Hurricane Shelter Retrofit program, (2019) CS/CS SB 426 Firefighter Cancer Bill, Public Records, West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND), Purple Heart Highway Initiative, Charlotte County Sheriff's: Law enforcement body camera program, Real-Water Quality Monitoring, and Coastal & Heartland Estuary Partnership Legislative Priorities: Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Program.

Chair Truex mentioned Airport Authority, representation, City of Punta Gorda, Economic Development Director David Gammon, Punta Gorda Airport, Board direction, support, Charlotte County Commission, Port of Manatee, Manatee County Commissioners, Lee County, Joint Workshops, PACE, Florida Association of Counties (FAC), and certification. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Airport Authority, WCIND, cost, Sarasota County, Senator Gruters, representation, Charlotte County Commissioners, legislative statement, FAC policy meeting, and PACE. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Airport Authority meetings, Economic Development Director David Gammon, Punta Gorda Airport, MPO meeting, traffic, Cheney Brothers, truck parking, truck stop, and FDOT. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to Airport Authority, MPO meeting, James Herston's report, Punta Gorda Airport national recognition, development component, responsibilities, Economic Development Director, support, partnership, City of Punta Gorda, Charter Review Commission, and Other Boards and Agencies. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted elected officials, Airport Authority, voting process, delegation meeting, citizens, Board rights, airport operation, assets, impacts, district representation, MPO meeting, Punta Gorda Airport, James Herston, Punta Gorda Airport nationally recognized, Economic Director, Joint Workshop, voting member, and PACE.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Sunshine Law: County State of Emergency to expand scope of individuals for shade meetings attendance to include persons most knowledgeable.

AA. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Flores mentioned Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte Behavioral, Mental Health Multidisciplinary Response Team, research, Grant, application, letters of support request, and supportive language.

Chair Truex commented on Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte Behavioral, partnership, support, Marchman Act, Baker Acts, occupancy expansion, COVID related cases, psychological effects, flexible option, and Grant. **Commissioner Constance** noted Public Safety Coordinating Council and support.

BB. County Attorney Comments – None

CC. Commissioner Comments

Chair Truex spoke to agenda items, City of Punta Gorda Joint Meeting, Dr. Pepe performance letter, capital funding policy for non-profits, merits, requirements, flexibility, community benefits, funding, legal process, land ownership, responsibility, public entity, criteria, college owned property, Department of Health Requirement, plumbing connection, pump out, Ordinance, construction timeline, Agreements, COVID cases, unvaccinated citizens, red tide effects, State of Emergency, and Governor's Office. **Commissioner Constance** discussed City of Punta Gorda, Mayor Murray, US 41, FDOT, water quality and safety, Reverse Osmosis (RO) plan, primary water supply, Water Authority, agenda items, City of North Port, public entity owned and maintained property, public benefit, marketing funding, infrastructure, Tourist Development Council (TDC), Patrick Fuller performance letter, COVID cases, Delta Variant, COVID-19 update, red tide mapping, MPO meeting, change memorandums, FDOT, presentation, and Florida Fish

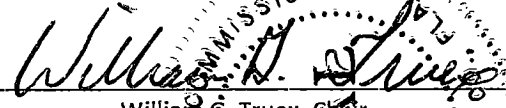
& Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) website. Commissioner Deutsch mentioned City of Punta Gorda Joint Meeting, MPO Meeting, Sarasota County, River Road, Lee County, Burnt Store Road, and Dr. Pepe performance letter. Commissioner Doherty spoke to general capital funding policy for non-profits, requirements, public dollars, operation, public ownership, public entity, tourism, economic benefit, proposal, PicklePlex, de facto policy, minimum thresholds, performance letters, City of Punta Gorda Joint Meeting, agenda, House Bill 53, additional wastewater/stormwater reporting requirements, and FAC Zoom Meeting. Commissioner Tiseo commented on specific agenda, City of Punta Gorda Joint Meeting, Surgeon General, Dr. Pepe's performance letter, Board direction, capital funding policy for non-profits, PicklePlex, Charlotte Ranchettes, tax dollars, county owned and operated, Sunseeker, policy, thresholds, Snowbird Classic, public property, Ordinance, pump out charge, Ackerman Waterway MSBU, sewer assessment, county plumbing contract, functioning systems, and pump out requirements.

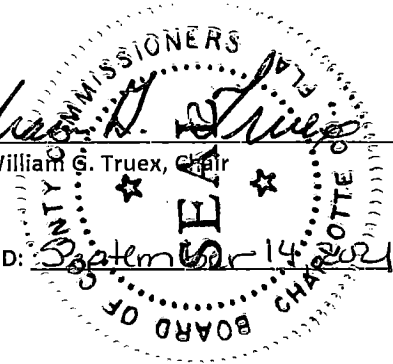
County Attorney Knowlton remarked on written proposal, PicklePlex, criteria, legal memos, TDC, Ordinance, deadlines, sewers, and phases.

County Administrator Flores responded to Ackerman Waterway MSBU, pump out, and COVID update agenda item.

Craig Rudy, Utilities Director replied to pump out certification, Ordinance, language, plumbing contract, construction contract, Department of Health, and timeline.

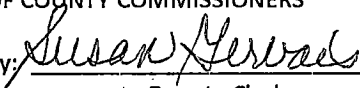
ADJOURNED: 12:34 pm



William G. Truex, Chair
DATE ADOPTED: September 14, 2021


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