

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 19, 2022**

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 (via teleconference), Vice Chair 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.

County Administrator Flores highlighted Workshop Agenda.

**1. Long Range Fiscal Planning**

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, Ad Valorem Revenue, Charlotte County Sheriff Office, Sheriff Facility Cost, Public Safety Fund, Lighting District Millage Rate History, Street Lighting, Transit, Potential Regionalization, and Transit – Regionalized Funding.

Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell gave a brief overview of Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Revenue. John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of The Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District, Establishment, Interlocal Agreements, Traffic Signals, Roadway Lights, Residential Street Lights, Beacons, Fiber Optic Network, Future Opportunities & Potential Challenges, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Advanced Traffic Management System Master Plan, Staffing, Charlotte County Landfill, Landfill Background, 1975 Landfill Footprint, Background Continued, Current Site, Historical Tonnage, Infrastructure, Infrastructure Locations, Scale House & Customer Convenience Center, Working Face Disposal Area, Operations and Equipment Maintenance Buildings, Leachate Facility, Deep Injection Well, Synagro Regional Bio-Composting Facility, Closure, Future, Landfill Funding, and Expansion and Closure Scenario.

Tina Powell, Parks and Natural Resources Manager gave a brief overview of Density Model Timeline, Density Model Update, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Implementation, HCP Target Objectives, and Implementation Status: Acquisition and Permitting.

Francine Lisby, Financial Manager gave a brief overview of HCP Revenue Actuals, HCP Revenue Projections, Land Acquisition Cost Actuals, Land Acquisition Cost Projections, Habitat Conservation Maintenance, Habitat Conservation Land Acquisition, Habitat Conservation: Maintenance and Land, Maintenance and Land with Indexing, Maintenance and Land with Indexing starting Fiscal Year (FY) 2022,

Endowment, Endowment with Indexing, Endowment with Indexing starting in FY 2022, Conservation Charlotte, Waste Management Volume: Actuals (in tons), Projections (in tons), and Landfill.

**Chair Truex** spoke to Density Model Update. **Vice Chair Constance** mentioned Sheriff Facility Cost, Roadway Lights, Piper Road, Traffic Signals, cost, pilot studies, Street Lighting, Florida Power & Light (FPL), HCP Target Objectives, Implementation Status: Acquisition and Permitting, HCP Revenue Projections, Maintenance and Land with Indexing, Maintenance and Land with Indexing starting in FY 2022, Conservation Charlotte, millage, bond, prepayment penalty, State Revolving Fund (SRF), refinancing, Transit, Potential Regionalization, Landfill Background, Background Continued, Working Face Disposal Area, Scale House & Convenience Center, mitigation zone, energy consumption, and cost. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed Transit, population, operating hours, Potential Regionalization, Sarasota County, adjustments, expenditures, Closure, methane gas, and procedure. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Sheriff Facility Cost, funding, Implementation Status: Acquisition and Permitting, Transit, Background Continued, and Future. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, funding, Burnt Store Road, storefront, Integrated Response for Intervention and Support (IRIS), population, Sheriff Facility Cost, Future Opportunities & Potential Challenges, asset management system, Roadway Lights, repair and replacement (R&R), Traffic Signals, Street Lighting, reserves, Implementation Status: Acquisition and Permitting, Density Model Update, parcel acquisition, methodology, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), HCP Plan, Conservation Charlotte, excess funds, and prepayment penalty.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis remarked on Board direction, indexing, FWS, density model, proposal, parcel acquisitions, and voluntary participation.

**(Consensus: Direct Staff to move forward with Indexing on Habitat Conservation Plan Conservation: Maintenance and Land)**

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on FWS, communication, Ordinance, and voluntary participation.

Susan Gervais, Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Finance Director replied to refinancing, loan rates, and prepayment penalty.

Lorenzo Daetz, Solid Waste Supervisor responded to permitted height, Background Continued, and Scale House & Convenience Center.

## 2. ARPA Funding

Deputy County Administrator Lewis gave a brief overview of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Overview, Charlotte County ARPA Spending Plan, Eligible Expenses under ARPA, Public Health Emergency, Negative Economic Impacts, Provision of Government Services, Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure, Approved Phase 1 Spending Plan, Revised Phase 1 Spending Plan, Draft Phase 2 Spending Plan – Year 3, Draft Phase 2 Spending Plan – Year 4, General Fund Reallocation, Next Steps, replied to International

Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), compensation benefit package, Florida Retirement System (FRS), negotiations, and recommendations.

Jeffrey Ling, Evergreen Solutions, LLC President highlighted Overview, Study Process, Employee Outreach, Current Conditions, Classification Review, Revised Pay Plan, Implementation, and Findings & Recommendations.

**Chair Truex** spoke to Classification & Compensation Study Report, transparency, concerns, attachments, and General Fund Reallocation. **Vice Chair Constance** mentioned Approved Phase 1 Pending Plan, Revised Phase 1 Spending Plan, revenue replacement, Current Conditions, data, progression, opportunities, workforce, wage compression, IUPAT, living costs, increases, bonuses, funding, Findings & Recommendations, Compensation Review, Classification & Compensation Study Report, attachments, policy, community outreach, volunteers, recreation centers, General Fund Reallocation, and reserves. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed benefits package, unemployment, first responders, housing market, staffing, salaries, challenges, training costs, wage compression, incentives, employee retention, and General Fund Reallocation. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on challenges, funding, and General Fund Reallocation. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Co-Responder Program, funding sources, budgets, recommendations, benefits package, private sector, pay ranges, wage compression, market survey, Compensation Review, Implementation, quality of life, vacancies, staffing challenges, elements, and General Fund Reallocation.

**County Administrator Flores** responded to wage compression, Compensation Review, Revised Pay Plan, Classification & Compensation Study Report, and attachments.

**Heather Bacus**, Human Resources Director remarked on market survey, wage compression, recommendation, and pay ranges.

**County Attorney Knowlton** interjected on inflation and retention bonuses.

**Mr. Burger** responded to budget projections and ARPA funding.

**Colleen Turner**, Human Services manager replied to assistance, funding, General Fund Reallocation, rent cost, relocation, Rapid Rehousing (RRH), financial literacy, homebuyer education, and State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program.

**(Consensus: Little Farm Road to be brought back as an item for the Boards consideration. Bring back Virginia B. Andes Mobile Care Clinic, Assistance to Individuals with a detailed plan, and Facilities Room 119 Retrofit with refined figures for further conversation. Rest to be placed in the Balance to Reserves temporarily and come back for a conversation around the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.)**

**(4:1 Consensus, Vice Chair Constance Opposed: Bachmann Tract to be brought back as an item for the Boards consideration.)**

### 3. State Legislative Agenda

Cameron Pennant, Legislative Manager gave a brief overview of Guiding Principles, Burnt Store Plants: Fiber Optic Hardening, East Port Water Reclamation Facility (WRF): Harden Control Room, Burnt Store Plants: Harden Control Room, Burnt Store WRF: Advanced Wastewater Treatment, East Port WRF: Advanced Wastewater Treatment, Airport Authority, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, 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), Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring, and Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP) Legislative Priorities: CHNEP Program.

**Chair Truex** spoke to PACE program. **Vice Chair Constance** mentioned funding, transportation projects, PACE program, commercial and residential sectors, process, and protections. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed PACE program, special condition, commercial sector, contract, Robert's Rules of Order, and funding. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on appropriation requests, collection systems, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), funding, PACE program, and commercial and residential sectors. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted appropriation requests, septic to sewer expansion, funding, timing, elements, Airport Authority, PACE program, commercial providers, lenders, term sheet, reconsideration motion, and residential pricing.

**Dave Watson**, Utilities Director replied to septic to sewer expansion, timeline, Lake View Midway Wastewater Expansion project, funding, and lift station.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on procedural process, reconsideration motion, rule suspension, majority vote, commercial and residential sectors, and Special Meeting.

### 4. Farmers Markets and County Parks

Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official gave a brief overview of What are they, Where Allowed, Special Exception Criteria, Special Exception, Approved Markets, Non-Approved Markets, and Options Moving Forward.

**Chair Truex** spoke to restrictions, commercial or industrial settings, property ownership, authority, parks, Community Services, Special Exception, insurance, process, and community benefit. **Vice Chair Constance** mentioned parks, cost, staffing, Special Exception, community, street closures, neighborhood party, City of Punta Gorda, fees, and contract. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed property ownership, parks, process, liability, and permits. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Harbour Heights, Community Services, Special Exception, process, Parks and Recreation (PKR) Code, authority, and application. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted community, life quality, process, City of Punta Gorda, Special Exception, Parks and Recreation, fee schedule, limitations, consistency, Community Services, conditions, and research.

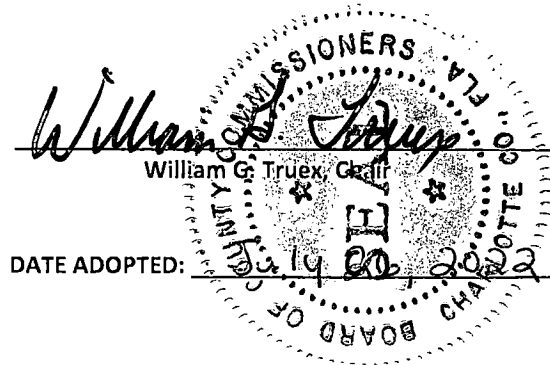
### **AA. County Administrator Comments - None**

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

CC. Commissioner Comments

Chair Truex spoke to attachments, candidates, and James Gore. Vice Chair Constance mentioned James Gore and National Association of Counties (NACo).

ADJOURNED: 1:20 pm



ATTEST:

ROGER D. EATON, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: R. Eaton  
Deputy Clerk