

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 09, 2020

A Regular Meeting 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 Light. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

The Invocation was given by **Commissioner Doherty**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

Change #1: R-4 Added attachment – Presentation.

Requested by: County Administration

Deletion #1: F-5 19-446 Amendment #1, Strategic Plan for Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor and Convention Bureau (Tourism) a) Approve Amendment #1 to Contract #19-446, Strategic Plan for Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor and Convention Bureaus with Streetsense Consulting of Bethesda, Maryland, for additional services in the amount of \$45,000; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment #1 for services addressing the County's strategic plan and tourism after the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Requested by: Tourism

Deletion #2: F-3 19-514, Change Order #1, Tringali Park Restroom Construction (Facilities) Approve Change Order #1 to Contract 19-514, Tringali park restroom construction, with Liberty R&V Construction of Englewood, Florida in the amount of \$23,862.

Requested by: Facilities

Commissioner Constance requested that Tourism Creative Services from Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Regular and Land Use Meeting be reconsidered.

County Attorney Knowlton responded to Board Rules 1.17, reconsideration, and Tourism Creative Services from Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Regular and Land Use Meeting.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Proclamations - Commissioner Ken Doherty

Employee Recognition

Award Presentations

CITIZEN INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Henry Reposa commented on Event Funding Amendment - 2020 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.

Bill Akins discussed Event Funding Amendment - 2020 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.

Michael Zarzano mentioned Citizen Input - Any Subject and social distancing.

Tim Ritchie noted Event Funding Application - 2020 Englewood Beach Waterfest and Mosaic.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The following MSBU/TU Advisory Boards are seeking volunteers who must be both a property owner within and reside within the Unit. Submit applications to Public Works Department, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950; call 941-575-3600 or e-mail MSBU-TU@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

- **Boca Grande Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill vacant unexpired terms through October 31, 2021.
- **Buena Vista Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2021.
- **Gardens of Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2022.
- **Greater Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2023.
- **Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2023.
- **Gulf Cove Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2022.
- **Harbour Heights Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2023.
- **Harbour Heights Waterway Unit** is seeking three members to fill vacant unexpired terms through October 31, 2021, October 31, 2022 and October 31, 2023.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill vacant unexpired terms through October 31, 2022 and October 31, 2023.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte Waterway Unit** is seeking two members to fill vacant unexpired terms through October 31, 2022, and October 31, 2023.
- **Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2022.
- **Rotonda Heights Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2021.

- **Rotonda Lakes Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking five members to fill vacant unexpired terms through October 31, 2021, October 31, 2022, and October 31, 2023.
- **Rotonda Sands North Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill vacant unexpired terms through October 31, 2021.
- **South Charlotte Stormwater Unit** is seeking five members to fill vacant unexpired terms through October 31, 2021, October 31, 2022, and October 31, 2023.
- **West Charlotte Stormwater Unit** is seeking one member to fill a vacant unexpired term through October 31, 2023.

The Charlotte County Commission Office is searching for a citizen to serve as a board member of the **Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida** representing a health care consumer, a medical provider or an administrator. The term is two years ending in December 2021. Please email Morgan.Cook@charlottecountyfl.gov for an application and more information.

Historical Advisory Committee is seeking members-at-large to serve for a term expiring on September 30, 2020. Must have background in disciplines of architecture, history, urban planning, archaeology or related discipline such as American Studies or American Civilization. Must be a resident and elector of Charlotte County. For additional information or to obtain an application, call 941-743-1309 or email: joann.dillon@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee is seeking a licensed general contractor to serve on the committee. Volunteer must hold a valid Florida contractor's license and be a resident of Charlotte County. Term will expire in October 2022. To obtain an application or for additional information, call 941-743-1309 or email: jcann.dillon@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Construction Industry Licensing Board is seeking one volunteer to serve as a Mechanical Contractor. Volunteer must be a licensed Mechanical/HVAC Contractor and a resident of Charlotte County. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 18500 Murdock Circle, Administration Building. The term will expire on June 26, 2022. To obtain an application, please call 941-743-1298 or email Diane.Whidden@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair **Truex** spoke to 1:00 pm Citizen Input - Any Subject and social distancing. **Commissioner Constance** commented on 1:00 pm Citizen Input - Any Subject and comments.

County Administrator Flores replied to email comments, 1:00 pm Citizen Input - Any Subject, and Land Use Citizen Input.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

A. Comptroller Division

1. Finance

Recommended Action: Approve the Clerk's Finance Memorandum.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

B. Minutes Division

1. Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the following Minutes:

May 12, 2020 BCC Regular and Land Use Meeting
May 19, 2020 BCC MSBU Workshop
May 19, 2020 BCC Strategic Focus Update Workshop
May 19, 2020 BCC Utilities Department Quarterly Workshop
May 21, 2020 BCC Pre-Agenda

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Board of County Commissioners

C. Commission Office

D. County Administration

1. BCC Meeting Schedule Changes

Recommended Action: Approve the following changes to the 2020 BCC Meeting Schedule: a) Cancellation of the July 22, 2020 MSBU Public Hearing; and b) Cancellation of the July 23, 2020 MSBU Public Hearing; and c) Scheduling a BCC meeting for COVID-19 update on June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte; and d) Reschedule the June 16, 2020 BCC Monthly Workshop scheduled at 9:00 a.m. to June 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

E. County Attorney

1. Set a Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-8, "Waters and Sewers," Article VIII

Recommended Action: Set a public hearing on June 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., or soon thereafter as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, to consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-8, "Waters and Sewers," Article VIII on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems", Sections 3-8-250 through 3-8-256.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

2. Extension 12 of State of Local Emergency - COVID-19

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution extending the State of Local Emergency related to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). **RES 2020-072**

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

F. Budget and Administrative Services

Fiscal Services

1. Law Enforcement Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2020

Recommended Action: Approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the County Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Trust Fund checking account.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund budget as approved in the FY2020 budget process. Funding for the expenditure comes from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

2. Criminal Justice Education Fiscal Year 2020

Recommended Action: Approve the transfer of \$20,000 to the Sheriff for Criminal Justice Education.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Criminal Justice Education Fund, budget as approved in the FY2020 budget process. Funding for the expenditure comes from Court Related Fines and Fees.

Information Technology

Purchasing

3. 19-514, Change Order #1, Tringali Park Restroom Construction (Facilities)

Recommended Action: Approve Change Order #1 to Contract 19-514, Tringali park restroom construction, with Liberty R&V Construction of Englewood, Florida in the amount of \$23,862.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Community Services Capital Maintenance Plan as approved in the FY20 budget process, and later amended. Funding is supplied from Capital Projects ad valorem.

4. 12-050 Amendment #8, Stump Pass 10-Year Management Plan (Public Works)

Recommended Action: a) Approve Amendment #8 to Contract 12-050 Stump Pass 10-Year Management Plan, with Coastal Engineering Consultants (CEC) of Bonita Springs, Florida in the amount of \$83,395; and b) Authorize Chairman to sign the Amendment.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the approved FY20 CIP projects "Stump Pass Maintenance Dredging" and "Stump Pass Monitoring." Grant funding comes from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$25,551.56 for monitoring services and \$12,194.89 for dredging design services, with the local share of expenses being supplied by Stump Pass Beach Dredging MSTU, Tourist Development Council, and Boater Improvement Fund-Local.

5. 19-446 Amendment #1, Strategic Plan for Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor and Convention Bureau (Tourism)

Recommended Action: a) Approve Amendment #1 to Contract #19-446, Strategic Plan for Punta Gorda / Englewood Beach Visitor and Convention Bureaus with Streetsense Consulting of Bethesda, Maryland, for additional services in the amount of \$45,000; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment #1 for services addressing the County's strategic plan and tourism after the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Funding exists in the Tourist Development Funds approved in the FY20 budget process and comes from the Tourist Development Tax Trust fund. Resulting additional contract expenditures to come from line item savings in Other Contractual Services and Promotional Activities: General/Advertising.

6. Property Deletions for the Month of June, 2020 (Purchasing)

Recommended Action: Approve the deletion of additional property inventory items listed on the attached for the month of June 2020.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Real Estate Services

Risk Management

Transit

7. Section 5311-CARES Act Resolution

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Florida Department of Transportation Public Transportation Grant Award (PTGA) FMN# 447487-1-84-01 in the amount of \$334,453. **GRT 2020-009 / RES 2020-073**

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

G. Community Development

H. Community Services

I. Economic Development

1. Set a Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on June 23, 2020

Recommended Action: Set a Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on June 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

2. Set a Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on June 23, 2020

Recommended Action: Set a Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on June 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

J. Facilities Construction and Maintenance

K. Human Resources

L. Human Services

M. Public Safety

N. Public Works

1. Interlocal Agreement between Charlotte County Solid Waste and Lee County (Gasparilla)

Recommended Action: Approve the inter-local agreement renewal between Charlotte County Solid Waste and Lee County (Gasparilla). **A. AGR 1994-262**

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

O. Tourism Development

P. Utilities

Q. Other Agencies

REGULAR AGENDA

R. Regular Agenda

1. Event Funding Amendment - 2020 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

Tourism Development

a) Review and approve additional Event Funding in the amount of \$5,000 (total of \$20,000 cash) for the 2020 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Event Funding Agreement Amendment. **A. AGR 2020-003**

Wendie Vestfall, Tourism Director gave a brief overview of Event Funding Amendment – 2020 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL EVENT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 (TOTAL OF \$20,000 CASH) FOR THE 2020 WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS EVENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE EVENT FUNDING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 2020-003, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

2. Event Funding Application - 2020 Englewood Beach Waterfest

Tourism Development

a) Review and approve In-Kind Event Funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the 2020 Englewood Beach Waterfest; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Event Funding Agreement. **AGR 2020-024**

Ms. Vestfall gave a brief overview of Event Funding Application – 2020 Englewood Beach Waterfest and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Constance discussed funding request, event ending cash, money uses, and insurance. Commissioner Deutsch mentioned economic and tourism value.

Steve Gardner, Englewood Beach Waterfest President replied to event ending cash, Fire Department, in-kind money, insurance, and health compliance.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE IN-KIND EVENT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE 2020 ENGLEWOOD BEACH WATERFEST; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE EVENT FUNDING AGREEMENT 2020-024, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

3. WCIND Agenda, June 12, 2020

Community Services

Discussion and direction on the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) agenda for the upcoming meeting on June 12, 2020.

Justin McBride, West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Executive Director gave a brief overview of WCIND Agenda, June 12, 2020.

Commissioner Constance noted Operations Center Initiative – Update/Information only. Commissioner Deutsch spoke to Port Charlotte Beach Complex, erosion problem, boat ramp, and boater safety.

Taken Out Of Order

5. Repeal Resolution 2020-029 Burn Ban

County Attorney

Approve Resolution Declaring an End to the Burn Ban and Repealing Resolution 2020-029. **RES 2020-074**

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-074 DECLARING AN END TO THE BURN BAN AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2020-029, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

4. COVID-19 Response Update

County Administration

Update on Charlotte County's COVID-19 response.

Joseph Pepe, Florida Department of Health (FDOH) Administrator gave a brief overview of FL Daily Infections and Testing, Outbreak Model - Florida, Charlotte Model, Current Trends, Chief ER Complaints, Charlotte COVID-19 Updates, and Testing and Incidence Rates.

Patrick Fuller, Emergency Management Director gave a brief overview of County staging area, mass care, Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), Publix and Charlotte Sports Park testing sites, Florida Division of Emergency

Management, COVID-19 Hurricane Season Strategy, Recovery Group, Public Information Team, CHARCO Cares app, and responded to Board inquiries.

Cameron Pennant, Legislative Manager gave a brief overview of 2020 Policing Act Bill, HR 1785, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Flexibility Bill, COVID-19 Relief Bill, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and responded to Board inquiries.

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director gave a brief update on parking, passes, mobile app, Mid-County Library, curb side pickup service, phone and reference help, virtual summer reading program, pools, lap swimming, water aerobics, youth sport swim team, youth summer camps, playgrounds, McGuire Park splash pad, signage, park amenities, staging area, and responded to Board inquiries.

Chair Truex commented on Public Information Office, community information, CHARCO Cares app, test kits, CARES Act, timing, formula, documentation, Federal Government, funding, Lee County, baseball tournament, fields, Tampa Bay Rays employees, benefits, and economy impacts. **Commissioner Constance** discussed test kits, pipeline, private sector, County employee testing, CARES Act, Lee County, reimbursement, Treasury Department guidance, funding, disbursement, Federal Government, accountability, Charlotte Sports Park, field maintenance, and tournaments. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned Charlotte Sports Park testing times, CARES Act funding, distribution, formula, and documentation. **Commissioner Doherty** noted baseball field update and Tampa Bay Rays. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to test kits, inventory, county reopening plan, county employee testing, reimbursement, cost, pipeline, methodology, formula, Florida Association of Counties (FAC), reimbursable documentation, legislation, Treasury Department guidance, Lee County, COVID-19 related expenses, impacts, baseball tournament, deliverables, bookings, fields, Charlotte Sports Park, financial impacts, parks, update, swimming, restrooms, locker rooms, and swim teams.

County Administrator Flores responded to County employee testing and FDOH.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

S. 10:00 A.M. Public Hearing

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider a Sales Tax Ordinance and Referendum

County Attorney

Conduct a Public Hearing on June 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, to consider approving an ordinance levying a local sales tax and providing for a referendum for an extension of the local sales tax, to be held in conjunction with the November 3, 2020 general election.
ORD 2020-024

Assistant County Attorney Pooja Patel gave a brief overview of Sales Tax Ordinance and Referendum.

Public Hearing

Gary commented on proposal, Capital Projects, Sales Tax, sidewalks, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), state grants, taxes, sewers, school security systems, Charlotte County School Board, Coronavirus, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), and State Road (SR) 776 bridge.

Mark Bowsher discussed Harborview Road, projects, landscaping, median, sidewalks, bike path, Burnt Store project, acquisition cost, Florida Power and Light (FPL), Charlotte Harbor Water Association, multi-use paths, and Sunseeker.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Constance mentioned Harborview Road, FPL, Charlotte Harbor Water Association, US 41 and Interstate 75 (I 75) connection, bridge structures, cost, and value. Commissioner Deutsch noted Sales Tax, proposals, input, phases, and value. Commissioner Doherty spoke to Harbor Boulevard median. Commissioner Tiseo commented on Harborview Road, widening, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Sales Tax, Sunseeker, improvements, US 41, I-75, traffic, projects, design, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), medians, and Veterans Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2020-024 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX ("LOCAL SALES TAX") IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR HOLDING THE REFERENDUM WITH THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF REVENUES; PROVIDING FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATIONS BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

PRESENTATION AGENDA

T. 10:00 A.M. Presentations

AA. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Flores discussed Port Charlotte Beach Erosion project, Sales Tax, water quality funding, septic to sewer, and disaster preparation tracking.

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

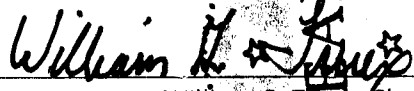
CC. Economic Development Director Comments - None

DD. County Commissioner Comments

Chair Truex mentioned FAC election, voting app, citizen email, pools, community outreach, CCSO, body cameras, officer benefits, City of Punta Gorda, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) study, funding, updates, presentation, complaint reductions, budgets, and grant. Commissioner Constance noted Citizen Input, Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES), meeting dates, Gulf Consortium Meeting, public safety, transparency, technology, cost, record retention, information technology (IT), and company vetting. Commissioner Deutsch spoke to FAC election, Fourth of July fireworks, City of Punta Gorda Council, crowds, event planner, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event, Charlotte Sports Park, sponsors, Sunseeker, land acquisition, private property, waterfront accessibility, improvements, Murdock Village, Allegiant, economy, building permits, demonstrations, and prayer vigil. Commissioner Doherty commented on rains, Water Authority, river flow and quality, body cameras, need, trust restoration, implementation, funding, and budget. Commissioner Tiseo discussed Fourth of July fireworks, City of Punta Gorda, event planner, Tourism Development Council (TDC), show dates, Sunseeker, private purchases, easement and road vacations, improvements, public access, Melbourne parcel, economy, businesses, recovery, best practices, community, Police Executive Research Forum report, body camera, peer reviews, cost, benefits, complaint reductions, community, funding, Sales Tax, and grant.

Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell replied to record retention, evidence, body cameras, statutes, monitoring, technology, community requests, process, funding, storage capacity, staffing, redaction software, policies, procedures, regulations, IT Director, and Training Commander.

ADJOURNED: 11:22 am




William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: July 14, 2020

(Seal of the Board of County Commissioners, Charlotte County, Florida)

ATTEST:

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk