



**JOINT
PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL
AND
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY
ANNEXATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008
PINELLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
CLERK'S CONFERENCE ROOM – 4TH FLOOR
315 COURT STREET
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

DATE: Wednesday, January 30, 2008

TIME: 8:30-10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Pinellas County Courthouse
315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756
Clerk's Conference Room, 4th floor

PURPOSE: Joint Pinellas Planning Council and Countywide Planning Authority Annexation Subcommittee Meeting

Clearwater, Florida, January 30, 2008

The Joint Pinellas Planning Council/Countywide Planning Authority Annexation Subcommittee met in the Clerk's Large Conference Room, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 8:36 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Pinellas Planning Council (PPC)

City of Dunedin Mayor Bob Hackworth, Chairman, PPC

City of Tarpon Springs Mayor Beverley Billiris, Vice-Chairman, PPC

City of Pinellas Park Vice-Mayor Sandra L. Bradbury

Countywide Planning Authority (CPA)

Commissioner Ronnie E. Duncan, Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

Commissioner Susan Latvala, BCC

Commissioner John Morroni, BCC

Also Present:

David P. Healey, Executive Director, PPC

David S. Sadowsky, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Jewel White Cole, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Brian K. Smith, Planning Director

Other interested individuals

Arlene Smitke, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda
- II. Selection of Subcommittee Chair(s)
- III. Discussion of Subcommittee Charge and Approach:
 1. Issues to be Addressed
 2. Information to be Developed by Staff
 3. Anticipated Timetable/Meeting Frequency
- IV. Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
- V. Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Hackworth called the meeting to order at 8:36 A.M., and at his request, staff members and others present introduced themselves.

SELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

Upon motion by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Mayor Billiris and carried, Mayor Hackworth was elected to serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee.

Chairman Hackworth and Commissioner Morroni commented on the challenges facing local governments as a result of the Amendment 1 tax legislation and the opportunities available to resolve annexation issues within Pinellas County while increasing efficiency and effectiveness of service; and Commissioner Morroni reviewed accomplishments of the previous Subcommittee during the 2005-2006 timeframe.

DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGE AND APPROACH

Issues to be Addressed

Chairman Hackworth requested an update regarding the current provisions governing annexation; and in response, Mr. Healey referred to documents contained in a notebook titled *Joint PPC/CPA Annexation Subcommittee, January 30, 2008*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and provided the following information:

- ♦ The Subcommittee concluded its previous work with the issuance of a report titled *Draft Voluntary Annexation Planning Area Boundary Five-Year Review*, which was to be held in abeyance until the resolution of ongoing litigation, the outcome of which resulted in the voiding of Ordinance No. 00-63.
- ♦ Annexation today is primarily governed by the provisions of Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, along with a number of other provisions including Chapter 163 (the Growth Management Act), the PPC/CPA Special Act, and resolutions pertaining to the ability to serve and referendum annexation, some of which appear to be inconsistent.

Commissioner Duncan referred to litigation resulting from the Charter Review Commission recommendations, and recalled that during negotiation of the settlement agreement, a list was compiled consisting of issues to be addressed by the Subcommittee in addition to the service area boundaries.

During discussion, the members expressed a desire to work towards a solution in Pinellas County that addresses the competing needs and issues identified by the county and cities, rather than seeking a legislative solution.

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Following discussion wherein the members shared their particular concerns, it was the consensus of the members that the aforementioned list be reviewed and adopted as an initial work plan, with additional issues to be identified at a later date.

Responding to comments by Commissioner Morroni and Mayor Billiris, Mr. Healey indicated that the city managers and clerks were notified of today's meeting; that minutes of the Subcommittee meetings will be posted to the PPC website; and that the municipalities will be notified accordingly.

Information to be Developed by Staff

Referring to the previous discussion, Mr. Healey indicated that the list of issues will be distributed to the members; and that PPC and County staff can supply backup information as required by the members.

Anticipated Timetable/Meeting Frequency

Commissioner Morroni suggested that meetings be held as needed, as opposed to setting a standing meeting frequency, and no objections were noted; whereupon, following discussion, it was the consensus of the members that the Subcommittee set a one-year timetable in which to conclude its business.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/PLACE

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the members that the next meeting be held during the week of February 17, 2008; and Chairman Hackworth directed Mr. Healey to contact the members and make the necessary arrangements.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Responding to the Chairman's call for comments from the audience, Ray Neri, Lealman, spoke regarding annexation issues, including efforts in Tierra Verde to become a city. He recommended the adoption of a Community Protection Act as an alternative to the creation of new cities, and related that surveys in both Lealman and Tierra Verde show that 98 percent of the residents do not want to be annexed.

ADJOURNMENT

Following closing comments by Chairman Hackworth, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 A.M.