

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007 – 9:34 A.M.  
ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR  
315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

**Members Present:** Ronnie E. Duncan, Chairman; Robert B. Stewart, Vice-Chairman; Calvin D. Harris; Karen Williams Seel; Susan Latvala; John Morroni; Kenneth T. Welch.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Others Present:** Susan H. Churuti, County Attorney; Stephen M. Spratt, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and MaryAnn Penhale and Arlene Smitke, Deputy Clerks.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Bob Corry, Calvary Chapel of St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Welch

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to William A. Gehrand in recognition of 18 years of service on the Building Board for Examining, Adjustments, and Appeals.
2. Presentation of a Proclamation to Micki Thompson, Executive Director, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. for National 2-1-1 Day.
3. Presentation in Recognition of Service to Members of the Charter Review Commission.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

JoAn Totty, Palm Harbor, re Palm Harbor traffic.

Mark Klutho, Largo, re waste, stupidity.

**All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.**

**COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

- # 1a Ordinance No. 07-08 adopted approving Case No. CW 07-01, the proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Institutional, Residential Rural, and Transportation/Utility to Preservation and Transportation/Utility Overlay, re 418.0 acres located on the east and west sides of East Lake Road, north of Trinity Boulevard, and south of the Pinellas/Pasco County line (subthreshold amendment).

Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion - Commissioner Harris  
Second - Commissioner Latvala

Responding to query by Commissioner Stewart, Planning Director Brian K. Smith provided clarification regarding the subthreshold amendment classification.

Vote - 7 - 0

- # 1b Ordinance No. 07-08 adopted approving Case No. CW 07-02, the proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Commercial General to Residential Urban, re 0.1 acre located at 6645 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue North (subthreshold amendment). Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
Second - Commissioner Harris  
Vote - 7 - 0

- # 2a Ordinance No. 07-08 adopted approving Case No. CW 07-03, the proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Transportation/Utility to Industrial Limited, re 15.5 acres located on the northeastern corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and Ulmerton Road, south of South Perimeter Road, subject to the County evaluating traffic impacts and limiting the intensity of use on the site pursuant to the County's Concurrency Management System (regular amendment). Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion - Commissioner Seel  
Second - Commissioner Latvala

Responding to query by Commissioner Stewart, Planning Director Brian K. Smith provided input related to the ongoing studies regarding Ulmerton Road and confirmed that no additional traffic lights are planned.

Vote - 7 - 0

- # 2b Case No. CW 07-04, the proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Residential Low to Residential/Office General, re 0.6 acre located on the northeast corner of Nebraska Avenue and Belcher Road (regular amendment) temporarily deferred.

Motion - Commissioner Stewart  
Second - Commissioner Welch

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Pinellas Planning Council Executive Director David P. Healey indicated that the temporary deferral is being requested in order to meet a notice requirement.

Vote - 7 - 0

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Deviating from the agenda, Administrator Spratt indicated that Item No. 22 will be addressed at this time as it is a companion to Item No. 2b.

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#22 Pinellas Planning Council's alternative compromise recommendation for a proposed amendment to the Countywide Plan Map in Case CW 07-04 approved (Planning).

Motion - Commissioner Morroni  
Second - Commissioner Welch  
Vote - 7 - 0

# 2c Ordinance No. 07-09 adopted approving Case No. CW 07-05, the proposal by the City of St. Petersburg to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Institutional to Residential/Office/Retail, Residential/Office General, and Residential Urban, subject to the restrictions contained in the accompanying development agreement and to the residential density garnered through the utilization of density/intensity averaging for the area being designated Residential Urban in accordance with Section 6.1.3 of the Countywide Rules, re 18.0 acres located on the northeast corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 66<sup>th</sup> Street North (regular amendment). Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) recommended approval of the proposal; and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

PPC Executive Director David P. Healey referred to the land use map, pointed out the location of the site and surrounding uses in the area, and presented historical background information regarding the progression of the proposed amendment from its initial hearing at the PPC in September 2006 to the present time.

Don Mastry, St. Petersburg, stated that the proposal has progressed from the original plan for commercial development of 13.25 acres with 4.75 acres of residential to the current plan for 12 acres of Residential Urban, 2.9 acres of Residential/Office/Retail, and 2.9 acres of Residential/Office General; that more intense plans have been approved and reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC); that the plan has been approved by the City of St. Petersburg, the Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) and the PPC, and has the support of nine of 11 neighborhood associations under the umbrella organization of West Neighborhood United, Inc. (WENU). He reviewed the compatibility of the plan with the

existing uses in the surrounding area; and indicated that the development agreement will include provision of traffic improvements by the developer; that the proposed Residential/Office/Retail and Residential/Office General will provide an appropriate transition between the site and the surrounding land uses; that the most significant element of the agreement is a covenant running with the land that will be recorded and will bind all future owners; that the developer has agreed not to oppose any extension of the agreement for an additional ten years beyond the statutory requirement of ten years; and that the development agreement provides for 120 units, five percent workforce housing, no vehicular access of any kind from the site to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and numerous transportation improvements by the applicant.

Senior Planner Rick MacAulay, City of St. Petersburg Development Services Department, stated that the city finds the proposed land use appropriate and consistent with its Comprehensive Plan; that meetings had been held with the applicant and neighborhood associations; that the proposal is less intensive than the original plan; and that the city's second public hearing will be held on February 15. Responding to queries by the members, he referred to the site plan and pointed out the location of Eagle Crest and Crossroads, the two neighborhood associations that are still in objection; and discussed the difference in density between the Residential Medium and Residential Urban categories.

In response to the Chairman's call for other proponents of the proposed amendment, Dr. Ed Carlson, President, WENU, expressed support for the amendment.

In response to the Chairman's call for individuals wishing to speak in opposition to the proposed amendment, the following persons appeared and expressed their concerns:

Charles Gerdes, Esquire, St. Petersburg, representing Eagle Crest  
Neighborhood and Crossroads Homeowners Association  
Lance Lubin, President, Eagle Crest Civic Association  
Chris Lauber, St. Petersburg

Referring to the concerns of the objectors, Mr. MacAulay stated that the city's Comprehensive Plan indicates that the city overall has an oversupply of commercial land although marketing studies indicate that there is a need for commercial land in submarkets; whereupon, he discussed balancing competing goals and policies in the plan in considering proposed amendments. Responding to query by Commissioner Latvala, he related that the city is currently going through its Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process.

In response to the Chairman's call, Mr. Gerdes discussed the city's Comprehensive Plan regarding the restriction of future expansion of commercial land uses, restated his clients' opposition to the proposed amendment, and in response to query by Commissioner Stewart, indicated that the residents are concerned regarding the possibility of a restaurant being developed on the site.

In rebuttal, Mr. Mastry stated that the city's Comprehensive Plan is intended to be utilized as a document in its entirety; that the issue is whether the amendment meets the Countywide Plan and Rules; that the proposed development has progressed from more commercial to more residential use; that almost all of the neighbors' complaints have been satisfied; that the proposed development will provide for an appropriate transition; that there will be no vehicular access from the site to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North; that the development agreement requires provision of traffic improvements by the developer; and that the amendment is consistent with the Countywide Plan and Rules; whereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Seel, he referred to a map and pointed out existing uses in the area.

Motion - Commissioner Seel  
Second - Commissioner Harris

Responding to queries by Commissioner Stewart, Mr. Healey and Planning Director Brian K. Smith discussed the PPC's and County staff's recommendations regarding the proposed amendment, density/intensity averaging, and the matter of possibly setting precedent for additional Residential/Office/Retail in the area. In reply to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. MacAulay discussed the generation of less traffic with the proposed development and the second public hearing to be held by the city; and Attorney Churuti provided input regarding legal matters regarding the development agreement; whereupon, discussion ensued.

Vote - 7 - 0

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At this time, 11:24 A.M., Commissioner Harris left the meeting.

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 3 THROUGH 13 – APPROVED**

Motion - Commissioner Morrone  
Second - Commissioner Latvala  
Vote - 6 - 0

# 3 Minutes of regular meeting of December 12, 2006.

# 4 Reports received for filing:

- a. Report of Interest Under Local Government Prompt Payment Act for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006 pursuant to Section 218.78, Florida Statutes.
- b. Clerk of the Circuit Court Special-Purpose Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information, Other Financial Information and Other Reports for the Year Ended September 30, 2006, with Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2005, together with independent auditor's report.

- c. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement – A Contract and By-Laws for Public Risk Management of Florida (PRM) as amended and restated through September 15, 2006, together with affidavit of authenticity, in compliance with Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.
- d. Dock Fee Report for the month of December 2006.

# 5 Approvals received for filing:

- a. General – none.
- b. Vouchers and Bills Paid – Period of December 18, 2006 through January 5, 2007  
Payroll Journal Expenditures  
Payroll Journal page numbers 1 through 2304  
Payroll checks numbered 546623 through 546933  
  
Imprest Fund Expenditures  
Manual checks numbered 751332 through 751333  
System checks numbered 862398 through 864422  
  
Wire Transfers numbered 008060 through 008208

# 6 Miscellaneous items received for filing as noted on agenda:

- a. Public Service Commission Amendatory Order No. PSC-06-1006A-PCO-WS re application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.
- b. Application of Utilities, Inc. of Florida for Rate Increase, Docket No. 060253-WS.
- c. City of Clearwater Public Hearing Notice of Annexation, Land Use Plan and Zoning Atlas Amendments re Ordinances Nos. 7784-07 through 7786-07 to be held March 1, 2007.
- d. Correspondence from City of Pinellas Park regarding three ordinances voluntarily annexing certain property; public hearing held January 25, 2007.
- e. Pinellas Park Water Management District Financial Statement for the month of November 2006.

# 7 Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) procurement approved by the County Administrator for quarter ending December 31, 2006, received for filing.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>	<u>Award Date</u>
Public Works/ Community Development	Agreement	Community Development Department Programs Professional Services	Philippi Associates, P.A. (Philippi), St. Petersburg, Florida	\$250,000.00	11/4/06

- # 8 Change Order No. 1 (Final) to agreement with QRC, Inc. for the Water and Reclaimed Mains Installation Annual Requirements 2005 (PID Nos. 653-930014-1766, 753-753314-1767, and 763-710314-1768; Bid No. 045-179-C), decreasing the agreement in the amount of \$39,455.48 (final revised agreement amount, \$1,563,704.52); contract accepted as complete as of September 12, 2006; retainage released in the amount of \$5,192.80; time extension of 159 days granted; Chairman authorized to sign and Clerk to attest.
- # 9 Partial award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for funding of an air pollution control grant in the amount of \$108,000.00 (Grant No. A-00402107-0); Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest; County Administrator authorized to sign subsequent award(s) or revisions, which would complete this fiscal year's funding, and to carry out the agreement (Environmental Management).
- #10 Grant award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the Mobile Medical Unit in the amount of \$315,081.00 for the period November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007 (Health and Human Services).
- #11 Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were filed and made a part of the record (Management and Budget).
- #12 Sitting as the Industrial Development Authority dba the Economic Development Authority, the Board approved Change Order No. 1 (Final) to the agreement with Bandes Construction Company, Inc. for the Young-Rainey STAR Center Building 100 roof waterproofing, Phase 5 and cafeteria air handling unit (AHU) replacement (Contract No. 034-0878-C); contract accepted as complete as of November 16, 2006; final retainage released in the amount of \$112,431.90.
- #13 Donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment as set forth in memorandum dated December 26, 2006 from the Public Defender acknowledged; declaration of miscellaneous county-owned computer equipment as surplus and sale of same through public auction acknowledged (Public Defender).

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- #14 Items for Discussion from Consent Agenda (County Administrator and Clerk of the Circuit Court) – None.
- #15 Authorization granted for the Clerk to advertise a public hearing to be held March 13, 2007 re a proposed ordinance amending the Pinellas County Land Development Code concerning mosquito control.

Motion - Commissioner Welch  
 Second - Commissioner Latvala  
 Vote - 6 – 0

- #16 Final negotiated contract with Coastal Planning & Engineering, Inc. (CPE) for Consultant Engineering Services for the Sand Key Beach Renourishment Project (PID No. 921055) approved in the amount of \$546,000.00 (project costs will be equally shared between a Florida Department of Environmental Protection [FDEP] reimbursement grant and the Tourist Development Tax) (Environmental Management).

Motion - Commissioner Morroni  
 Second - Commissioner Welch  
 Vote - 6 – 0

- #17 Bid of Mayer Electric Supply Company, Inc. for electrical supplies awarded in the aggregate on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications (Contract No. 067-0022-B) (estimated annual expenditure not to exceed \$425,000.00, total aggregate from Mayer, \$206,180.50) (24-month contract with one additional 24-month option of renewal). Bid of Competitive Edge rejected on the basis of being non-responsive for not acknowledging Addendum No. 1, which was material to the invitation to bid (Facility Management).

Motion - Commissioner Welch  
 Second - Commissioner Latvala  
 Vote - 6 – 0

- #18 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held February 20, 2007 re a proposed amendment to Section 26 of the Pinellas County Code re fortunetellers (Justice and Consumer Services).

Motion - Commissioner Morroni  
 Second - Commissioner Latvala

Commissioner Latvala commented that it was fitting for the Board to review and reassess its actions and make adjustments when necessary.

Vote - 6 – 0

- #19 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held February 20, 2007 re a proposed amendment to Section 42 of the Pinellas County Code re charitable solicitations (Justice and Consumer Services).

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
 Second - Commissioner Welch

Chairman Duncan noted for the record the earlier comments of Commissioner Latvala commending the Board's review and reassessment of its previous actions and making adjustments when necessary.

Vote - 6 – 0

#20 Resolution 07-14 adopted establishing a special revenue fund (0229) for the Community Housing Trust Fund for FY07 (total appropriations \$4,298,230.00) (Management and Budget).

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
 Second - Commissioner Morroni  
 Vote - 6 – 0

#21 Resolution No. 07-15 adopted supplementing the fiscal year 2007 General Fund budget (unanticipated 2006 fund balance of Municipal Services Taxing Unit [MSTU] Local Road Paving and Sidewalk Program in the amount of \$1,015,680.00) to appropriate earmarked receipts for a particular purpose (Management and Budget).

Motion - Commissioner Welch  
 Second - Commissioner Stewart  
 Vote - 6 – 0

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At this time, 11:28 A.M., Commissioner Harris returned to the meeting.

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#23 Other Administrative Matters

a. Final negotiated contracts with Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. to provide shelter beds for adult services and with Westcare Gulfcoast – Florida, Inc. to provide shelter beds with intervention services for homeless adults approved (Contract No. 067-0080-P) effective February 13, 2007 and continuing to September 30, 2007, for the initial contract period; contracts may be renewed for up to two 12-month periods if all terms and conditions remain the same and approval is granted by the County Administrator; estimated annual expenditure not to exceed \$455,099.00 (Westcare - \$269,489.00 and HEP - \$185,610.00); contracts may be increased effective October 1, 2007, in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers not Seasonally Adjusted or three percent, whichever is less; Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest after proper execution by the contractors and written approval as to form by the Office of the County Attorney (Human Services/Purchasing).

Motion - Commissioner Welch  
 Second - Commissioner Harris  
 Vote - 7–0

b. Final negotiated contracts for the Homeless Street Outreach Program with Directions for Mental Health, Inc. to provide two outreach workers, one full-time

and one part-time, to the City of Pinellas Park and Lealman and with Operation PAR, Inc. to provide one full-time outreach worker to the City of St. Petersburg approved (Contract No. 067-0083-P) effective February 13, 2007 and continuing to September 30, 2007, for the initial contract period; contracts may be renewed for up to two 12-month periods if all terms and conditions remain the same and approval is granted by the County Administrator; estimated annual expenditure not to exceed \$168,191.00 (Directions for Mental Health, Inc. - \$97,245.00 and Operation PAR, Inc. - \$70,946.00); contracts may be increased effective October 1, 2007, in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers not Seasonally Adjusted or three percent, whichever is less; Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest after proper execution by the contractors and written approval as to form by the Office of the County Attorney (Human Services/Purchasing).

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
 Second - Commissioner Welch

In response to query by the members, Cliff Smith, Assistant Director of Human Services, and Joseph Lauro, Director of Purchasing, discussed the bidding process, the funding by the County, the responsibilities of the cities, and the inventory of beds available. Following discussion, Commissioner Seel suggested that it be a requirement that the shelters receiving County funding provide the Homeless Coalition with information regarding the number of beds available.

Vote - 7-0

#24 Initiation of litigation against Nickel Plate Properties, Inc., Lakeside Enterprises, L.L.C., Mobile Home Solutions, Inc., We Five, L.L.C., and Wayne B. Caffrey, Sr., Circuit Civil Case No. 07-575C1-015, ratified.

Motion - Commissioner Morroni  
 Second - Commissioner Seel  
 Vote - 7 - 0

#25 Contingent Settlement Authority granted to the Pinellas County Sheriff to settle the wrongful death case of Benton J. Thompson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jennifer Thompson, versus Pinellas County Sheriff, Circuit Civil Case No. 02-008832-CI-11.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
 Second - Commissioner Welch  
 Vote - 7 - 0

#26 Authorization granted for settlement of the suit re Pinellas County versus Agilysys, Inc., et al. versus Quality Call Solutions, Inc., Circuit Civil Case No. 06-1525-CI-15.

Motion - Commissioner Morroni  
 Second - Commissioner Harris  
 Vote - 7 - 0

#27 Appointment of Barbara Oklesen to the position of Senior Assistant County Attorney effective February 20, 2007, confirmed.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
Second - Commissioner Welch  
Vote - 7 – 0

#28 County Attorney Miscellaneous:

a. Transcript of the settlement negotiation or strategy session held September 19, 2006 relating to the City of Pinellas Park, et al. versus Deborah Clark, et al., Circuit Civil Case No. 06-5975-CI-11, released.

Attorney Churuti announced that the Charter Review Commission has released the transcript of their shadow meeting; and recommended that the Board release the transcript, as a show of good faith, prior to the mediation meeting scheduled for February 9, 2007.

Motion - Commissioner Morroni  
Second - Commissioner Harris  
Vote - 7 – 0

b. Attorney Churuti announced that a settlement negotiation or strategy session regarding litigation expenditures relating to the aforementioned case, No. 06-5975-CI-11, will be held today, February 6, 2007, at a time certain of 12:00 noon.

#29 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board authorized a workshop to be held on March 22, 2007 to consider proposed amendments to the Countywide Rules regarding Temporary Lodging Use.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
Second - Commissioner Seel

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Spratt indicated that modification of the tax assessment procedure would need to comply with Department of Revenue regulations.

Pinellas Planning Council Executive Director David P. Healey referred to analyses performed by economic and architectural consultants, and requested direction pertaining to their involvement in the presentation. Following discussion and at the direction of Chairman Duncan, Mr. Healey indicated that he will work with Mr. Spratt to arrange for the consultants' attendance at the workshop.

Responding to query by Commissioner Stewart, Attorney Churuti indicated that the Board's rules allow for public input regarding agenda items at a workshop.

Vote - 7 – 0

- #30 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-16 approving the 2006-2007 EMS County Grant Application, as amended, to the Florida Department of Health for an award in the amount of \$318,207.00 from the state EMS Trust Fund; Chairman authorized to sign the application.

Commissioner Latvala moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the application be approved as submitted.

Upon the Chairman's call for discussion, Commissioner Seel referred to the line item budget and noted that the Opticom Transmitters for Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulances have not been approved by the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Committee or the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and stated that it is premature to request funding for the project; whereupon, EMS and Fire Administration Director Conrad T. (Chuck) Kearns explained that although all requested funds must be earmarked for a specific purpose in the application, funds can be used for other purposes or rolled over to the following year; and that grant changes are submitted every year.

Following discussion with input by Director of Transportation Peter J. Yauch regarding the use of Opticom transmitters, Mr. Spratt indicated that the application will be amended, removing reference to the transmitters and including the amount in another line item; whereupon, Commissioner Latvala moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel and carried, that the application be approved as amended (Vote 7-0).

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At this time, 11:58 A.M., the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 2:07 P.M., during which time an executive session was held.

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- #31a Director of Transportation Peter J. Yauch reported that the Homeowners Association of Highland Lakes has requested that the use of golf carts on public roads within the community be legalized, under the provisions utilized in Ozone and Crystal Beach; that the use of golf carts was legal until about eight years ago; that approximately 900 golf carts are owned by the residents; and that many residents currently operate them on the sidewalks, which is illegal.

Referring to a map and photographs of the area, he indicated that due to the road width and traffic volume and speed, he recommends against allowing golf cart usage on Highlands Boulevard; that golf carts could be allowed on streets to the west of Highlands Boulevard; and that constructing a golf cart path along the corridor would cost \$750,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. Following discussion with input by Attorney Churuti, Commissioner Latvala indicated that the community is not comfortable with legalization

for only two-thirds of the area; and requested that staff continue to investigate other options; and Chairman Duncan concurred.

#31b Mr. Spratt referred to the homelessness issue and related that the City of St. Petersburg has provided \$150,000.00 to Catholic Charities for a voucher program; that there has been discussion but no formal request that the County provide matching funds; and that staff has been directed to obtain further information; whereupon, Human Services Director Maureen A. Freaney provided an update regarding initiatives by the County and various organizations to help the homeless. During discussion and responding to queries by the members, Ms. Freaney noted that planning has begun for a facility to provide housing and services to the homeless; and stressed that any action by the County will be based on a sound business plan and in synch with the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and the work of the Homeless Leadership Network.

#32 Appointment of Lt. Stephen H. Kemp to the Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation District Board of Directors, Seat 6, approved for a four-year term expiring November 30, 2010.

Motion	-	Commissioner Morrone
Second	-	Commissioner Harris
Vote	-	7 – 0

#33 Appointment of Robert Franklin to the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee approved for the term of February 6, 2007 through July 31, 2007.

Motion	-	Commissioner Harris
Second	-	Commissioner Welch
Vote	-	7 – 0

#34 County Commission Miscellaneous:

- a. Commissioner Morrone thanked the members for their support of the 13th Annual Law Enforcement and Firefighters Awards Dinner and announced award recipients.
- b. Commissioner Seel will forward information re YMCA events for Healthy Kids Day on April 14; expressed concern re insurance costs for not-for-profit entities.
- c. Commissioner Latvala provided an update on Florida Association of Counties (FAC) matters; urged that not-for-profit entities and others contact legislators re insurance issues.

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- d. Chairman Duncan                      announced legislature public hearing re reforming property tax system on February 15 at Hillsborough Community College; letter of invitation will be sent to budget hearing attendees.
  
- e. Commissioner Welch                      discussed Governor's proposed changes to the homestead exemption and those affected by recent tornadoes; and Mr. Spratt provided input.
  
- f. Commissioner Stewart                      related that the Department of Labor has acquired land in St. Petersburg for the Job Corps Center; announced a town hall meeting regarding the Center on February 13 and the April 1 opening of the new restrooms on the Friendship Trail Bridge.

#35      Meeting adjourned at 3:07 P.M.

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Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

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Deputy Clerk