

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL
June 10, 2015

The Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) met in regular session in the County Commission Assembly Room, Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 2:52 P.M. with the following members present:

Jim Kennedy, Chairman, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
John Morroni, Vice-Chairman, Pinellas County Commissioner
Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Secretary, City of Indian Rocks Beach Commissioner
Representing Beach Communities
Doreen Hock-DiPolito, Treasurer, City of Clearwater Councilmember
Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park Mayor
Cliff Merz, City of Safety Harbor Commissioner
Representing Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Tarpon Springs
Kevin Piccarreto, Town of Belleair Deputy Mayor
Representing Inland Communities
Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner
Michael Smith, City of Largo Commissioner
John Tornga, City of Dunedin Commissioner

Not Present:

Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner
Julie Ward Bujalski, City of Dunedin Mayor
Representing Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

Also Present:

Michael C. Crawford, Interim Executive Director, PPC
Linda A. Fisher, PPC Staff
Tina M. Jablon, PPC Staff
Michael D. Schoderbock, PPC Staff
MPO Interim Executive Director Sarah Ward
Chelsea D. Hardy, Assistant County Attorney
Other interested individuals
Lynn M. Abbott Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Identification of Members Present

- II. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Meeting
 - B. Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Meeting
 - C. Financial Statement for May 2015
 - D. CPA Actions for June 2015
 - E. Annexation Report for May 2015
 - F. Preliminary July 2015 Agenda
 - G. Correspondence and PAC Agenda Action Sheet (Draft)

- III. PUBLIC HEARINGS – To begin at 3:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as agenda permits
 - A. Public Hearing Format Announcement and Oath
 - B. Amendments to the Countywide Future Land Use Plan
 - Subthreshold Amendments
None
 - Regular Amendments
None
 - C. Substantive Plan Change CW 06-12 (SAP Change No. 3-2015) – City of Dunedin

- IV. REPORTS/OTHER ACTION
 - A. Countywide Plan Update – Status Report
 - B. Countywide Plan Map Adjustment – Official Acceptance

- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS
 - A. Annual and Five-Year Work Program FY 16-20 - Draft
 - B. Annual Budget and Millage Rate for FY 16 - Draft
 - C. Verbal Reports

- VI. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS
 - A. Chairman/Member Items
 - B. Cancellation of August PPC Meeting

- VII. ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 2:52 P.M. and welcomed those in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVED

Chairman Kennedy presented the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- A. Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Meeting
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Commissioner Morroni moved, seconded by Councilmember Hock-DiPolito and carried, that the Consent Agenda items be approved (Vote 11-0).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing Format Announcement and Oath - None
- B. Amendments to the Countywide Future Land Use Plan

SUBTHRESHOLD AMENDMENTS - None

REGULAR AMENDMENTS - None

- C. PUBLIC HEARING: SUBSTANTIVE PLAN CHANGE CW 06-12 (SAP CHANGE NO. 3-2015) – CITY OF DUNEDIN – WITHDRAWN

Chairman Kennedy announced that Case CW 06-12 has been withdrawn.

REPORTS AND OTHER ACTION

- A. Countywide Plan Update – Status Report - Received

Mr. Crawford indicated that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorized a public hearing on the Countywide Plan Update to be held July 21, 2015, with the final hearing to be held on August 4; whereupon, Commissioner Morroni requested that a public presentation be given on July 21 and a condensed presentation on August 4.

B. Countywide Plan Map Adjustment

MAP ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CITY OF OLDSMAR – APPROVED/ACCEPTED

Mr. Crawford indicated that the City of Oldsmar has submitted a Countywide Plan Map adjustment regarding a portion of a parcel of land owned by the Florida Department of Transportation; that the adjustment is consistent with the Countywide Rules based on the property having been developed as a stormwater management area for State Road 580; and that the adjustment changes the land use designation from Commercial General to Preservation re 0.2 acre of the boundary.

Deputy Mayor Piccareto moved, seconded by Commissioner Merz and carried, that the minor plan adjustment be accepted (Vote 11–0).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS

A. Annual and Five-Year Work Programs - Drafts - Received/Discussed

Referring to the Annual Work Program for Fiscal Year 2016 and the Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020, Mr. Crawford indicated that no changes have been made to the Annual Work Program since the Council reviewed it in April; that this is the first opportunity the Council has had to review the update of the Five-Year Work Program; and that the Work Programs will be brought back to the Council for final approval in July.

Mr. Crawford related that once the update of the Countywide Plan is complete, staff will be assisting local governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) to administer the new Countywide Plan, as outlined in the Work Programs; and will identify and prioritize Plan provisions that meet the objectives of the 2014 Economic Innovation and Leadership Symposium, noting that the symposium was well received, and the PPC and County staff are working together to plan another one.

B. Annual Budget and Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2016 - Draft – Received/Discussed

Mr. Crawford reviewed the proposed Annual Budget and Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2016, and discussed the changes made since the Council reviewed it in April. He commented that the tax revenues have increased to 6.3 percent, up from 4.5 percent, due to an increase in property values; and that for the first time in a long time, the budget plan is within \$23,000 of expenditures. He distributed an informational budget and related that it shows a side-by-side list of expenditures of the MPO and the PPC; that the MPO budget expenditures will be paid by the PPC, and the MPO will reimburse the PPC; and that the MPO grant funding figure of \$2,665,000

will likely change within the month as the Department of Transportation has not yet finalized the numbers; whereupon, he stated that the budget will be brought before the Board in July for final approval.

In response to query by Mayor Bradbury regarding the fund balance, or reserves, Mr. Crawford indicated that the fund balance has dropped to about 10 percent, mostly due to actions taken during the recession, and suggested that the reserves should be replenished. Discussion ensued wherein Commissioner Morroni commented that the County uses a 15 percent base; whereupon, Chairman Kennedy pointed out that the funding reserves helped the PPC to continue to operate during the recession when the tax revenues were down.

In response to an observation by Commission Seel that the Contractual Support Services line item is much higher, MPO Interim Executive Director Sarah Ward indicated that \$560,000 is dedicated to contractual support services, and includes recurring contracts such as the Crash Data Management System and the \$80,000 provided to the PSTA. She reported that the budget for next year includes funds received from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Surface Transportation Program, which will be brought forward to the MPO Board next month as an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program, and discussed how those funds will be used. She pointed out that the \$830,000 in reserves for the MPO does not take into account the outstanding obligation to Pinellas County for the September to December personnel costs of \$300,000, which the County covered until the agreement was in place with the PPC; whereupon, she indicated that more details regarding the MPO line items will be provided in July.

Thereupon, Chairman Kennedy indicated that even though the budget represents a unified MPO/PPC Board, the MPO is a federally established entity, the PPC is a state-established entity, and each entity continues to exist with their own separate, independently audited books; that the MPO is not required to submit a budget to the BCC; and that the PPC will submit a combined budget to the County Commission, showing some tax savings for the citizens; whereupon, he confirmed that the .0160 millage rate is the same as last year.

C. Verbal Reports

- There will be no Map Amendments in July; the budget will be the only public hearing item.
- The August meeting has been cancelled.
- A presentation regarding economic development potential in the Mixed Use category will be on the July agenda.
- Downloading issues have been resolved, smaller documents seem to work better.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Chairman/Member Items

1. Mayors Conference

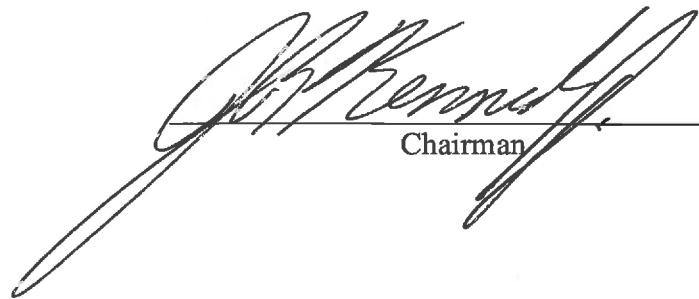
Mayor Bradbury indicated that many comments were heard at the Mayors Conference about how well Commissioner Cookie Kennedy represents the Beach communities, and praising her for coming out and providing updates on present and future activities and projects.

2. Mixed Use Presentation – July Council Meeting

Commissioner Cookie Kennedy related that she is looking forward to participating in the Mixed-Use presentation that will be featured at the Council meeting next month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M.


Chairman