

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL  
January 17, 2007

The Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) met in regular session in the County Commission Assembly Room, Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 1:03 P.M. with the following members present:

Jerry Beverland, Chairman, City of Oldsmar Mayor  
Sandra L. Bradbury, Vice-Chairman, City of Pinellas Park Councilmember  
Bob Hackworth, Secretary, City of Dunedin Mayor  
Beverley Billiris, Treasurer, City of Tarpon Springs Mayor  
John Doran, City of Clearwater Councilmember  
Bill Foster, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember  
Dick Holmes, City of South Pasadena Mayor  
Jerry Knight, Town of North Redington Beach Vice-Mayor  
Linda Lerner, School Board Member  
Mary Maloof, City of Treasure Island Mayor  
John Morroni, County Commissioner  
Andy Steingold, City of Safety Harbor Mayor

Absent:

Patricia Gerard, City of Largo Mayor

Also Present:

David P. Healey, Executive Director, PPC  
Michael C. Crawford, PPC Staff  
Linda Fisher, PPC Staff  
Christopher Mettler, PPC Staff  
Michael D. Schoderbock, PPC Staff  
Carolyn Shoemaker, PPC Staff  
Joseph A. Morrissey, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Other interested individuals  
Arlene Smitke, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Invocation and Pledge
  - B. Identification of Members Present
  
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Minutes of December 20, 2006 Meeting
  - B. Financial Statement for December 2006

- C. Countywide Planning Authority Actions – January
  - D. Annexation Report – December
  - E. Preliminary February Agenda
  - F. Correspondence
- III. PUBLIC HEARING – To begin at 1:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as agenda permits
- A. Public Hearing Format Announcement and Oath
  - B. Proposed Amendments to the Countywide Future Land Use Plan
    - Group 1: Subthreshold Amendments
    - 1. Case CW 07-01: Pinellas County
    - 2. Case CW 07-02: Pinellas County
    - Group 2: Regular Amendments
    - 3. Case CW 07-03: Pinellas County
    - 4. Case CW 07-04: Pinellas County
    - 5. Case CW 07-05: City of St. Petersburg
  - C. Proposed Amendments to the Countywide Plan Rules
    - 1. Temporary Lodging Use – Density/Intensity Standards
- IV. REPORTS/OTHER ACTION
- A. Annual Audit F.Y. 2005/06 (3:00 P.M.)
  - B. Annexation – Quarterly Status Report
  - C. Local Assistance – Quarterly Status Report
  - D. Supplemental Recommendations – Annual Status Report
  - E. Consistency Report – Final Draft
- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS
- A. Consultant Agreement – SNCC/Curlew Road Pilot Study
  - B. Petition for Full Review of Voluntary Annexation
  - C. Verbal Reports
- VI. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS
- A. Chairman/Member Items
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beverland called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Bradbury, following which she led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Pursuant to the request of the Chairman, a roll call was taken in which the members introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVED

Chairman Beverland presented the Consent Agenda items, as follows:

- A. Minutes of December 20, 2006 Meeting
- B. Financial Statement for December 2006
- C. Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) Actions – January
- D. Annexation Report – December
- E. Preliminary February Agenda
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Referring to Item C, Mr. Healey related that the report shows Case No. 06-48 as accepted by the CPA for withdrawal, but it was actually deferred and will be withdrawn this month; and referring to Item D, that Voluntary Annexation No. 06-188, shown on the report as fully compliant, will be discussed later on today's agenda.

Councilman Foster moved, seconded by Mayor Billiris and carried, that the Consent Agenda items be approved (Vote 12 – 0).

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing Format Announcement and Oath

Upon request by the Chairman, all persons planning to give testimony were duly sworn by the Deputy Clerk.

- B. Proposed Amendments to the Countywide Future Land Use Plan

**GROUP 1: SUBTHRESHOLD AMENDMENTS**

**PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 07-01, 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 – OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED**

Pursuant to legal notice published in the January 1, 2007 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing

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was held on Case CW 07-01, a 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, south of the Pinellas/Pasco County line.

Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject site on an aerial photograph and the land use plan map, and Mr. Healey indicated that the proposal qualifies as a subthreshold amendment because it is going to Preservation, as part of the Brooker Creek Preserve; and that staff recommends approval of the amendment.

No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard.

Councilmember Foster moved, seconded by Mayor Billiris and carried, that Case CW 07-01 be officially accepted (Vote 12-0).

**PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 07-02, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM COMMERCIAL GENERAL TO RESIDENTIAL URBAN – OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED**

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Pursuant to legal notice published in the January 1, 2007 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 07-02, a 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.

Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject site on an aerial photograph and the land use plan map, and Mr. Healey indicated that staff recommends approval of the amendment, which will allow for reconstruction of a single-family residence on the site.

No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard.

Councilmember Foster moved, seconded by Mayor Billiris and carried, that Case CW 07-02 be officially accepted (Vote 12-0).

**GROUP 2: REGULAR AMENDMENTS**

**PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 07-03, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM TRANSPORTATION/UTILITY TO INDUSTRIAL LIMITED – APPROVED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to legal notice published in the January 1, 2007 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 07-03, a 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.

Referring to an aerial photograph and the land use plan map, Mr. Crawford stated that the subject parcel is County-owned land located at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport; that the request is consistent with the Countywide Plan and Rules; and that fire service delivery will be by the City of Pinellas Park. He noted that Ulmerton Road is currently at Level of Service F and is predicted to remain at F even after construction of the Department of Transportation's proposed 296 Connector; whereupon, he indicated that the site is large enough for an integrated, mixed-use project and would add to the County's Industrial Limited inventory, which is an important consideration; and that staff recommends approval of the amendment, subject to the County evaluating the traffic impacts and limiting the intensity of the use on the site pursuant to its Concurrency Management System. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Crawford responded to queries by the members.

Responding to the Chairman's call for the applicant local government, John Cueva, Development Review Services, indicated that the County concurs with staff's recommendation; whereupon, Mr. Crawford noted that the Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) had voted unanimously to approve the amendment. Discussion continued, and Director of Properties Robert G. Humberstone provided input.

No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard.

Mayor Billiris moved, seconded by Mayor Holmes and carried, that Case CW 07-03 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 10-2, with Mayors Beverland and Hackworth casting the dissenting votes).

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 07-04, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW TO RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE GENERAL – ALTERNATIVE COMPROMISE RECOMMENDATION FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW TO RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE LIMITED SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION TO THE SCENIC/NON-COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (SNCC) RESIDENTIAL SUBCLASSIFICATION AND SEPARATE SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS - APPROVED

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Pursuant to legal notice published in the January 1, 2007 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 07-04, a 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 northeastern corner of Nebraska Avenue and Belcher Road.

Mr. Crawford referred to the land use plan and aerial and ground level photographs, and indicated that the requested Residential/Office General classification is not consistent with the SNCC guidelines for Belcher Road; that an exception will be required to allow mixed-use in the SNCC Residential subclassification; that Residential/Office General would not qualify for the exception, but Residential/Office Limited would qualify; and that staff recommends amendment of approximately 0.5 acre to the Residential/Office Limited category, which is more consistent with the surrounding area.

Referring to the southern portion of the parcel, Mr. Crawford indicated that the 0.1 acre currently designated as Preservation is not included in the request; that staff recommends that the County determine the appropriateness of the designation; and that an administrative adjustment could be made at a later date. He noted that the PAC had voted unanimously to approve staff's recommendations.

Responding to the Chairman's call for the applicant local government, John Cueva, Development Review Services, stated that the County is willing to accept staff's recommendations; and responding to queries by the members, indicated that the property to the east of the site contains a private school; that access will be at the northern extent of the property; that no opposition has been expressed by the neighbors; and that it is not the County's intent to convert the area to a commercial node.

No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard.

Councilmember Foster moved, seconded by Commissioner Morroni and carried, that Case CW 07-04 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 11-1, with Mayor Steingold casting the dissenting vote).

**PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 07-05, 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 – APPROVED SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE ACCOMPANYING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

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Pursuant to legal notice published in the January 1, 2007 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 07-05, a 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, re 18.0 acres located on the northeast corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 66<sup>th</sup> Street North.

Mr. Healey related that the subject case first came before the Council at its September, 2006 meeting; that at the request of the City, it had been continued to the October meeting; and that after consideration of a modified request, it was denied without prejudice; whereupon, he indicated that staff recommends approval of the amended request, subject to the restrictions contained in the accompanying development agreement. He noted that a number of e-mails have been received in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment; that copies were made available to the members; and that hard copies have been filed and made a part of the record.

Referring to the land use map and aerial and ground level photographs, Mr. Crawford summarized the history of the case and the proposed land use configurations; and highlighted the provisions of the accompanying development agreement. He explained that through the use of density averaging, square footage that is not built in the Residential/Office/Retail and Residential/Office General areas could be transferred to the less-intense uses, which would allow the development of up to 120 residential units on the eastern portion; and related staff's opinion that the amended request is consistent with the Countywide Rules and in character with the surrounding area; whereupon, he noted that the PAC voted 13-0 for approval of the requested amendment, subject to the terms of the development agreement.

Responding to the Chairman's call for the applicant local government, City of St. Petersburg Senior Planner Rick MacAulay related that the City recommends approval of the modified amendment request; provided additional information regarding density averaging and particulars of the development agreement; and displayed a concept plan; whereupon, responding to query by Mr. Healey, he confirmed that the site plan is attached to the development agreement and thereby qualifies for consideration by the PPC as part of the amendment.

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Senior Assistant County Attorney Jewel White Cole entered the meeting at 1:50 P.M. and assumed Attorney Morrissey's place at the staff table.

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Representing the applicant owner, R. Donald Mastry, Esquire, Trenam Kemker, St. Petersburg, reviewed surrounding land uses, provisions of the development agreement, and projected traffic impacts; and responding to query by School Board Member Lerner, indicated that five percent of the residential units will be designated as workforce housing. He noted that various regulatory agencies had previously approved a more intense development plan than that before the Council today; and that the current plan was approved by the St. Petersburg City Council and the PAC.

In response to the Chairman's call for proponents of the request, Dr. Ed Carlson, President, West Neighborhoods United, Inc. (WENU) conducted a PowerPoint presentation, wherein he noted that of the 21 neighborhood organizations voicing opposition to the request in September 2006, 19 organizations are currently not in opposition or are recommending approval.

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons in opposition to the proposed amendment, the following individuals appeared and stated their concerns:

Charles W. Gerdes, Esquire, St. Petersburg, representing the Eagle Crest and Crossroads neighborhoods  
Gregory Holzwart, St. Petersburg  
Heidi Hagedorn-Sumner, St. Petersburg  
Carol Lachance, St. Petersburg  
Lance Lubin, St. Petersburg, President of Eagle Crest Civic Association  
Jim Landay, St. Petersburg  
Jean Lachance, St. Petersburg  
Christopher Lauber, St. Petersburg

In rebuttal, Mr. Mastry indicated that the proposed use is far less intense than will be allowed under the City's new land development rules; and that need is not an element for consideration, only consistency with the Countywide Rules. He read the purpose and locational characteristics of the Residential/Office/Retail category; and stated that comments by Mr. Gerdes referred to prior agreements, rather than the revised request under consideration today.

Councilmember Foster provided information relative to the St. Petersburg City Council's deliberation of the request; and noted that after weighing the benefits versus the burden, the Council had voted 6 to 1 for approval of the request.

Following discussion with input by Mr. MacAulay and Josh Beyer, The Sembler Company, Councilman Foster moved, seconded by Councilmember Bradbury, that the proposed amendment to Residential/Office/Retail, Residential/Office General, and Residential Urban be

approved, subject to the restrictions contained in the accompanying development agreement; and that the residential density to be potentially averaged from the non-residential portion comply with the Countywide Rules.

Councilmember Doran announced for the record that he had spoken with Todd Pressman, Pressman and Associates, regarding the case; and that an *Ex Parte Disclosure Form* has been executed and submitted to the Clerk.

Upon call for the vote, the motion carried 11 to 1, with Mayor Holmes casting the dissenting vote.

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Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Beverland directed that Item V.A. be addressed at this time, and no objections were noted.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS

A. Consultant Agreement – Scenic Non-Commercial Corridor Pilot Study – Approved

Mr. Healey provided a summary of previous discussions of the PPC and CPA regarding a proposed study to determine definitive guidelines for evaluation of Countywide Plan Map amendments on SNCCs; whereupon, referring to a draft letter of agreement with Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Inc. and the accompanying *Curllew Road Land Use/Traffic Study Scope of Services*, copies of which have been filed and made a part of the record, he presented the following options for action by the Council:

- ? Proceed with the pilot study, which is included in the FY 2006-2007 work program and budget.
- ? Do nothing, as the study is an optional component of the work program, subject to specific PPC approval.
- ? Postpone action and discuss with the CPA before proceeding.

Commissioner Morroni indicated that he had voted against the study when it was first proposed in 2005; and that in view of the citizens' involvement in the development of their communities in recent years, he believes it would be appropriate to move forward with the pilot study at this time; whereupon, he moved, seconded by Councilmember Foster, that the agreement be approved; and following comments by Mayors Steingold and Billiris, the motion carried unanimously (Vote 12-0).

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At this time, 3:15 P.M., Commissioner Morroni left the meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

C. Proposed Amendments to the Countywide Plan Rules

PUBLIC HEARING: RULE AMENDMENT CONCERNING TEMPORARY LODGING USE  
– RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE CPA BY ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 07-1

Pursuant to legal notice published in the January 1, 2007 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held regarding a proposed ordinance amending the Countywide Rules dealing with temporary lodging density/intensity standards.

Mr. Healey indicated that the proposed ordinance is the result of discussions which began with approval of the Updated Countywide Plan in May 2005 and continued during preparation of the Pinellas by Design redevelopment plan, one conclusion of which was that new accommodations will need to be developed at a density three to six times that permitted for condominium development in order to be economically feasible; and that an analysis by Real Estate Research Consultants came largely to the same conclusion. He noted that in February 2006, the Council had authorized specific tasks to pursue implementation of Pinellas by Design, including examination of the density ratio for transient accommodation use and amendment of the Countywide Rules to provide incentives for development of transient/tourist facilities.

Mr. Mettler related that potential amendments had been presented to the PPC in June and July of 2006; that the issue had been discussed at a joint meeting of the PPC, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), and the Tourist Development Council in August; that authorization was given for a joint study with the City of St. Pete Beach in September; and that the findings were presented to the PPC in November, at which time authorization was given for today's public hearing.

Thereupon, Mr. Mettler reviewed the provisions and restrictions of the proposed ordinance, which would allow higher density and intensity at the option of the individual local governments. Discussion ensued, and Pinellas County General Planning Director Gordon R. Beardslee provided input.

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to speak, City of Clearwater Planning Director Michael L. Delk expressed support for the proposed Rule amendments and concern regarding the ability to sustain overnight accommodations in the mid-

price range, especially on small parcels; whereupon, he suggested that parking and transit options will need to be taken into consideration as a means to reduce the land/cost equation.

Councilmember Foster recognized St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Carole A. Ketterhagen, who provided information regarding the recent loss of transient accommodations and the impact on tourism and the local economy.

Thereupon, Vice-Mayor Knight moved, seconded by Mayor Billiris and carried, that Resolution No. 07-1 be adopted recommending approval of Countywide Rule amendments regarding temporary lodging, as set forth in Exhibit 1; and that the resolution, along with Exhibit 1, be transmitted to the BCC, acting in their capacity as the CPA, for consideration and action (Vote 11-0).

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At this time, 3:50 P.M., Mayor Billiris and Councilmember Foster left the meeting; whereupon, Chairman Beverland called for a recess. The meeting reconvened at 4:00 P.M. with nine members in attendance.

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#### REPORTS AND OTHER ACTION

A. Annual Audit, F.Y. 2005-2006 – Accepted; Authorized Filing with the Auditor General and Transmittal to the BCC

Mr. Healey referred to the Annual Audit Report prepared by ValienteHernandez, P.A., a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and noted that there had been an increase in net assets, as well as an increase in total fund balance; and that expenditures were under budget, while revenues were over budget; whereupon, he introduced G. J. “Gil” Hernandez, CPA, partner in the firm.

Mr. Hernandez related that the audit was conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards as well as Governmental Auditing Standards; and that the following reports have been issued:

- ▶ Basic Financial Statements
- ▶ Independent Auditors’ Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on Government Auditing Standards
- ▶ “Management Letter,” as required by the State Auditor General

He noted that all reports represented an Unqualified (clean) opinion; that no findings were noted under either set of standards; and that no comments were included in the management letter; whereupon, responding to concerns of School Board Member Lerner, he indicated that questionnaires were sent to Council members in accordance with requirements of the Auditor General relating to the reporting of incidence of fraud and fraud risk factors.

Mayor Holmes moved, seconded by Mayor Maloof and carried, that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2006 be approved; and that the Executive Director be authorized to transmit the report to the Auditor General and the BCC (Vote 9-0).

B. Annexation – Quarterly Status Report - Received

Ms. Fisher conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Voluntary Annexation Review, Quarterly Update for 1st Quarter of 2006/07*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. She noted that both the total acreage annexed and the taxable value of annexed land were below average for the quarter; that the percentage of annexations in enclaves was approximately three times the normal rate; and that no involuntary or referendum annexations were held during the quarter. Referring to the Truth in Annexation website, she indicated that the site has been updated in accordance with the data approved by the PPC at its December 2006 meeting; and that a compact disc containing the updated manual and program will be distributed to the local governments in the near future. Responding to query by Commissioner Holmes, Mr. Healey explained that the trend is toward less outward expansion of the municipalities and more infill of enclaves, based on the areas remaining to be annexed.

C. Local Assistance – Quarterly Status Report – Received

Mr. Crawford related that the revised Redington Shores Land Development Code should be completed next month; that efforts have continued to assist local governments with the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process; that the City of Tarpon Springs Working Waterfronts Committee has requested assistance on land use, zoning, and environmental issues; and that mapping and general planning assistance has been provided on an ad-hoc basis.

D. Supplemental Recommendations – Annual Status Report – 2006 – Received

Mr. Mettler summarized the status of supplemental recommendations made to local governments as noted in the report, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record; and noted that in most cases, the recommendations have been addressed. Responding to query by Mayor Beverland, Mr. Healey indicated that staff will follow up with the local government regarding the one recommendation for which the status was unknown.

E. Consistency Report – Final Draft – Approved; Adopted Resolution No. 07-2 Authorizing Transmittal to the CPA

Mr. Healey provided historical background pertaining to efforts to achieve and maintain consistency of local government plans with the Countywide Plan and Rules; and noted that the BCC, approximately one year ago, had requested that the PPC review all local plans and land development regulations to determine current consistency; whereupon, he requested that the Council approve the final draft report, a copy of which is posted on the PPC website, and forward it to the CPA for approval.

Referring to the inconsistencies identified in the report, Mr. Healey indicated that the issues will be addressed with the local governments over the next year; and that some matters will be resolved by amending the Countywide Rules and some will require amendments by the local governments.

Mr. Healey indicated that the PAC had voted 7-6 to approve the report; that it being the first time the PAC agenda was provided on the website, some members may not have read the report; and that some members were reluctant to approve the report delineating the inconsistencies; whereupon, he clarified that approval of the report does not represent acceptance of the findings and suggestions by the local governments; and that the report is intended to be a basis for further discussion among the parties.

Councilmember Bradbury suggested that the item be deferred for one month; and following deliberation by the members, Mayor Hackworth moved, seconded by Councilmember Doran and carried, that Resolution 07-2 be adopted approving the report and authorizing its transmittal to the CPA as recommended by staff. After further discussion and upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously (Vote 9-0).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS (Continued)

B. Petition for Full Review of Voluntary Annexation – Approved a Finding that the Petition for Full Review is Invalid

Mr. Healey related that a letter was received from the Pinellas County Planning Director requesting that the PPC conduct a full review of Pinellas Park Voluntary Annexation Petition No. AX07-17; that he had determined the County's request was not valid under the terms of Ordinance No. 00-63; and that in accordance with the terms of the ordinance, the County has requested that the PPC determine the validity of its request.

Referring to the criteria for voluntary annexation, Mr. Healey explained that the challenge lies in the definition of the term *reasonably compact*; that the County maintains a pocket would be created by the annexation; and that he believes the request for full review is invalid on the basis that the percentages cited are guidelines for County staff and not those

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included in the ordinance; whereupon, he provided information relative to previous full reviews; and noted that this is the first time the PPC has had such a request for determination.

Discussion ensued, and Attorney Cole and Councilmember Bradbury provided input. Mr. Healey noted that Commissioner Morrone had expressed his desire that the item be brought back for a full review; whereupon, he indicated that he does not believe the request is valid, but he has no objection to conducting the review if that is the desire of the Council.

Following further discussion, Mayor Hackworth moved, seconded by Councilmember Doran and carried, that Pinellas County's request for a full review of Petition No. AX-0717 (VA06-188) be declared invalid (Vote 8-1, with School Board Member Lerner casting the dissenting vote).

C. Verbal Reports

Mr. Healey noted that the *Pinellas Planning Council Annual Report, Fiscal 2005-2006*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, has been published and is currently being distributed; whereupon, he thanked the Council for their assistance in compiling the report.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Chairman/Member Items – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mayor Hackworth, seconded by Councilmember Bradbury, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 P.M. (vote 9-0)

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Chairman