

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL
November 18, 2009

The Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) met in regular session in the County Commission Assembly Room, Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 1:02 P.M. with the following members present:

Beverley Billiris, Chairman, City of Tarpon Springs Mayor
Jerry Knight, Vice-Chairman, Town of North Redington Beach Vice-Mayor
Patricia Gerard, Secretary, City of Largo Mayor
John Morroni, Treasurer, County Commissioner
Nina Bandoni, City of Safety Harbor Vice-Mayor
Sandra L. Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park Councilmember
David Carson, City of Dunedin Commissioner
John Doran, City of Clearwater Councilmember
Jim Kennedy, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Linda S. Lerner, School Board Member
Stephanie Oddo, Town of Belleair Commissioner
Jim Ronecker, City of Oldsmar Mayor
Patricia J. Shontz, City of Madeira Beach Mayor

Also Present:

David P. Healey, Executive Director, PPC
Michael C. Crawford, PPC Staff
Linda Fisher, PPC Staff
Chris Mettler, PPC Staff
Carolyn Shoemaker, PPC Staff
Jewel White Cole, Managing 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 October 21, 2009 Council Meeting
 - B. Financial Statement for October 2009
 - C. Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) Actions – November 2009
 - D. Annexation Reports – October 2009

- E. Preliminary December 2009 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. Amendments to the Countywide Future Land Use Plan

Group 1: Subthreshold Amendments

- 1. Case CW 09-21: Pinellas County
- 2. Case CW 09-22: Pinellas County
- 3. Case CW 09-23: Pinellas County
- 4. Case CW 09-24: Pinellas County
- 5. Case CW 09-25: Pinellas County
- 6. Case CW 09-26: Pinellas County
- 7. Case CW 09-27: City of Clearwater

Group 2: Regular Amendments

- 8. Case CW 97-62: City of Largo West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment District Plan 2009 (SAP Change No. 1-2009)

IV. REPORTS/OTHER ACTION

- A. Progress Assessment: CW 94-55 – Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan
- B. Determinations of Consistency – Dunedin, Gulfport, Kenneth City, and Largo

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS

- A. Amendments of the Countywide Rules Re: TDRs and Density/Intensity Averaging (continued from October PPC meeting)
- B. Verbal Reports

VI. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. Chairman/Member Items
 - 1. Nominating Committee for Election of 2010 Officers
 - 2. Holiday Gathering

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Billiris called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Morroni, following which he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVED

Chairman Billiris presented the Consent Agenda items, as follows:

- A. Minutes of October 21, 2009 Council Meeting
- B. Financial Statement for October 2009
- C. Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) Actions – November 2009
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Referring to Item C, Mr. Healey reported that all recommendations from the previous month's Council meeting were approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) sitting as the CPA; whereupon, Commissioner Morroni indicated that all items were approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon, Vice-Mayor Knight moved, seconded by Councilmember Bradbury and carried, that the Consent Agenda items be approved (Vote 13 – 0).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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. Amendments to the Countywide Future Land Use Plan

GROUP 1: SUBTHRESHOLD AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 09-21, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) TO RECREATION/OPEN SPACE (R/OS) – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 09-21, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from CG to R/OS, re 0.9 acres m.o.l., located at the southwest corner of Ulmerton Road and 119th Street North.

Mr. Healey indicated that the subject property is owned by Pinellas County; that it serves as a buffer area and provides open space for nearby residents; that it is part of a series of amendments submitted through the Pinellas County Community Development Department, which has been working with various neighborhoods in the Greater Ridgecrest area to reconcile the Land Use Plan with actual uses in the communities.

Mr. Healey noted that the case qualifies as a Type A Subthreshold Amendment; and that staff recommends approval; whereupon, Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph.

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

Councilmember Bradbury moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that Case CW 09-21 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13 – 0).

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PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 09-22, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL) TO INSTITUTIONAL (I) – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 09-22, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from RL to I, re 0.2 acres m.o.l., located on the west side of Jackson Street, 100 feet north of 132nd Avenue North (address: 13224 125th Street North).

Mr. Healey indicated that the subject property is the site of an existing church located in the Greater Ridgecrest area; that approval will bring the Land Use Plan into conformance with the existing use; that the case qualifies as a Type A Subthreshold Amendment; and that staff recommends approval; whereupon, Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph.

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

Councilmember Bradbury moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that Case CW 09-22 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13 – 0).

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 09-23, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL) TO INSTITUTIONAL (I) – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 09-23, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from RL to I, re 0.6 acres m.o.l., located on the northeast corner of Pine Street Southwest and 132nd Avenue North (address: 13207 Pine Street North).

Mr. Healey indicated that subject property is the site of an existing church located in the Greater Ridgecrest area; that approval will bring the Land Use Plan into conformance with the existing use; that the case qualifies as a Type A Subthreshold Amendment; and that staff recommends approval; whereupon, Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph.

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

Councilmember Bradbury moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that Case CW 09-23 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13 – 0).

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 09-24, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL) TO INSTITUTIONAL (I) – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 09-24, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from RL to I, re 0.2 acres m.o.l., located on the east side of 119th Street North, lying 50 feet north of Oak Street (address: 2253 119th Street North).

Mr. Healey indicated that the subject property is the site of the Ridgecrest Community Center; that approval will bring the Land Use Plan into conformance with the existing use; that the case qualifies as a Type A Subthreshold Amendment; and that staff recommends approval; whereupon, Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph.

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

Councilmember Bradbury moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that Case CW 09-24 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13 – 0).

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 09-25, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW MEDIUM (RLM) TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 09-25, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from RLM to CG, re 0.2 acres m.o.l., located on the southwest corner of Grove

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Park Avenue North and Haines Road (addresses: 2568 Grove Park Avenue North and 5208 Haines Road).

Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph, and Mr. Healey indicated that the owner intends to utilize the property for customer parking and boat storage in connection with an existing commercial use that fronts on Haines Road; that the case qualifies as a Type A Subthreshold Amendment; and that staff recommends approval.

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

Councilmember Bradbury moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that Case CW 09-25 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13 – 0).

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 09-26, PROPOSAL BY PINELLAS COUNTY TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM TRANSPORTATION/UTILITY (T/U) TO INSTITUTIONAL (I) – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 09-26, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from T/U to I, re 3.2 acres m.o.l., located on the south side of Whitney Road, lying 145 feet east of Whitney Drive.

Mr. Healey indicated that the subject property is occupied by Abilities, Inc., a not-for-profit agency; that approval will bring the Land Use Plan into conformance with the existing use; that the case qualifies as a Type D Subthreshold Amendment; and that staff recommends approval; whereupon, Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph.

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

Councilmember Bradbury moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that Case CW 09-26 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13 – 0).

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PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 09-27, PROPOSAL BY THE CITY OF CLEARWATER TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FROM RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) WITH TRANSPORTATION/UTILITY (T/U) OVERLAY AND WATER/DRAINAGE FEATURE (W/DF) OVERLAY TO RM WITH T/U AND W/DF OVERLAYS – APPROVED

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 09-27, a proposal by the City of Clearwater to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from RM with T/U and W/DF Overlays to RM with T/U and W/DF Overlays, re 0.7 acres m.o.l., located on the west side of Kings Highway, approximately 175 feet north of Byram Drive..

Mr. Healey indicated that the proposed amendment represents adjustments to the T/U and W/DF overlays to correspond with an approved site plan; that the request was submitted as a follow-up to a previous amendment (Case CW 07-09) in accordance with conditions imposed by the PPC; that the case qualifies as a Type A Subthreshold Amendment; and that staff recommends approval; whereupon, Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph.

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

Councilmember Bradbury moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that Case CW 09-27 be approved as recommended by staff (Vote 13 – 0).

GROUP 2: REGULAR AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE CW 97-62 (SAP CHANGE NO. 1-2009), PROPOSAL BY THE CITY OF LARGO TO AMEND THE WEST BAY DRIVE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAN 2009 (CONTINUED FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2009 MEETING) – APPROVED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 1, 2009 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times* as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on Case CW 97-62 (SAP Change No. 1 - 2009), a proposal by the City of Largo to amend the West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment District Plan 2009, re 315.4 acres m.o.l., generally included within and encompassed by 4th Avenue Northwest, Missouri Avenue, 2nd Avenue Northeast, 2nd Street Northeast, 1st Avenue Northeast, Central Park Drive (including

Largo Central Park and Library), an area north of 6th Avenue Southeast, Seminole Boulevard, 4th Avenue Southwest, and extending further west to the western boundary of the Largo Medical Center, West Bay Drive, 14th Street Northwest, Pine Vista Drive, and the Pinellas Trail.

Mr. Healey indicated that the City of Largo seeks to replace the 1997 West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment Plan with the proposed amendment. He pointed out that Pinellas County has asked that the amendment go before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) under a Chapter 163 Part III Review process before being considered by the PPC; that the City of Largo has agreed to submit to that review but is requesting that the PPC proceed with the Plan Map Amendment hearing; whereupon, Mr. Healey recommended that the PPC hear the case today.

Mr. Crawford pointed out the subject property on the Land Use Map and an aerial photograph, provided background information, provided a PowerPoint presentation about the plan amendment. He noted that one of the staff conditions is the amendment of the Scenic/Non-Commercial Corridor Residential Subclassification to Mixed-Use for a portion of Clearwater-Largo Road and West Bay Drive; whereupon, Mr. Crawford recommended approval of the amendment based on the accompanying Special Area Plan, subject to the following conditions:

1. Submission by the City of any future amendment to the Special Area Plan for receipt and acceptance, or for consideration as an amendment, as is determined necessary, under the Countywide Plan Map amendment process;
2. Submission by the City of an assessment of the Special Area Plan's progress with respect to its enumerated objectives five years from the effective date of the Countywide Plan Map amendments pursuant to this Special Area Plan;
3. Application of permitted densities and intensities based on their respective proportion to the affected total land area; and

4. Amendment of the Scenic/Non-Commercial Corridor Residential Subclassification to Mixed-Use for a portion of Clearwater-Largo Road and West Bay Drive.

Chairman Billiris indicated that the Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) voted 8-1 to approve the amendment, with Mr. Beardslee casting the dissenting vote.

Bob Klute, Assistant Community Development Director, City of Largo, provided an overview of the plan and discussed why it is important to the community. He indicated that the 1997 plan did not result in significant development in the downtown area; that a 2004 market study indicated that the city would need to seek greater densities and intensities on a more urban scale at midrise heights in order to spark redevelopment; that recommendations and guidelines from Pinellas by Design have been incorporated into the plan, as one of the objectives is to lay the groundwork for the creation of a Multimodal Transportation District. He discussed the affordable housing density bonuses proposed for the area, the future tax increment finance (TIF) revenue to be used for parking and mobility changes, and the impact of the plan on water resources (projected demand to be 4.45 million gallons per day compared to the current 1.14 million gallons), sanitary sewer, drainage, and transportation (two roadways presently operating at level of service "F").

In response to the Chairman's call for proponents of the request, Tom Morrisette, Largo Mid-Pinellas Chamber of Commerce, indicated that the Chamber supports the plan.

Pinellas County General Planning Division Manager Gordon R. Beardslee indicated that while staff supports the plan, there is a procedural concern in that it is the preferred and adopted procedure for the BCC to take action on a CRA Plan before it is submitted through the Countywide Plan procedure due to specific parameters in Chapter 163, Part III, of the Florida Statutes related to the approval of the tax increment project list, and requested that the PPC follow the sequential review steps and not take action on the item today, and discussion ensued

In response to comments by the members, Mr. Healey confirmed that if the PPC approves the request, they would not be taking a position on the procedural question between the City of Largo and the County, only fulfilling its obligation in terms of reviewing a plan and finding it acceptable; that by approving the item, a precedent would be set for municipalities in similar circumstances.

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City of Largo Community Development Director Carol Stricklin indicated that the City has agreed to submit the Plan to Pinellas County; and that the nature of the reviews by the PPC and the BCC are fundamentally different; whereupon she indicated that there are properties considering redevelopment and waiting for the plan to come to fruition; and requested that the Council approve the Plan today.

County Attorney Cole indicated that she cannot advise the PPC on the matter as her work with the County Planning Department in its review of 163 plans presents a conflict of interest; but is able to answer general questions; whereupon, in response to queries by the members, Attorney Cole indicated that other CRA plans with similar language in the resolution have followed the County's process when seeking amendments by appearing before the Board before coming to the PPC.

In response to the Chairman's call for opponents to the request Robert Bullard and Carol Stump, Largo, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment, emphasizing water and transportation issue concerns. In response to query by Ms. Stump, Chairman Billiris confirmed that petitions turned in to the City of Largo (petitions with 248 names in opposition) were included in the backup.

Following further discussion, Councilmember Kennedy moved, seconded by Commissioner Carson and carried, that Case CW 97-62 (SAP Change No. 1 - 2009) be approved as to its substance and content as recommended by staff (Vote 11 – 2, Commissioner Morroni and Councilmember Bradbury casting the dissenting votes).

REPORTS AND OTHER ACTION

A. Progress Assessment: Case CW 94-55 - Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan - Received/Accepted/Authorized Transmittal To CPA For Receipt And Acceptance_____

Mr. Healey indicated that the five-year progress report was required as a condition of approval for an amendment to the Special Area Plan in 2004; and that the assessment is complete and meets all the requirements; whereupon, Mr. Mettler provided an overview of the report and recommended that the Council receive and accept the assessment and authorize its transmittal to the CPA.

Councilmember Doran provided an update to the assessment, reporting that the downtown marina is fully permitted and under construction; and that two local buildings have been designated as historic structures by a Clearwater City ordinance.

Councilmember Doran moved, seconded by Commissioner Carson and carried, that the Progress Assessment be received, accepted and transmitted to the CPA for receipt and acceptance (Vote 13-0).

B. Determinations of Consistency – Dunedin, Gulfport, Kenneth City and Largo – Received/Discussed/Recommended Approval and Transmittal to the Countywide Planning Authority for Adoption of Resolutions

Mr. Healey indicated that the local governments of Dunedin, Gulfport, Kenneth City, and Largo have adopted the amendments to their Comprehensive Plans and Land Development Regulations identified in the Consistency Report; that they are consistent with the Countywide Rules; and that it is appropriate to process Updated Determinations of Consistency for the four local governments by adopting the four resolutions; whereupon, he recommended that the Council approve the transmittal of the four Updated Determinations of Consistency to the CPA with the recommendation that the CPA adopt the resolutions approving each of the four Updated Determinations of Consistency.

Mayor Gerard moved, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried, that the proposed resolutions be approved and transmitted to the CPA for adoption (Vote 13–0).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS

A. Amendments of the Countywide Rules Re: TDRs and Density/Intensity Averaging (Continued from October PPC meeting) - Received/Discussed/Provided Direction

Mr. Healey indicated that he is seeking policy direction from the Council; and that in view of the lengthy discussion at the October meeting regarding Transfer of Development Rights and Density/Intensity Averaging, he had prepared four alternative approaches that would provide a more complete understanding of the policy choices available.

He indicated that Alternative 1 is the option considered in October; that it would draw a clear distinction between transfer of development rights by saying that if you move such rights across Plan categories, it is a transfer, but if you stay within the same Plan category, you can average the density; and noted that there is alternative language shown in the backup to make the option more clear.

He indicated that Alternative 2 is similar to Alternative 1, except that it would delete provisions dealing with Density/Intensity Averaging and leave any decisions that did not

rise to the level of a Transfer of Development Rights to the complete discretion of local government.

Mr. Healey indicated that Alternative 3 attempts to strike a midpoint between what is in the Plan now and what Alternative 1 does by establishing a hybrid for Density/Intensity Averaging that would allow it to take place within contiguous properties within the same Plan category or move density/intensity across Plan categories within certain prescribed limits; whereupon he described the limits.

Mr. Healey indicated that Alternative 4 does not set a limit on how much density can be transferred across Plan categories; and while it is the Council's prerogative to not have a limit, he would not recommend that approach.

Mr. Healey pointed out that corollary amendments regarding grandfathering and the ability to move density/intensity from Recreation/Open Space or Preservation are needed no matter which alternative the Council selects; and in response to query by Councilmember Bradbury, related that Density/Intensity Averaging depends on and requires contiguity and that the Transfer of Development Rights does not require contiguity.

Chairman Billiris indicated that the PAC voted to approve Alternate 3 with the distinction that it not be limited to five acres.

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Morroni, Councilmember Doran indicated that while there are some particular points that the City of Clearwater would prefer to change, he realizes there needs to be a Countywide approach; and that he can support Alternative No. 3.

Thereupon, Vice-Mayor Knight moved, seconded by Commissioner Oddo, that staff develop new legislation incorporating Alternative 3; and in response to query by Commissioner Morroni, clarified that his motion includes the language worked out with the City of Clearwater related to counting the unused density on an existing property that is redeveloped.

PAC Chairman Sharen Jarzen commented that the while the Rules should continue to keep control over the land use, they should be user friendly as the County is competing with other areas of the state for new development, and suggested that the Council hear from staff from different communities; whereupon, Richard W. MacAulay, City of St. Petersburg, Catherine Porter, City of Clearwater, and Gordon Beardslee, Pinellas County Planning Department provided input. Mr. MacAulay and Ms. Porter indicated that they would

prefer Alternative No. 4, but could live within whatever guidelines are ultimately adopted; and Mr. Beardslee recommended that Alternative 3, without the five-acre threshold, be considered.

Mr. Healey provided background information relating to the five-acre threshold, indicating that five acres is the threshold found in many of the Countywide Plan categories where secondary uses are allowed up to a limit of five acres and the same principle would apply here, wherein local governments would have the prerogative to plan as they saw fit up to five acres, but since properties over five acres begin to influence what happens around it in terms of scale and proportion, it should rise, at that point, to a Plan amendment.

Following further discussion and upon call for the vote, the motion by Vice Mayor Knight carried by a vote of 12-1, with Councilmember Kennedy casting the dissenting vote.

Thereupon, Mr. Healey indicated that he would compose a draft ordinance to present to the Council at the next meeting.

B. Verbal Reports

1. Draft Letter of Consistency - Approved/Authorized Chairman to Sign as Needed

Mr. Healey indicated that the backup contains a draft letter notifying the Town of Indian Shores that it has satisfied the conditions under the Determinations of Consistency, and requested that the Council approve the letter and the form.

Vice-Mayor Knight moved, seconded by Councilmember Bradbury and carried, that the request of Mr. Healey be approved (Vote 13-0).

2. Executive Committee - Confirmed Meeting for December 4, 3:30 P.M. in the Offices of the Pinellas Planning Council

Mr. Healey reported that the Executive Committee, sitting as a subcommittee to examine different planning models, met on November 2, 2009; that they had looked at various options and examples and discussed what might work best in Pinellas County; that the members had decided to take a very deliberative approach; and that the Committee will meet again on December 4, 2009.

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He indicated that the University of Florida has established a new Masters Degree program in Planning; that they have proposed planning a student project in the Masters program that might address the PPC and other planning models.

3. Pinellas County Legislative Delegation

Mr. Healey provided input on the Legislative Delegation meeting held on November 10 and the proposed bill submitted by Representative Kriseman with regard to the future of the Council whereupon the Council authorized the Executive Committee to draft a resolution to present to the Delegation on December 14. The Council further directed that the proposed resolution be forwarded to the cities requesting their support. Mayor Billiris noted that she will meet with Representative Kriseman on November 24 and invite him to the December 4 Subcommittee meeting.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Chairman/Member Items

1. Chairman Billiris appointed members to the Nominating Committee for the election of the 2010 officers and indicated that the Committee would meet following the conclusion of today's meeting.
2. Mr. Healey confirmed that a holiday gathering has been scheduled to take place immediately following the conclusion of the December PPC meeting, and no objections were noted.
3. Councilmember Kennedy provided an update on the Pinellas County Transit Workshop to be held on December 7, 2009, at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 P.M.

Chairman