

**PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**AGENDA ITEM:** VI A.

**MEETING DATE:** February 21, 2007

**SUBJECT:**

Other Council Business - Chairman/Member Items

1. Annexation Subcommittee Re: Charter Amendments

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council Consider Reactivating the Annexation Subcommittee, or Like Group, to Pursue Outstanding Annexation Issues

**BACKGROUND:**

Given that the Circuit Court action challenging the validity of Ordinance No. 00-63 is on appeal to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Appeals; and further, that the litigation challenging the recent County Charter amendments of November 2006 has reached impasse relative to the Court required Ch. 164 mediation process, it has been suggested that the Annexation Subcommittee be reconstituted in the interest of addressing one or both of these issues. (See in particular the attached letter from Mayor Steingold regarding the Charter amendment litigation.)

The purpose of reactivating the previous Annexation Subcommittee, or a like committee comprised of members of the Pinellas Planning Council and the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA), would be to attempt to construct an interlocal agreement that could be put forward as the basis for resolving the litigation concerning the Charter amendments, and potentially incorporate and address provisions that would allow the litigation concerning Ordinance No. 00-63 to be dismissed. Any draft interlocal agreement prepared by such subcommittee would, obviously, be subject to approval by not only the Planning Council and CPA, but the specific parties to the respective cases now in litigation. The mechanics of approving such interlocal agreement would need to be determined in the course of its

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preparation, and perhaps stipulated to by the respective courts governing the separate cases in litigation.

Consistent with the request of Mayor Steingold, in spite of the current status of the litigation, such process would, at a minimum, exhibit a good faith effort to resolve one or both of these distinct matters, both of which revolve around annexation.



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Dear David:

Per our conversation at the February 9, 2007 Charter Amendment mediation, I would request that you place on the Pinellas Planning Council agenda formation of the annexation subcommittee. I am requesting such in light of the on-going Charter Amendment litigation. Despite the impasse, I believe it to be incumbent upon us to further the possibility of an amicable resolution prior to a trial on the matter.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Andy Steingold  
Mayor, City of Safety Harbor