

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 21, 2023

A Joint Meeting between the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following Board of County Commissioners members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. The following City of Punta Gorda Councilmembers were present: Mayor Lynne Matthews, Councilmember William Dryburgh, Councilmember Mark Kuharski, Councilmember Melissa Lockhart, and Councilmember Donna Peterman. Also in attendance were: City Manager Gregory Murray, County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Johnston, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: City Attorney David Levin.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1) Public Input – Agenda Items Only

John Welsh commented on Community Development Agency Update.

Tim Ritchie discussed One Charlotte One Water Update.

2) Discussion Items

a) Economic Development Update – Economic Development Department

Dave Gammon, Economic Development Director gave a brief overview of Cheney Brothers, Inc., FedEx Distribution Center, Vestas AirCoil, Demand for Aviation Maintenance Technicians Reaches Record Highs, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Training, Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP) Now, Visions, Overpaid, Sunseeker Resort, Sunseeker: By The Numbers, Regional Labor Force, Permanent Change of Station (PCS) to Charlotte County Florida, Our Employers Value Veteran Skill and Service Find Great Career Opportunities Now, General Development Corporation Announces the New 1963 Space Age Homes, Parkside Village: A New Village for Port Charlotte, Parkside Village Port Charlotte, Home Construction Progression, S2A Modular, Zencity, and Serenia Club House.

Councilmember Dryburgh mentioned Scoreboard, servers, and Allegiant. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Parkside Village, Compact Growth Mixed Use (CGMU), density, by-rights, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Sunseeker, incentives, height restrictions, and benefits.

b) Tourism Update – Tourism Development Department

Sean Walter, Sales and Sports Marketing Manager gave a brief overview of Key Performance Indicators - Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, How Tourism Supports The Local Economy, Post Hurricane Current Industry Update, FY 2023 Promotional Efforts, Marketing, Sales, Public Relations, and Social Media.

Chair Truex remarked on Social Media. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to Tourism Department, revenue increase, and Social Media.

c) Community Redevelopment Agency Update (City)

Parking Deck

City Manager Gregory Murray interjected on Community Redevelopment Agency Update, day docks, parking, deck, Herald Court Center, Sales Tax, Event Center, public private partnerships, City Marketplace, permit, sawfish, and sea walls.

Kristin Simeone, City Finance Director gave a brief overview of Punta Gorda (PG) CRA 101, CRA Extension, CRA Fund: Debt Service Division Accounting Structure, Debt Service Division Assumptions, History of Taxable Value Increment, History of Tax Incremental Funding (TIF) Revenue, Balance of Current Debt Schedule and Update Regarding Final Millage Rate, Debt Service Division: Proforma, Proforma (Updated for October Valuation and County Adopted Millage Rate), Herald Court Operations Division Accounting Structure, Herald Court Operations Division Assumptions, Herald Court Operations Division Proforma, Operations Division: Accounting Structure, FY 2021-2022 Projects Renewal & Replacement of Infrastructure, Assumptions for Renewal & Replacement of Infrastructure, and Operations Division Proforma.

Commissioner Tiseo commented on day docks, cost, Return on Investment (ROI), parking garage, Event Center, fee, shared use, population growth, Sales Tax, spaces, capital needs, funding, CRA, and sunset. **Mayor Lynne Matthews** discussed parking, garage, Event Center, City Marketplace, day docks, Boaters Alliance, Sunseeker, water taxi, and 2026 Sales Tax. **Councilmember Kuharski** mentioned parking, garage, day docks, development, height, density, accessibility, Tampa Convention Center, Alligator Creek, boating community, public private partnership, and City Marketplace. **Councilmember Dryburgh** noted day docks, parking, garage, Event Center, design, and joint meetings. **Chair Truex** spoke to day docks, river bottom, ownership, parking, garage, spaces, events timespan, public private partnership, Interlocal Agreements, City Marketplace, height, and density. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Capital Needs Assessment (CNA), parking, garage, funding, Sales Tax, needs, Low Density Residential (LDR), future development, day docks, and City Marketplace.

County Administrator Flores responded to day docks, river bottom, and ownership.

Mr. Welsh interjected on day docks, river bottom, ownership, and land lease.

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director replied to parking garage, Sales Tax, inflation, cost, spaces, events timespan, capital projects, funding, day docks, Event Center, seawalls, Hurricane Ian, aquatic preserve, wildlife, submerged land lease, and maintenance.

d) Utilities Pre-Annexation Agreement (Wastewater & Water Service) with the City of Punta Gorda (City)

Joan LeBeau, City of Punta Urban Design Director highlighted Utilities Pre-Annexation Agreement (Wastewater & Water Service) with the City of Punta Gorda.

City Manager Murray remarked on annexation, Agreements, Charlotte Park, services, potential, growth, services, assessments, requirements, and proformas.

e) Once Charlotte One Water Update (County/City)

Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager gave a brief overview of Punta Gorda/Charlotte County Watersheds, Regional Monitoring, Impaired Waterways: Nutrients and Bacteria, County Ambient Monitoring – First Look June 2022 - January 2023, Bacteria Concentration June 2022 - January 2023, Nitrogen Concentration June 2022 - January 2023, Water and Ecosystem Protection Activities, and Coming Soon: One Charlotte One Water.

Ms. LeBeau gave a brief overview of Water and Ecosystem Protection Activities, City Protection Measures, and Future Planning Efforts.

Commissioner Constance discussed Regional Monitoring, Water and Ecosystem Protection Activities, Hurricane Ian, sea level rise, septic to sewer, conversion, cost, and inflation. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned Regional Monitoring. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Charlotte Park Septic to Sewer Preliminary Design Report, updated numbers, inflation, Equivalent Residential Connections (ERC), systems, roles, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), and funding. **Mayor Matthews** spoke to grants, funding, cost, property owners, assessments, and tax bill. **Chair Truex** commented on information and MSBU.

City Manager Murray remarked on water quality, septic to sewer, systems, sea wall, Charlotte Park, Preliminary Design Report, funding, cost, impacts, assessments, annexation, water bill, reduction, benefits, property values, wildlife, permit, surface water withdraw, and MSBU.

f) Roads (County/City)

FDOT Projects (City)

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, Baynard Drive: Improvements, Maintenance, Burnt Store Road Study, Traffic Modeling, Preliminary Engineering, and Signal at Home Depot.

Commissioner Tiseo discussed Baynard Drive, city limits, annexation, and Punta Gorda Capital Improvement Program FY 2022 - FY 2026. **Mayor Matthews** mentioned Baynard Drive, annexation, city limits, Signal at Home Depot, Punta Gorda Capital Improvement Program FY 2022 - FY 2026, Complete Street – US 17 Improvements, hurricane evacuation routes, Sunseeker, and infrastructure. **Councilmember Dryburgh** inquired to Burnt Store Road Study. **Commissioner Constance** noted Burnt Store Road Study, Vincent Avenue, roundabouts, traffic signals, Traffic Signal at Retta Esplande goes with US 41 North Bound (NB) William Street (St) to Peace River, US 41 NB William Street to Peace River, Complete Street – US 17 Improvements, bridges, and capacity. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to Burnt Store Road, traffic movement, Phase 1, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), impacts, design options, and Home Depot. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on railroad and Burnt Store Road.

City Manager Murray interjected on Baynard Drive Maintenance, annexation, highlighted Traffic Signal at Retta Esplande goes with US 41 NB William St to Peace River, US 41 NB William Street to Peace River, and Complete Street – US 17 Improvements.

g) Removal of Derelict Vessels (City)

City of Punta Gorda Chief of Police Pamela Davis highlighted Removal of Derelict Vessels.

3) Public Input:

Tim Ritchie discussed requested Joint Resolution, phosphate mining, March 21, 2023 news article, red tide, Pine Level chemical plant, Mosaic, sinkhole shift, March Against Mosaic, rivers, pollution, sediment testing, oyster beds, and Senator Albritton.

Ruth Brooks, Lakewood Village resident mentioned, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), private land lease, mulch grinding, debris, Hurricane Ian, air pollution, health concerns, and zoning.

Kenneth Crassweller, Lakewood Village resident noted health concerns, air pollution, FEMA, private land lease, mulch, grinding, and permit.

Mr. Elias spoke to Lakewood Village, Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM), program, debris removal, and dust abatement.

Commissioner Constance discussed Lakewood Village, Duncan Road, debris removal site, and dust abatement. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on FDEM, program, Lakewood Village, contractor, debris removal site, and State contract.

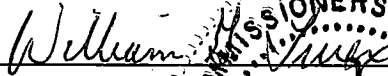
Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official responded to FDEM, Duncan Road, debris removal site, State and Federal clean-up efforts, and permits.

Bill Ganier mentioned Duncan Road, debris removal sites, mulch, air pollution, and noise.

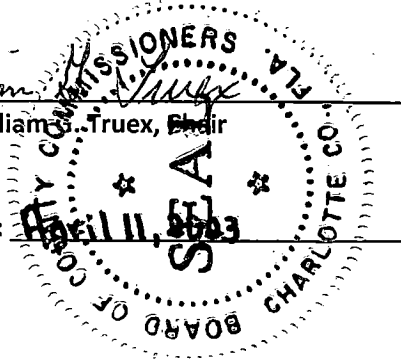
4) Commissioner & Council Comments

The Board and Councilmembers all individually expressed thanks for meeting jointly.

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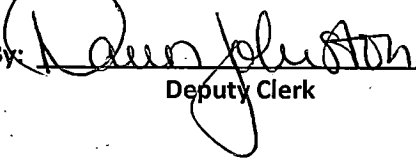


William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED:  April 11, 2023

ATTEST:

ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 

Deputy Clerk