

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 21, 2024

A Board Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Flores highlighted Board Workshop.

1. Charlotte Harbor CRA

Joanne Vernon, County Engineer gave a brief overview of Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) – Improvements: December 14, 2021 – Board approved the following, Parmely Street and Melbourne Street, Proposed Parmely Street and Multi-Use Pathway, Proposed Multi-Use Path, Parmely Street, Parmely Street – 60' Right-Of-Way (ROW), remarked on design, and permits.

Chris Beers, Johnson Engineering Charlotte County Branch Manager gave a brief overview of Melbourne Street: 8-foot multi use path, 8-foot multi use pathway on East side, Melbourne Street Option (as is), Melbourne Street Option Alternate (Alt) #1, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2B, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2 & 2B, responded to Parmely Street, Historic Trinity Methodist Church, Babe's Plumbing, trees, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), regulations, exemptions, design, Recommendation, Bahia grass, existing conditions, specifications, maintenance, and preservation.

Travis Perdue, Facilities Construction and Maintenance Director gave a brief overview of Project Budget and Timeline, August 2023 Complete Project / January 2024 Site Constraints, February 2024 Mitigation Efforts, April 2024 Traffic Counts, Recommendation, replied to SWFWMD, modification, Florida Communities Trust (FCT), DMK Associates Inc., responsibility, specifications, Johnson Engineering, and process.

Chair Truex discussed gravity walls, challenges, blended systems, off site retainage, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2B, savings, funding, drainage easements, cost, commitment, Charlotte Harbor CRA, priorities, Parmely Street, April 2024 Traffic Counts, design, usage, DMK Associates Inc., LoanDepot Park, existing conditions, solutions, FCT, maintenance schedule, barricades, specifications, process, and timeline. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Sunseeker, property taxes, General Fund, Punta Gorda CRA, revenue streams, Melbourne and Parmely Streets, Bayshore Road, Edgewater Drive, elevation, ROW, August 2023 Complete Project / January 2024 Site Constraints, environmental and existing conditions, April 2024 Traffic Counts, impermeable surfaces, design, Recommendation, process, and bid specifications. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Parmely Street, trees, design, savings, and Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2B, permitting, challenges, SWFWMD, exemption, drainage easements, Charlotte Harbor CRA, cash flow, Parmely Street, regulations, projects, priorities, Kings Highway, traffic distribution, Recommendation, analysis, design, grass parking lots, improvements, Lee County Sports Complex, specifications, professional liability insurance, and DMK Associates Inc. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to gravity walls, challenges, Peachland Boulevard, Charlotte Harbor CRA, cost, regulations, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Sunseeker, funding mechanisms, Whiskey Joe's, options, Melbourne Street: 8-foot multi use path, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2, Melbourne Street Option Alt # 2B, Punta Gorda CRA, public

safety, infrastructure improvements, sidewalks, easements, Parmely Street, signalization, Bayshore Road, stacking, priorities, projects, parking spots, design, reimbursement, drainage issues, cost, purpose, usage, and resiliency.

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director remarked on projects, Sunseeker, Charlotte Harbor CRA, revenues, tax roll assessments, Punta Gorda CRA, General Fund, sunseting, and Transportation Trust Fund.

County Administrator Flores responded to prioritization and TIF.

2. Public Works Long Range Projections – Transportation Trust Fund

Francine Lisby, Financial Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, Public Works, Public Works: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Expenditures, FY 2022 Reimbursements, Gas Tax Revenue: Collected (In Thousands), Projected (In Thousands), Gas Tax per Capita, Transportation Trust Fund: Recent Action Taken, Transportation Trust Fund, Transportation Trust Fund: Projected, Utilization by Division - Net Impact, Operational Projection, Transportation Trust Fund: Long Term Stability Options, 10 Year Total, Operation Projection with Equipment Lease, Operational Projection with Equipment Lease & Reclassing Engineering, Operational Projection with All 3 options, Staff Recommendation, replied to assessments, and equipment.

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of Key Issues, Reimbursement Rates, Changing Traffic Patterns: Extreme growth = more traffic, Funding, Data Driven Projects to help with funding, Maintenance on New Infrastructure, New Service Areas, remarked on positions, vacancies, levels of service, Transportation Trust Fund, maintenance and operations (M&O), Gas Tax, standards, xeriscaping, Cochran Boulevard, tropical environment, options, savings, cost, landscaping projects, cash flow, leasing, and procurement process.

Chair Truex discussed process. Commissioner Constance mentioned FY 2022 Expenditures, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), reimbursements, calculation, indexing, fee structures, electric vehicles, taxes, Maintenance on New Infrastructure, xeriscaping, native vegetation, cost, property tax and Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU) rates, responsibility, leasing, options, fleet maintenance, quality control, and life cycle. Commissioner Deutsch commented on Staff Recommendation, staffing, equipment leasing, options, and depreciation. Commissioner Doherty noted FY 2022 Expenditures, Maintenance and Operations, Staff Recommendation, Transportation Trust Fund: Long Term Stability Options, Gas Tax roads, MSBU, and funding. Commissioner Tiseo spoke to Projected, positions, vacancies, justification statements, budget adjustments, revenue, funding mechanisms, safety cuts, reimbursements, Gateway Landscape Committee, Florida-Friendly, Maintenance on New Infrastructure, Harold Avenue Recreation Center, public safety, and projects.

Mr. Burger responded to Gas Tax, formula, options, MSBU, corridor roads, maintenance, equipment leasing, cash flow, interest rates, savings, and residual value.

3. Insurance Update

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Agenda, Insurance Premiums, Hurricane Ian Recovery, replied to FEMA, reimbursements, categories, deductibles, mitigation funding, projects, emergency protection measures, process, regulations, oversight, and documentation.

Ray Carter, Risk Manager gave a brief overview of Self Insurance Program – What is it, Self-Insure or Self Insurance-Retention and Transfer, responded to FEMA, reimbursements, Disaster Recovery (DR) events, eligibility, Stafford Act Section 311, mechanisms, and time limit.

Rodney Louis, Gehring Group Risk Services Director and Senior Consultant gave a brief overview of Current Trends & Options, Change in Cost Indicators for Selected Construction Inputs: January 2020 – December 2023, and Potential Strategies at Revenue.

Commissioner Constance discussed Hurricane Ian Recovery, reimbursements, Insurance Premiums, value, savings, Self-Insure or Self Insurance – Retention and Transfer, FEMA, funding, eligibility, insurance levels, deductibles, catastrophic loss, and Potential Strategies at Renewal.

AA. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Flores remarked on Charlotte Harbor CRA and TIF.


BB. County Attorney Comments – None

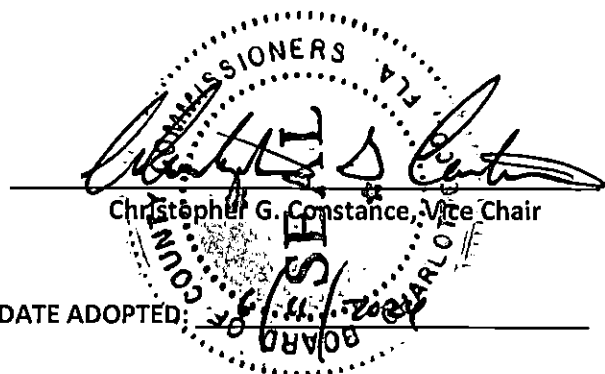
CC. Commissioner Comments

Chair Truex mentioned cost, fees, Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference, Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference, Adrienne Haslet, and flags. Commissioner Constance commented on Punta Gorda Little League Baseball, Snowbird Classic, contract, field usage, flagpole, FEMA, facilities, schedule, fees, and language. Commissioner Tiseo noted funding, lighting, contracts, and Harold Avenue Regional Park.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis replied to FEMA, project, flagpole, Snowbird Classic, Punta Gorda Little League Baseball, schedules, negotiations, fees, and field usage.

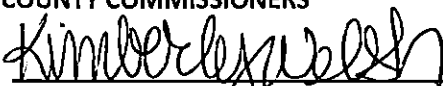
ADJOURNED: 12:31 pm



Christopher G. Constance, Vice Chair
DATE ADOPTED: 5/11/2024


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