Chairman Benac called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Invocation was delivered by Karen Shrimpton, Baha’i Faith of Manatee County, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENT

Time Certain
2. Item 48 – 10:30 a.m.  Port Authority Meeting
54. Agenda Update Memorandum
   Item 35 – North County Wastewater Master Plan Map update, the map (Figure 6.19) was updated to correct notes on the map
   Item 47 – Library Board of Trustees Appointments, A letter of recommendation from the Town of Longboat Key was added, and the background discussion was updated to reflect receipt of the letter

Added to the Agenda:
   Item 51 – Confirmation of Public Safety Director
   Item 52 – Senate Bill 1698/House Bill 1237 relating to Pet Store Regulations
   Item 53 – Letter of Opposition to Senate Bill 1302, Local Government Sovereign Immunity –

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS
Item 16 - Budget Amendments, Items 4 and 5 pulled by Commissioner Whitmore
Item 35 - North County Wastewater Master Plan Map update, pulled by Commissioner Benac

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS
3. RESULTS FIRST INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
   Xavier Colon, Neighborhood Services Specialist, summarized the Spring 2020 intern program. Interns and Mentors introduced themselves and their projects.

PROCLAMATIONS
Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Jonsson, and carried 7-0, to adopt the following proclamations:

5. 31st Annual Gulf Coast Games for Life Week – January 18 and February 1-9, 2020, accepted by Michelle Richardson and Brittany Stokes, Parks and Natural Resources

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Consideration of Future Agenda Items)
   There being no citizen comments, Chairman Benac closed citizen comments.

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Consent Agenda Items Only)
   There being no citizen comments, Chairman Benac closed citizen comments.

44. **CONSENT AGENDA MOTION**
   A motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Servia, and carried 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes noted in the Agenda Update Memorandum, and with deletion of Item 16 (Items 4 and 5) and Item 35 pulled for separate action.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

8. **CLERKS CONSENT AGENDA**

   A. **MINUTES**
      Approved the Minutes of June 20, October 3, and December 10, 2019 and January 21, 2020

   B. **REFUNDS**
      Approved the following refunds:
      1. Ann Lee – Variance application, $700
      2. Clayton Properties – Sewer Facility Investment Fees, $712
      3. D.R. Horton – Sewer Facility Investment Fees, $712
      4. Kent Geartz, Geartz Construction – Impact Fees, $13,609

   C. **CONTRACTS**
      Accepted the following Contracts per Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code and pursuant to the Purchasing Division’s Administrative Standards and Procedures Manual
      1. Agreement 19-R072242SAM with A2 Group, Inc., for Construction Management At Risk Services for Washington Park Preserve Phase I, for a total not to exceed amount of $57,000
      2. Agreement 20-R073074CB with Dieter’s Sod Service, Inc., for TifTuf and Celebration Bermuda sods, compensation as specified in Exhibits A and B
      3. Amendment 4 to Agreement 15-2431CP with Energy Services and Products Corporation for Construction Cost Estimating Services renewing the agreement from January 29, 2020 through January 28, 2021, with no changes to the fee rates
      4. Piggyback Agreement 20-R073216CB with Tarkett USA, Inc., for flooring with related equipment, products, supplies, installation and services, $100,000
      5. Agreement 19-R072489CB with Temple, Inc., for traffic control parts, equipment, and repairs; compensation as specified in Exhibits A and B
      6. Amendment 1 to Agreement 16-2409GD with Wade Trim, Inc., for Professional Consulting Services for federally funded projects, extending the agreement by one year commencing (10/11/2019-10/20/2020)
7. Agreement 20-R072838SR with Yellowstone Landscape for landscape maintenance services, compensation as specified in Exhibits A and B

D. REPORTS
Accepted the following Reports:
1. 4th Quarter Grant Amendments and Donations/Gifts

E. BONDS
Accepted the following Bonds:
1. 7 Eleven U.S. 301 and Future Fort Hamer Road
   • Accepted and executed Agreement for Public Improvements for Development (Non-Subdivision) warranting the performance portion of the agreement securing water main improvement; and
   • Accepted Letter of Credit (Performance) S-4541, $49,584.05
2. Nalanda Estates
   • Released and returned Letter of Credit 344 (Performance), and any associated amendments in conjunction with the Agreement for Private Subdivision Improvements, $65,500.60; and
   • Accepted Letter of Credit 402280461 (Performance) in conjunction with the Agreement for Private Subdivision Improvements, $65,500.60
3. Willow Bend Phase I, Subphase A
   • Released and returned Letter of Credit 70003691 (Defect) and any associated amendments in conjunction with the Agreement for Public Subdivision Improvements, $58,233.63; and
   • Accepted Surety Bond GM202308 (Defect) in conjunction with the Agreement for Public Subdivision Improvements, $58,233.63
4. Willow Bend Phase I, Subphase A
   • Released and returned Letter of Credit 70003692 (Performance) and any associated amendments in conjunction with the Agreement for Private Subdivision Improvements, $58,338.80; and
   • Accepted Surety Bond GM202307 (Performance) in conjunction with Agreement for Private Subdivision Improvements, $58,338.80

F. SHERIFF BOND
Accepted the list of 18 additional employees and the deletion of seven employees from the Sheriff’s Public Employee Bond

9. ADMINISTRATOR/MEETING SCHEDULE
Approved the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners 2020 Meeting Schedule update

10. COUNTY ATTORNEY/LAWSUIT
Allowed Plaintiff’s January 15, 2020, Proposal for Settlement to Manatee County in the amount of $75,000 to expire, and to take no action regarding the Proposal for Settlement for Case 2018-CA-4063, Daniel Mercado vs. Manatee County

11. COUNTY ATTORNEY/LAWSUIT
Allowed Plaintiff’s January 8, 2020, Proposal for Settlement in the amount of $200,000 to Manatee County to expire and to take no action regarding the Proposal for Settlement for Case 2019-CA-4168 Ruby Williams vs. Manatee County
12. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/FINAL PLAT/TWIN RIVERS PHASE V, SUBPHASES A2 AND A3**
   - Executed and authorized recording of Final Subdivision Plat;
   - Authorized recording of Fourteenth Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Easements and Restrictions of Twin Rivers;
   - Authorized recording of Notice to Buyers to Purchase Lots in Twin Rivers, Phase V-A2 and V-A3, Subdivision, Manatee County, Florida;
   - Authorized recording of Maintenance Program For Twin Rivers, Phase V-A2 and V-A3;
   - Authorized recording of List of Holdings For Twin Rivers, Phase V-A2 and V-A3;
   - Approved, accepted, and authorized recording of Fiscal and Budgetary Information Respecting Twin Rivers, Phase V-A2 and A3;
   - Accepted, executed, and authorized recording of Maintenance Agreement For Right-of-Way Improvements;
   - Accepted, executed, and authorized recording of Mortgagee's Joiner In and Ratification of Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from Iberia Bank for Twin Rivers Phase V Subphases A2 & A3; and
   - Authorized recording of Consent of Mortgagee from Iberia Bank for Twin Rivers Phase V Subphases A2 and A3

13. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/FINAL PLAT/VILLAGES OF GLEN CREEK, PARCEL MC-1**
   - Executed and authorized recording of Final Subdivision Plat;
   - Accepted and authorized recording of the Second Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions For Villages Of Glen Creek Homeowners Association, Inc.;
   - Authorized the County Administrator to accept, execute, and record Agreement for Private Improvements from GTIS I VGC, LP;
   - Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Private Improvements, Villages of Glen Creek - Parcel MC-1, Surety Bond LICX1167286, $361,205.13; and
   - Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Private Improvements, Villages of Glen Creek - Parcel MC-1, Surety Bond LICX1167287, $47,952.71

14. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**
    Authorized the termination of Agreement 19-R070967AJ with Puff 'n Stuff Catering and Events for In-House and Off-Site Catering Services for the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau effective March 16, 2020

15. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
    Authorized the Procurement Official to execute Change Order 2 to Work Assignment 1 for Agreement 15-0909JE with Cardno, Inc., for the Moccasin Wallow Road (from U.S. 41 to Gillette Drive) project in the amount of $36,151.50 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of $2,070,761.16

16. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT**
    Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-20-033 with the exception of Items 4 and 5 which were pulled for separate action

17. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
    Authorized awarding IFBC 19-TA0031658B for Willow Woods and Lake Estates Water Main Upgrades to Woodruff & Sons, Inc., for a total cost of $1,134,656.19 based on a
construction completion time of 270 calendar days;
• Authorized the Procurement Official to execute the Agreement and accept and date the
Public Construction Bond; and
• Adopted Budget Resolution B-20-037 amending the annual budget for Manatee County,
FL, for fiscal year 2020. This budget amendment adjusts the FY20-24 Capital
Improvement Program (CIP)
18. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
• Authorized awarding IFBC 20-TA003199BB for Force Main 27A Rehabilitation to Metro
Equipment Service, Inc., for a total cost of $2,963,061.20 based on a construction
completion time of 360 calendar days (53rd Avenue West – 34th Street West to 26th
Street West);
• Authorized the Procurement Official to execute the Agreement and accept and date the
Public Construction Bond; and
• Adopted Budget Resolution B-20-036 amending the annual budget for Manatee County,
for fiscal year 2020. This budget amendment adjusts the FY20-24 CIP
19. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the County Administrator to execute the funding agreement via an amendment
with Manatee Memorial Hospital for the Provision of Healthcare to Uninsured Indigent County
Residents in the maximum amount of $3,526,586 less the amount to be invoiced by the
Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration, as approved by the Board of County
Commissioners on September 24, 2019, (10/1/2019-9/30/2020)
20. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/LIBRARY LONG RANGE PLAN**
Adopted Resolution R-20-108 authorizing the submission of the revised Manatee County Long
Range Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 to the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and
Information Services, for receipt of State Aid grants
21. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/AGREEMENT**
Executed Memorandum of Agreement between The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission (FWC) and Manatee County for Boating Access Projects by identifying facilities in
need of renovation or expansion for boating access and boating related activities
22. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/AGREEMENT**
Executed Donation Agreement for Barge for Artificial Reef with Coastal Marine Construction
Incorporated for the transport and placement of a donated barge at a County permitted
artificial reef site; and accepted the donation of the barge described in the Donation
Agreement
23. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/AGREEMENT**
Accepted FWC Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Funding Assistance B63506 in the
amount of $15,000, and adopted Budget Resolution B-20-034 amending the annual budget of
Manatee County, FL for Fiscal Year 2020
24. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/CONTRACT**
Executed Contract for Sale and Purchase with Tracy Fox for the purpose of future intersection
improvements at Lorraine Road and Rangeland Parkway in the amount of $98,750, for
property located at 5557 Lorraine Road
25. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT**
   Executed letter to Chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission in support of Florida Power and Light’s (FPL) SolarTogether program to allow customers the opportunity to share benefits and costs of large scale solar while receiving credits on their FPL bill

26. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
   • Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Drainage Easement from the City of Bradenton for the Rattlesnake Slough Drainage Improvement Project Channel into Bradenton Evers Reservoir; and
   • Accepted and authorized recording Permanent Ingress/Egress and Access Easement from the City of Bradenton

27. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
   • Accepted and authorized recording of a Permanent Utility Easement from Rye Ranch LLC for property located at 16251 Golf Course Road; and
   • Authorized recording of Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from John Falkner, as Manager of Rye Ranch LLC

28. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
   Accepted previously recorded Warranty Deed from Bella Terra Holdings LLC, for property located at 5505 Lorraine Road for the Lorraine Road and Rangeland Parkway Intersection Improvement Project

29. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
   Accepted previously recorded Warranty Deed from Catherine D. Poynter for property located at 12111 Erie Road for the required right-of-way needed for future improvements on Erie Road from 69th Street East to U.S. 301

30. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
    Accepted previously recorded Warranty Deed from KB Home Tampa LLC for Tract 200, Tract 201, Tract 202 and Tract 203 located in Avaunce Subdivision plat located at Lorraine Road and S.R. 70

31. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
    Accepted previously recorded Warranty Deed from Rick K. Chang and Wilma Chang for property located at 5428 Lorraine Road for right-of-way needed for the Lorraine Road and Rangeland Parkway Intersection Improvement Project

32. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
    Accepted previously recorded Warranty Deed from Travel Imagination LLC, for property located at 5517 Lorraine Road for right-of-way needed for the Lorraine Road and Rangeland Parkway Intersection Improvement Project

33. **PUBLIC SAFETY/AGREEMENT**
    Executed an Interlocal Agreement for Traffic Enforcement regarding Harbourage at Braden River Community Development District (CDD) to authorize the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office to enforce traffic laws over any limited access road or roads owned or controlled by the CDD

34. **PUBLIC SAFETY/RESOLUTION**
    Adopted Resolution R-20-017, providing for the expenditure of County funds for the Public Safety Annual Awards Ceremony
36. **PUBLIC WORKS/IMPACT FEE CREDIT**
   - Executed the "First Amendment to Impact Fee Credit and Reimbursement Agreement for Fort Hamer Road Extension" entered into with Parrish Holdings LLC and NP Land Partners LLC to amend the original agreement entered into on December 18, 2017; and
   - Adopted Budget Resolution B-20-039 amending the annual budget for Manatee County, FL, for FY2020. This budget amendment adjusts the FY20-24 CIP.

37. **PUBLIC WORKS/AGREEMENT**
   Executed the "Utility Reimbursement Agreement" for the Ridge at Crossing Creek with Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, whose address is 5800 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, for the 44th Avenue East roadway construction project.

38. **PUBLIC WORKS/RESOLUTIONS/SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**
   Authorized to classify property which is uneconomical to upgrade or repair as surplus per Florida Statute 274.05 to enable appropriate and authorized disposition of said property and authorization to thereafter dispose of such property; and
   - Adopted Resolution R-20-008, authorizing donation to Calvary Chapel School
   - Adopted Resolution R-20-009, authorizing donation to United Community Centers; and
   - Adopted Resolution R-20-010, authorizing donation to Center of Victorious Life Christian Church.

39. **PUBLIC WORKS/SURPLUS VEHICLES**
   Authorized to classify vehicles which are uneconomical to operate as surplus per Florida Statute 274.05 to enable appropriate and authorized disposition of said property and authorization to thereafter dispose of such property.

40. **PUBLIC WORKS/AGREEMENT**
   Executed the Wastewater Connection Agreement for Silverstone North with Criteria Development LLC.

41. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY/AGREEMENT**
   Executed the Land Use Restriction Agreement for Livable Manatee Homeownership Incentive Program with Steve L. Dutoit Revocable Trust/William Manfull (Owner/Developer) for property located at 5324 22nd Street Court East, Bradenton.

42. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY/AGREEMENT**
   Executed the Land Use Restriction Agreement for Livable Manatee Homeownership Incentive Program with William Manfull/Blue Azure LLC (Owner/Developer) for property located at 316 21st Street East, Palmetto.

43. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY/AGREEMENT**
   Executed the Land Use Restriction Agreement for Livable Manatee Homeownership Incentive Program with Richard Cheaves/Cheaves Masonry and Construction, Inc., (Owner/Developer) for property located at 115 20th Street West, Palmetto.

(End Consent Agenda)

**ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

44. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD**
   A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore, seconded by Commissioner Servia, and carried 7-0, to appoint Robin Roden to the Criminal Nuisance Abatement Board for a two-year term.
46. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore, seconded by Commissioner Bellamy, and carried 7-0, to appoint Rita Smith to the Children’s Services Advisory Board as the NAACP Representative.

47. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Trace and seconded by Commissioner Whitmore, to appoint three applicants to the Library Board of Trustees to serve a four-year term ending January 31, 2024: Ms. Patsy Ugarte representing the City of Palmetto; Ms. Christine Callahan representing the City of Bradenton; and Mr. Marion Duncan, representing the Island cities. The motion carried 7-0.

51. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Cheri Coryea, County Administrator, introduced Jacob Saur, Public Safety Director, and noted his achievements.

Mr. Saur expressed his appreciation for the appointment and thanked Public Safety staff.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Saur’s leadership skills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonsson, seconded by Commissioner Whitmore, and carried 7-0, to confirm the appointment of Jacob Saur as the Public Safety Director effective January 28, 2020.

52. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/LEGISLATION/PET STORE REGULATIONS/SB 1698/HB 1237**

Nick Azzara, Information Outreach Manager, reviewed the request to adopt language to the Board’s 2020 legislative platform supporting legislation that would lead to a safer cleaner, more humane environment for pets awaiting adoption, but oppose legislation that would preempt local ordinances regarding pet stores.

Discussion ensued regarding not being sure of the effect of the bills, need to be cautious about taking a position on the bills, problem with the State and federal levels is the definition of puppy mill, the proposed legislation lays out new requirements for retail pet stores, are pet stores already regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the language for the legislative platform will not accomplish what the Board wants to do, discuss this in a work session and come up with a plan on what the Board is hoping to accomplish, the biggest issue is where the puppies are coming from, need a stronger response to the bills, inform legislators that the Board does not support the bills, there is a desire to improve conditions for animals sold in retail stores, but not to adopt an ordinance that would negatively affect businesses, do not want home rule taken away, federal government should regulate breeders, and support safe conditions for animals.

Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, explained a letter is not being considered, but the request is to add this to the legislative agenda.

Ann Morris, Assistant County Attorney, clarified pet stores are not required to be licensed by the State.
Motion
A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore, seconded by Commissioner Trace to oppose the bills.

Motion – Amended
Commissioner Whitmore and Commissioner Trace both agreed to amend the motion to oppose SB 1698 and HB 1237 as currently presented.

There being no public comment, Chairman Benac closed public comment.

The amended motion carried 7-0.

Discussion ensued regarding all Commissioner have expressed a desire to improve conditions and end the retail sale of pets, bring back the Board’s priorities including breeders being qualified, regulating the sale/transfer of pets, documentation of sale and living conditions, a proposed federal puppy protection act would increase standards of care at dog living and breeding facilities, improve funding to organizations who have oversight over the businesses, include bottoms in pens, veterinary care requirements, would banning pet sales cause a business to close, and Representative Vern Buchannan’s bill is a step in the right direction.

Motion
A motion was made by Commissioner Baugh and seconded by Commissioner Whitmore to have Commissioner Whitmore look into the things going on in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. and come back with a report on what might be able to help the Board make decisions regarding pets in Manatee County.

There being no public comment, Chairman Benac closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 10:30 a.m. 10:47 a.m. The County Commission meeting recessed for the purpose of holding a Port Authority meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened with all Commissioners present.

53. COUNTY ATTORNEY/LEGISLATION/SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Mr. Palmer summarized Senate Bill 1302 regarding sovereign immunity and the effects it can have to local governments and distributed a proposed letter of opposition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trace and seconded by Commissioner Servia, to approve a letter of opposition regarding Senate Bill 1302, for the chair’s signature, to be dispatched to the County’s legislative delegation, the Governor, the Senate President and the House Speaker.

There being no public comment, Chairman Benac closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.

50. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/GRANT

Ava Ehde, Neighborhood Services Director, provided a history of the Manatee County Criminal Justice, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Reinvestment Planning Grant.
Melissa Larkin Skinner, Chief Executive Officer, Centerstone, stressed the importance of the grant.

Joshua Barnett, Health Care Services Manager, used a slide presentation to provide an update on the Manatee County Reinvestment Planning Project Collaborative, a one-year $78,696 planning grant awarded to Centerstone, in partnership with Manatee County Government and funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families to address criminal justice diversion, reentry, and treatment needs of adults with mental health issues and substance use disorders. He continued to discuss the background of the program for funding and the support of the Public Safety Coordinating Council, leadership and planning structure, timeline for the grant application, Centerstone is the applicant of the grant, key project deliverables including a needs assessment, overreaching goals including earlier intervention, and intercept points 0-5.

Ms. Larkin Skinner continued the slides to address priorities and community resources, needs assessment and the highest priorities, specific data analysis on national, state and local levels, specific instances of incarceration for people with mental illnesses, and trauma can cause lifelong issues to a child.

Mr. Barnett continued the slides to address the needs assessment report recommendations including a cross system reform for evidence based treatment program, ways to avoid incarceration, data system processes and infrastructure to ensure providers can continue a line of treatment, training education and workforce development to recruit psychiatrist’s, cross training opportunities and support for all those involved in an individual’s life, and evidence based treatment and recovery oriented community services. Several agencies in the community work together. He concluded the slides outlining the needs assessment, report recommendations, and reviewed the next steps including priority action plans and recommendations of other solutions and programs that address the needs of the community.

Discussion ensued regarding if the needs assessment will take into consideration the need for inmates to continue medications after they are released, need to have a program or services to help inmates re-enter the community, and prescription assistance program.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Trace
- Attended the Coastal Heartland Estuary meeting, and topics discussed included blue-green algae, water runoff, and water sources

Chairman Benac
- Attended the Greenways and Trails meeting in Tallahassee and stressed the importance of assessing habitat protection as new roadway corridors are built
- Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was discussed at the Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization January 27 meeting, and it was recognized that Manatee County has been poorly funded through the TRIP program

16. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT
Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director, and Chad Butzow, Public Works Director summarized the requests for Items 4 and 5 regarding projects at the SR 64/Grayhawk/Pope Road intersection and the S.R. 70 at White Eagle Boulevard Intersection (Item 4) and the
Lakewood Ranch at Water Lily Way/Balmoral Woods Drive traffic signal and intersection improvement project (Item 5) to move into the current year due to impact fee revenue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore and seconded by Commissioner Trace to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution B-20-033, Items 4 and 5.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciating staff’s hard work and making the adjustments.

There being no public comment, Chairman Benac closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.

35. PUBLIC WORKS/RESOLUTION/MASTER PLAN

Sia Mollanazar, Deputy Director Engineering Services, submitted a replacement map clarifying the notes.

There being no public comment, Chairman Benac closed public comment

Motion was made by Commissioner Trace and seconded by Commissioner Bellamy, to adopt the North County Wastewater Master Plan Map Update to be utilized for planned growth and development within Manatee County’s North Wastewater Service Area; and to adopt Resolution R-20-020 updating the North Wastewater Collection System Master Plan to include "Figure 6.19 Existing, Future, and Build-out Infrastructure, North WWCS Master Plan Update."

The motion carried 7-0.

49. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/DECEMBER 2019 DASHBOARD REPORT

The report is provided for information only. Links are provided on the agenda and the website to see the real-time report.

MOTE MARINE

Motion

A motion was made by Commissioner Servia, to request the Board support drafting a budget that shows a $5 million contribution from Tourist Development Council (TDC) funds over the next three to five years for consideration by the TDC and then bring back to the Board for discussion for Mote Marine to market what they are doing.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to support Mote Marine, TDC marketing budget grows about $5 million a year, Representative Vern Buchannan is asking for federal dollars for Mote Marine as well as Senator Galvano, the facility will be regional; one time infusion of money over a period of years.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baugh.

Discussion continued that the facility is not in Manatee County, Mote’s request is for marketing for City Island, but not prepared to support the facility, request should come to the TDC first before the Board of County Commissioners makes any decision, have an agenda item to discuss at a future meeting, TDC makes recommendations to the Board; therefore, it is not appropriate to make a motion directing the TDC, TDC funds are not unlimited, funding for the rowing facility was done over a period of years, and need public input.

Cheri Coryea, County Administrator, explained the original request from Mote Marine was for $15 million to support the new aquarium, which was later withdrawn, and instead, Mote
Marine has a new proposal to go before the TDC for Manatee County to support marketing for City Island. Staff has reached out to Mote regarding adding Mote Marine to a TDC agenda.

Commissioner Servia clarified her request is for the TDC to consider the funding and if the Board wants the TDC to consider this, it will be put on the agenda. Her request is for staff to put a budget together to present to the TDC.

Discussion continued that the Board has already said they want to help Mote Marine, need more information, and information still needs to go the TDC first.

Ms. Coryea clarified that staff followed the Board’s direction regarding Mote Marine, but Mote’s request for the new aquarium was removed, and the new request is for marketing at City Island.

Discussion continued that Mote Marine has not submitted a formal request yet, the Chairman of the TDC can put items on the agenda, and staff has reached out to Mote Marine and will continue to do so.

Commissioner Servia, stated she is asking for this item to be placed on a TDC agenda, and stressed the urgency of supporting Mote Marine and their research, and legislatures need to see there is local support for Mote Marine for State and Federal funding to be allocated.

Discussion ensued regarding a letter of intent, but not to specify the source of the funding.

Ms. Coryea stressed the request is for City Island, and the funding from Sarasota is for the new facility. This item will be placed on the February TDC agenda.

Motion - Amended
Commissioner Servia amended the motion to specify the funding is for City Island.

Commissioner Servia stated when the TDC considers the request, data and facts need to be presented regarding the TDC budget in order to analyze all the data.

Motion – Failed
The motion was amended to request the Board support drafting a budget that shows a $5 million contribution from Tourist Development Council (TDC) funds over the next three to five years for consideration by the TDC and then bring back to the Board for discussion for Mote marine to market City Island, failed 3 to 4 with Commissioners Jonsson, Benac, Whitmore and Trace voting nay.

Motion – Died
A motion was made Commissioner Whitmore to send a letter to legislators that Manatee County supports contributing up to $5 million for City Island marketing, and the County Administrator should determine the funding source. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion - Withdrawn
A motion was made by Commissioner Servia that the Board of County Commissioners supports the staff time needed to prepare the documents that show a contribution of $5 million over a period of time between three to five years of Tourist Development Tax money
so the TDC can understand the impact of the request and make a recommendation to Board of County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Chairman Benac.

Discussion continued on other requests to use TDC funds for the Convention Center and Premier Sports, and present accurate data to the TDC for the best use of TDC funds.

Ms. Coryea staff is currently attempting to get Mote Marine on the agenda, staff will create financial scenarios regarding commitments and have options to present to the TDC.

Commissioner Servia withdrew the motion.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** (continued from earlier in the meeting)

**Commissioner Whitmore**
- Questioned the status of the dive pool at G.T. Bray Park

Cheri Coryea, County Administrator, stated a written report will be provided.

(Commissioner Comments continued to later in the meeting)

**DALE WHITE**

Commissioner Whitmore announced Dale White retired from the Herald Tribune, and asked for a letter to be sent thanking him for his years of service to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonsson, seconded by Commissioner Whitmore, and carried 7-0, to send a letter to Dale White thanking him for his years covering Manatee County Government.

**TURNING POINTS**

Commissioner Whitmore stated Turning Points has a leak in their roof, and requested the Board consider funding the repair.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore that the Board consider or authorize an amount not to exceed $40,000 from reserves to assist Turning Points for roof repair. The motion was seconded by Chairman Benac.

Discussion ensued regarding specifying someone from staff inspect the roof.

**Motion – Amended**

Commissioner Whitmore amended the motion to direct staff and legal counsel to look at the issue of the leaking roof at turning points to report back what the cost would be to contribute to repair the roof at Turning Points, and to see what the potential cost and possible funding options are with reserves. Chairman Benac agreed to the amendment.

Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, stated he unaware of the Board funding capital improvements.

Cheri Coryea, County Administrator, explained Federal Block Grant funds through the CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) were awarded in the past to fund capital improvements at Turning Points.
Motion – Amended
Commissioner Whitmore and Chairman Benac agreed to amend the motion to direct staff and legal counsel to look at the issue of the leaking roof at Turning Points and report back to the Board. The amended motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Coryea noted the upcoming CDBG program could be another source of funding, and applications are due in March or April.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Continued from earlier in the meeting)
Commissioner Whitmore
- Advised that citizens displaced by the fire at Mira Lago, are in need of gift cards
- Noted Animal Services hired an Animal Services Volunteer Coordinator
- Stated fishermen are hooking pelicans and are just cutting the line and not removing the hook. She asked if she could be allowed to work with staff and FWC regarding legislation to prohibit cutting the lines
- Questioned the procedure for a County Commissioner being required to accept a subpoena when served. She requested an agenda item regarding allowing the County Attorney’s Office to accept the subpoenas.

Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, opposed changing the procedures as this situation is controlled by Florida Statute. He will provide a report to Commissioners.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, Chairman Benac adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Minutes Approved: ______________