

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
MAY 7, 2019**

Meeting video link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUlqjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA>

Present were:

Stephen R. Jonsson, Chairman
Betsy Benac, First Vice-Chairman
Misty Servia, Second Vice-Chairman
Carol Whitmore, Third Vice-Chairman
Vanessa Baugh
Reggie Bellamy
Priscilla Whisenant Trace

Also present were:

Cheri Coryea, Acting-County Administrator
Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Amy N. Beck, Clerk I, Clerk of the Circuit Court



Chairman Jonsson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was delivered by Kelly Matson, Care Net Manasota, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

BC20190507DOC001



Time Certain:

2. Item 44 – 1:30 p.m. Status of Confederate Monument
46. Agenda Update Memorandum BC20190507DOC002
 - Item 25- FEMA Funding Agreement Resolution R-19-059, the Fourth Revised Attachment A, and the Background Discussion were updated to reflect additional funding being received for the following projects: Cat G – County Wide Parks and Recreation Facilities, Cat A – Debris Removal Time Period One, and Cat A – Debris Removal Time Period Two, and increasing the amount payable under the Agreement to \$13,552,259.70.
 - Item 45- Letter to Governor DeSantis Requesting Support of Legislative Appropriation for 44th Avenue East Extension Project – Addition to the Consent Agenda to Request: Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Governor DeSantis requesting support for Manatee County projects in the FY 2019-2020 State Budget.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Whitmore, and carried 7-0 to adopt the following Proclamations: 

3. Employee of the Month –Lea Harper, GIS Analyst, Property Management. BC20190507DOC003
4. Transit and Fleet Florida Public Transit Association Rodeo Award - accepted by Matthew Case, Dan Mersh, Kevin Bell, Alexander Levitt, and Devin Pride, Public Works. BC20190507DOC004
5. National Economic Development Week - May 6-11, 2019 was presented by staff from the Redevelopment Economic Opportunity Department and Bradenton Area Economic

Development Corporation on the County’s workforce partnerships and the local economic growth.

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- 6.  National Economic Development Week –May 6-11, 2019, accepted by Karen Stewart, Economic Development Official. BC20190507DOC006
- 7.  Small Business Week – May 5-11, 2019, was accepted by Jacki Dezelski, Manatee Chamber of Commerce. BC20190507DOC007
- 8. Law Enforcement Week –May 13-17, 2019, was accepted by Captain Tom Porter, Manatee County Sheriff Office and President of the Fraternal Order of Police. BC20190507DOC008
- 9.  Girl Scout Leadership Week –May 20-24, 2019, was accepted by Ray Dowlen, Girl Scout Council President. BC20190507DOC009
- 10.  Drug Court Month –May 2019, was accepted by Alfred Jones, Centerstone of Florida and Drug Court Coordinator. BC20190507DOC010
- 11.  Older Americans Month –May 2019, was accepted by staff from the Manatee County Health Department. BC20190507DOC011
- 12.  Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – May 2019, was accepted by Dr. Edwin Hernandez, Mary Ann Legler, Ally Bergmann, Anastashia Ramirez, and Casey McKeown from the Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County. BC20190507DOC012

13. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Consideration of Future Agenda Items)

 Betty Sailes Rhodes spoke on the Palmetto Youth Center being funded by the County, and questioned if Commissioners are allowed to serve as the Director of a non-profit receiving funds from the County, public records request experience. BC20190507DOC013

There being no further citizen comments, Chairman Jonsson closed citizen comments.

14. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Consent Agenda Items Only)

 There being no citizen comments, Chairman Jonsson closed citizen comments.

41. **CONSENT AGENDA MOTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Benac, seconded by Commissioner Servia, and carried 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with the changes noted in the Agenda Update Memorandum,

15. **CLERK’S CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **WARRANTS**

Accepted the Warrant (Check) Listing for the month of April 2019, as issued by the Finance Department BC20190507DOC014

B. **MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of January 10, 2019 BC20190507DOC015

C. **REFUNDS**

Approved the following refunds:

- 1. Estate of Darlene Wheless – Insurance Premium, \$680.04 BC20190507DOC016
- 2. Estate of Norman Littlefield – Insurance Premium, \$565.04 BC20190507DOC017
- 3. Michael Ference – Insurance Premium, \$691.02 BC20190507DOC018
- 4. PKWY Architects LLC – Pre-application Conference, \$1,500 BC20190507DOC019
- 5. Utilities Customer 116443-12823 – Billing Adjustment, \$724.57 BC20190507DOC020

D. **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 18-R069908BLS with Angelo's Aggregate Materials LTD for Collection of Waste Tires, scope of services and fee schedule attached BC20190507DOC021
2. Agreement 19-R070351BLS with Crosscreek Environmental, Inc., for Exotic Species Removal and Planting at Robinson Preserve, scope of services and fee schedule attached BC20190507DOC022
3. Agreement 19-R069732GE with D&D Garage Doors for Overhead Door Service and Maintenance, scope of services and fee schedule attached BC20190507DOC023
4. Agreement 18-R069954BLS with Total Outdoor Care LLC for Code Enforcement Lot Mowing Services, scope of services and fee schedule attached BC20190507DOC024
5. Agreement 18-R069916BLS with Windemuller Technical Services, Inc., scope of services and fee schedule attached BC20190507DOC025

E. REPORTS

Accepted the following Reports:

1. Audited Financial Statements of Manatee County for the year ended September 30, 2018 by Carr Riggs and Ingram LLC BC20190507DOC026
2. Copperstone Community Development District (CDD) – Annual Financial Audit Report for the FY ended September 30, 2018 BC20190507DOC027
3. Palma Sola Trace CDD - Annual Financial Audit Report for the FY ended September 30, 2018 BC20190507DOC028
4. Southwest Florida Water Management District – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report CAFR for the FY ended September 30, 2018 BC20190507DOC029
5. State of Florida Annual Local Government Financial Report for Manatee County, FY17/18 BC20190507DOC030
6. Tara CDD - Annual Financial Audit Report for the FY ended September 30, 2018 BC20190507DOC031
7. West Coast Inland Navigation District – Public Facilities Report Update February 2019 BC20190507DOC032

F. BONDS

Accepted the following Bonds:

1. Crossing Creek Village Phase II-A
 - Released Agreement for Public Subdivision Improvements securing final lift of asphalt improvements; and
 - Released and returned Surety Bond (Defect) 59BSBHH5657 and any associated riders, \$1,982.48 BC20190507DOC033
2. Harmony at Lakewood Ranch, Phase II Subphase C, Units 1, 2, 3, 4, Unit 4 Only
 - Released and returned Surety Bond (Performance) SUR0050012 and any associated riders, in the Agreement for Private Subdivision with Public Improvements, \$251,844.26;
 - Accepted and executed Surety Bond (Defect) 0222863 securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defects” of the Agreement for Private Subdivision with Public Improvements accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on September 11, 2018 securing potable water and sanitary sewer improvements, \$17,924.34; and
 - Executed Bill of Sale BC20190507DOC034
3. Harrison Ranch Phase IIA-3
 - Accepted Surety Bond (Defect) 59BSBGW4166 Verification Certificate in conjunction with the Agreement Warranting Required Improvements securing street construction, sewer, and water reclaimed improvements dated March 19, 2019 and expiring January 26, 2020, \$169,929.17 BC20190507DOC035

4. Magnolia Ridge at Mote Ranch
 - Released Agreement in Conjunction with Surety Bond (Attachment “A”) as Defect Security Warranting Required Improvements securing earthwork, water, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements; and
 - Released and returned Surety Bond (Defect) 1134921 and any associated riders, \$28,333.58 BC20190507DOC036
5. Ridgewood Palms Park Rentals
 - Accepted and executed Surety (Defect) 106964392 securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defect” of the Agreement for Public Subdivision with Public Improvements securing underground drainage, sanitary sewer, water distribution tie in, Victory Road turn lane construction and miscellaneous improvements, \$12,423.05;
 - Accepted and executed Surety Bond 107064875 securing final lift of asphalt improvements, \$92,677; and
 - Executed Bill of Sale BC20190507DOC037
6. Rosedale Addition, Phase II
 - Released Required Improvements Agreement and Temporary Construction Easement for Private Improvement; securing the final lift of asphalt, \$233,821.25;
 - Letter of Credit 9661919210-0001 remains in place and secures the one year extension required for private final lift of asphalt improvements agreement;
 - Accepted and executed Required Improvements Agreement for Temporary Construction Easement for Private Improvements; and
 - Accepted Letter of Credit (Performance) 9661919210-0001 Amendment dated September 19, 2018, in conjunction with the above agreement, expiring October 22, 2019, \$233,821.25 BC20190507DOC038
7. Rye Wilderness, Phase IV-A
 - Accepted Surety Bond (Performance) 1029752 Continuation certificate with the Agreement for Private Subdivision with Public Improvements previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on February 23, 2016, expiring September 8, 2019, \$42,297.13 BC20190507DOC039
8. Rye Wilderness, Phase IV-A
 - Accepted Surety Bond (Defect) 1029753 Continuation Certificate dated April 1, 2019 in conjunction with the Agreement Warranting Required Improvements approved by the Board of County Commissioners on February 23, 2016, expiring September 8, 2019, \$70,494.15 BC20190507DOC040
9. Thompson Aggregate and Materials fka Vulcan Palmetto Railyard
 - Released Required Improvements Agreement removing aggregate at close of operation; and
 - Released and returned Letter of Credit (Defect) S-4322 and any associated amendments, \$27,300 BC20190507DOC041

16. ATTORNEY/ EMINENT DOMAIN SETTLEMENT

- Approved the proposed settlement with Defendants Alexander R. Guntang, Larry R. Schrock a/k/a Lawrence Ray Schrock, and Carl Parente, in Manatee County Circuit Case 2018 CA 2854 relative to the taking of Parcel 106 for the 44th Avenue East Road Improvement Project from 45th Street East to 44th Avenue Plaza East for a global sum of \$140,869.53, and as otherwise delineated in the attached proposed Stipulated Final Judgment;
- Authorized the County Attorney or his designee to execute the attached Motion for Entry of Stipulated Final Judgment and all other necessary paperwork associated with said settlement; and

- Authorized the County Attorney or his designee to take other action in furtherance of this settlement, including furnishing executed copies of the attachments and other necessary paperwork to opposing counsel and the Court as appropriate BC20190507DOC042

17. **ATTORNEY/INJURY CLAIM SETTLEMENT**

Approved the negotiated settlement of the injury claim of Reginald E. Nelson, Sr., in the amount of \$180,000

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18. **ATTORNEY/INSURANCE POLICIES**

Approved the renewal of excess property and terrorism insurance policies in an amount not to exceed \$2,967,568.60 (inclusive of term premium and all federal/State mandated fees) as shown in the attached proposal from First Florida Insurance Brokers, and to approve the County Attorney, or his designee, to execute all related required documents

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19. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/ FINAL PLAT/ SOUTHERN OAKS**

- Authorized the recording of the Final Subdivision Plat;
- Authorized the recording of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, of Southern Oaks;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept, execute, and record Agreement for Public Subdivision with Public Improvements from D.R. Horton, Inc.;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept, execute, and record Agreement for Public Subdivision with Private Improvements from D.R. Horton, Inc.;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Southern Oaks Phase I, Surety Bond 016213615 issued for \$3,979,451.13;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Southern Oaks Phase I, Surety Bond 016213613 issued for \$64,772.50;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Southern Oaks Phase II, Surety Bond 016213618 issued for \$1,610,604.45;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Southern Oaks Phase II, Surety Bond 016213616 issued for \$59,686.25;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Private Improvements, Southern Oaks Phase I, Surety Bond 016213614 issued for \$613,394.83; and
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Private Improvements, Southern Oaks Phase II, Surety Bond 016213617 issued for \$572,465.73

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20. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/FINAL PLAT/WILLOW WALK PHASE**

- Authorized recording of the Final Subdivision Plat;
- Authorized recording of the Second Supplemental Declaration and Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions for Willow Walk;
- Authorized recording of the Joinder In And Ratification of Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from Willow Walk Community Development District;
- Authorized the recording of the Mortgagee's Joinder In And Ratification of Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from AMH Development, LLC.;

- Accepted, executed, and recorded Mortgagee's Joinder In And Ratification of Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from IH Central Florida, LLC.;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept, execute, and record Agreement for Public Subdivision with Public Improvements from OK Willow Walk, LLC.;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept, execute, and record Agreement for Public Subdivision with Private Improvements from OK Willow Walk, LLC.;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Willow Walk, Phase IIE, Surety Bond 1164933 issued for \$2,551,038.10;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Willow Walk, Phase IIE, Surety Bond 1164934 issued for \$45,740.50; and
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Private Improvements, Willow Walk, Phase IIE, Surety Bond LICX1166775 issued for \$86,250

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21. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/ FY19 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS**

Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-19-077, and adopted Budget Amendment Resolution for Infrastructure Sales Tax B-19-078

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22. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/CATERING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Authorized the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Agreement to award Agreement 19-R070967AJ: In-House Catering Services to Puff 'n Stuff Catering, LLC, of Tampa, Florida

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23. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER CHANGE**

Authorized the renewal to the Blanket Purchase Orders for road building materials and services through May 16, 2020, with the following eight firms: Superior Asphalt Inc., not to exceed amount of \$2,493,000; Oneco Concrete and Asphalt, Inc., not to exceed amount of \$528,000; Gator Grading and Paving, LLC, not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000; Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., not to exceed amount of \$302,500; Woodruff and Sons, Inc., not to exceed amount of \$350,000; C Squared Certified General Contractor, Inc., not to exceed amount of \$192,500; Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, not to exceed amount of \$99,000; and Pavement Technology, Inc., not to exceed amount of \$35,000

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24. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/CITY OF BRADENTON BEACH**

Authorized the County Administrator to sign the Interlocal Agreements with the City of Bradenton Beach for the Use of Surplus Concession Funds

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25. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/FEMA AGREEMENT**

Adopted Resolution R-19-059 authorizing the Chairman to sign Fourth Revised Attachment A - Modification to Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement 4337DRFLP0000001/Z0770 to receive Disaster Relief Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management

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26. **HUMAN RESOURCES/STOP LOSS CLAIM**

Approved the reimbursement of funds due back to Stop Loss Carrier for the subrogation of funds related to a former high cost claimant

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27. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/LIBRARY COLLECTION POLICY**

Adopted the revised Manatee County Libraries' Collection Development policy

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28. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/LIBRARY POLICY**
Adopted the revised Manatee County Libraries Fines and Fees policy BC20190507DOC054
29. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/TREE TRUST FUND APPLICATION**
Authorized for the Parks and Natural Resources Department and the Public Works Department to acquire monies from the Tree Trust Fund in the amount of \$56,309 for the purchase and installation of trees, including mulch and irrigation, in 11 medians along the El Conquistador Parkway, and adoption of Budget Resolution B-19-076 amending the Annual Budget for Manatee County, Florida for Fiscal Year 2019 BC20190507DOC055
30. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/FEE SCHEDULE**
Adopted Resolution R-19-054, amending R-19-032, and providing for changes to the Parks and Natural Resources Department Fee Schedule, with an effective date BC20190507DOC056
31. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/WEST COAST/FY 2020 APPLICATIONS**
- Adopted Resolution R-19-052 approving FY 2019-2020 grants to the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) and authorizing the submission of said applications;
 - Authorized the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to sign any and all agreements with WCIND upon approval of said applications; and
 - Authorized the County Administrator or his/her designee to sign extension and new sub agreements with those agencies that are not County departments BC20190507DOC057
32. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/CORRECTIVE DEED**
Executed and authorized recording of Corrective County Deed to Palma Sola Botanical Park Foundation, Inc., for property located at 9800 17th Avenue Northwest, Bradenton, Florida 34209 BC20190507DOC058
33. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/CONTRACT**
Executed Contract for Sale and Purchase from Letha A. Willis, individually and as Trustee of the Willis Revocable Trust dated June 1, 2012, as reinstated on November 17, 2015, as amended, for property located at 4906 Erie Road, Parrish, Florida 34219 BC20190507DOC059
34. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENT**
Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Drainage Easement from Quincy D. Watkins and Patrice D. Watkins for property located at 1212 71st Street East, Palmetto, Florida 34202 BC20190507DOC060
35. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/QUITCLAIM DEED**
- Accepted and authorized recording of Quitclaim Deed from Hamm Racing Incorporated; and
 - Accepted and authorized recording of Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances executed by Marita J. Hamm as President of Hamm Racing Incorporated for property located at 715 33rd Street West, Palmetto, Florida 34221 BC20190507DOC061
36. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENT**
Accepted and authorized recording of the Temporary Nonexclusive Construction Easement from Flamingo by the Bay Association, Inc. for property located at 10215 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34209 BC20190507DOC062
37. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC/GRANT**
Adopted Resolution R-19-056 finding that Project Olamor is approved for an Economic Development Incentive Grant and Multi-modal Transportation Impact Fee Incentive BC20190507DOC063

38. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC/LAND USE AGREEMENT**

Executed the Land Use Restriction Agreement for Livable Manatee Homeownership Incentive Program between Manatee County and Steve L. Dutoit Revocable Living Trust (Owner) and William Manfull (Developer) for property located at 1514 51st Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34203

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39. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC/LAND USE AGREEMENT**

Executed the Land Use Restriction Agreement for Livable Manatee Homeownership Incentive Program between Manatee County and Select Homes of Florida LLC (Owner) and William Manfull (Developer) for property located at 1233 30th Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34208

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40. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC/LAND USE AGREEMENT**

Executed the Land Use Restriction Agreement for Livable Manatee Homeownership Incentive Program between Manatee County and Select Homes of Florida, LLC (Owner) William Manfull (Developer) for property located at 1239 30th Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34208

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(End Consent Agenda)

42. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/WORK SESSIONS**



Cheri Coryea, Acting-County Administrator, reviewed a report on potential future locations for televising the Board of County Commissioners work sessions. The Manatee Room is not equipped for televised meetings, and to update the Manatee Room would be an estimated cost of \$100,000. The Patricia Glass Chambers (Chambers) is used for other meetings. The Merrill Lynch Building has space available for work sessions, but lacks equipment needed and would need to be renovated at an estimated cost of \$500,000. The Bradenton Convention Center is the largest available option, and the estimated cost is \$10,000 to \$15,000 increase to the existing contract with Manatee Educational Television (METV) for additional televising.



Discussion ensued on the cost to televise work sessions, selling the Merrill Lynch Building in the future, coordinating with the City of Bradenton to develop a location that may be utilized by all local governments, the Manatee Room is not the best choice for the long term, if work sessions should be moved to the Bradenton Convention Center, concerns on the funding sources, and televised work sessions allow for more transparency to the public.



Ms. Coryea clarified that each location would need an equipment update and cost an estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000 for annual maintenance.



Discussion continued on budget request increase for equipment, the Manatee Room not fitting the needs, Merrill Lynch Building is not viable, best location options are the Chambers or the Bradenton Convention Center, cost comparison of taping work sessions for later broadcasting instead of being televised live, and convenient times for the public to watch the work sessions.

Motion



A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore and seconded by Commissioner Benac, to move work sessions to the Bradenton Convention Center and have the County Administrator discuss with METV the logistics of taping the work sessions.

 Discussion ensued on METV being a small non-profit, METV is accessible on Youtube and if METV have the ability to handle the extra workload, mechanical issues in the Chambers, and if there is a time frame limiting work sessions being hosted in the Manatee Room.

 Ms. Coryea stated all upcoming budget work sessions are scheduled in the Manatee Room. There are no time constraints on the current location. A mechanical equipment study will be conducted in the Chambers during the Board's summer recess to update the systems.

 Discussion continued on the upcoming budget work sessions being scheduled in the Manatee Room and the need to televise budget work sessions at the Bradenton Convention Center or in Chambers.

Motion – Amended

The motion was amended by Commissioner Whitmore to discuss with METV if they are able to tape future work sessions at the Bradenton Convention Center, and Commissioner Benac agreed to the amendment.

 Discussion ensued regarding more information is required before deciding on relocating any work sessions to the Bradenton Convention Center, because of the stress it may place on METV and the Clerk's Office.

Motion – Withdrawn

Following the discussion, Commissioner Whitmore withdrew her motion and Commissioner Benac agreed.

 Discussion continued that the general consensuses are in favor of televising work sessions, and to task staff with finding a permanent location.

 Ms. Coryea responded to the question that County staff began researching possible location options toward the end of February.

 Discussion ensued on previous dates the Board discussed moving work session locations for the purpose of being televised, if County staff has communicated with METV, and the Board needing more information before finalizing a decision.

Motion

 A motion was made by Commissioner Trace and seconded by Commissioner Whitmore to task the staff with finding a long term solution for work session space that can be video-taped.

 Discussion continued on defining the long term solution verbiage in the motion, move all budget work sessions to the Bradenton Convention Center for the public, important discussions are at the work sessions, significant investment for work sessions, start at the Bradenton Convention Center for televised meetings, and waiting until a future date to acquire more data to make a decision.

 Ms. Coryea clarified there will be a need for a financial commitment from the Board to reach the goal of televising the work sessions.

Motion – Withdrawn

Following the discussion, Commissioner Trace withdrew her motion and Commissioner Whitmore agreed.

 Discussion ensued on considering Lakewood Ranch Town Hall as a location for a work session and hosting work sessions in various portions of the County. BC20190507DOC067

43. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/2020 CENSUS

 Debbie Deleon, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, provided a summary on the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census, confidentiality of the information, and possible job opportunities.

Channa Lloyd, 2020 Census Partnership Specialist, utilized a slide presentation on the significance of the 2020 Census. Results from the 2020 Census count could result in political redistricting at federal, State, and local levels. Florida is projected to gain two U.S. House of Representative seats. The 2020 Census primary method is the first automated count that can be fully conducted online. The Census Bureau protects all privacy, confidentiality, and actively monitors systems to secure individual information. Demographics for low level response to the Census count is traditionally from individuals at or below poverty level, receiving public assistance, disability, social security income, minority groups, immigrants, persons with a language barrier, migrant workers, areas with low educational attainment, and single parent households. The Complete County Committees (CCC) is built with local volunteers charged with developing and implementing the 2020 Census and should consist of individuals that reflect all cross sections of the community. The 2020 Census economically benefits the public, because it offers temporary jobs within the local community.

 Discussions ensued on the 2020 Census mailers promoting the online method, must register online with a promotion code, traditional methods will be available, and spring 2020 is the targeted time frame for beginning the 2020 Census count. BC20190507DOC068

45. 44TH AVENUE EAST EXTENSION

 Chairman Jonsson requested the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign letters requesting Governor DeSantis support funding for the 44th Avenue East Extension project, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) for \$2.12 million, Hospital Readmission Reduction Program for \$2 million, and the Maternal Fetal Medicine program for \$700,000.

Discussion ensued on if the projects are already budgeted for funding, amount of funding, and the letter is requesting the Governor to not veto the funding.

 A motion was made by Commissioner Trace and seconded by Commissioner Benac to send both letters to the Governor.

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

The motion carried 7-0.

 Chairman Jonsson requested the Board authorize him to sign a joint letter with the Mayors of the City of Bradenton and Sarasota to support the Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore and seconded by Commissioner Benac to authorize the Chairman to sign a joint letter with the Mayors of the City of Bradenton and Sarasota to support the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Program.

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

The motion carried 7-0.

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RECESS/RECONVENE: 11:55 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

44. **COMMISSONER AGENDA/CONFEDERATE MONUMENT**

 Commissioner Trace explained the request to place the Confederate Monument at the Gamble Plantation Historic State Park, but was denied by the State.

 John Osborne, Deputy County Administrator, utilized a slide presentation to provide an update on the Confederate monument that was previously located at the Historic Courthouse. Following public protest and demonstrations, the Board voted to move the Confederate monument to a secure storage facility for public safety on August 22, 2017. Since the Gamble Plantation Historic State Park location request was declined, the focus then began on researching a location fitting of a war monument on County owned land. Several locations had land use barriers due to being purchased with grant monies that stipulated particular requirements. The criteria for determining locations for the Confederate monument placement include a vicinity of Civil War action, proximity related to family history, and close to military service. He highlighted various options including park locations, and their advantages and limitations throughout the County.

 Discussion ensued that site location search beginning in March, Rye Preserve is a good location for the Confederate monument, place education signage for the Park's history, Confederate Veteran is buried in the Rye Cemetery, grant funding attached to some locations created restrictions, Church Street being a poor option because of the hidden area but has connectivity to Gamble Mansion, and why Riverview Pointe Preserve has monuments.

 Charlie Hunsicker, Director of Parks and Natural Resources, clarified there are two statues located within Riverview Point Preserve. A cross and a memorial were placed by the Catholic Church in dedication of Hernando Desoto's accomplishments in Florida and the area was later acquired by National Park Services. Instead of removing the cross, the National Park Services allowed the Catholic Church to retain ownership of a small land parcel the monuments stand on. The overlay of Riverview Pointe Preserve is owned by the State and the County and would require a joint agreement to place the Confederate monument.

 Andy Spark, Attorney, urged the Board to not succumb to pressure to remove the Confederate monument.

 Carol Driscoll urged the Board to consider public input and asked for a referendum to allow only County citizens with the ability to choose the new location.

 Joe Kennedy expressed his support to relocate the Confederate monument back to the original position at the Historic Courthouse.

 Willie Orr expressed his support to relocate the Confederate monument back to the original position at the Historic Courthouse.

 Dave Dean expressed his dislike for the representation of the Confederate monument. He requested the location be at Rye Preserve and to include historic context signage explaining the brutality on American slaves.

 William King spoke on the Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln's goal of saving the Union.

 Debra Clark expressed her concerns with erasing American history (good and bad) by removing the Confederate monument.

 Jenna Bernstein expressed her support to relocate the Confederate monument back to the original location.

 There being no further public comment, Chairman Jonsson closed public comment.

 Discussion continued on the Board's promise of public input for the Confederate monument decision, need for transparency, polarized opinions on a sensitive subject, and if the Fogartyville Cemetery is considered an option.

 Mr. King stated the Fogartyville Cemetery is privately owned and has a nice memorial location that was created by the Eagle Scouts. The owners may agree to place the Confederate monument on the property.

 Discussion ensued on the community wishing to place the Confederate monument in a cemetery, a special election would be needed for a public vote, and waiting until the 2020 election cycle to determine a location.

 Nick Azzara, Information Outreach Manager, stated other options besides voting is to gather citizen input online and within County libraries for location preferences.

 Discussion continued regarding concerns of non-County citizens replying online, narrowing down location list, the Board should be removed from the equation of choosing a location, if protesting groups would vandalize the Confederate monument, placing the choice of locations on a referendum for the 2020 election cycle, create a Committee to develop a subset of locations for the Confederate monument, cost for protection of the Confederate monument, Congress classified Confederate monuments as war memorials, top three options, and protestors not being from this community.

Motion

 A motion was made by Commissioner Baugh and seconded by Commissioner Trace to each select a committee member, who gets together, looks at three different locations, and bring a report back to us periodically so we can have it put on the ballot in 2020.

Discussion ensued on amending the motion to add John Osborne as a moderator.

Motion – Amended

Following the discussion, Commissioner Baugh amended the motion to also include adding John Osborne as moderator, and Commissioner Trace agreed.

 Discussion continued on how history can be misinterpreted, passions that drive this issue, challenge of considering both sides of the argument, the issue has devastated the African American Community, three of the seven members on the committee should represent the African American Community, if the motion should be amended to require educational components, having staff appoint committee members, increase the number of committee members from seven to ten, and the Confederate monument issue is happening across all levels of government.

 Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, stated the Committee would be considered an advisory board, appointed by resolution or a County ordinance and subject to the Sunshine laws. He advised to have an odd number of committee members to prevent tied-voting scenarios.

 Discussion ensued on the requirements of an advisory board and staff does not choose the members.

Motion – Amended

 Following the discussion, Commissioner Baugh amended the motion to have the County Attorney’s Office craft a resolution for an advisory board of nine people, four of which must be African Americans, for the Confederate monument, to find three locations that will go on the 2020 ballot. Commissioner Trace agreed to the amendment.

 Discussion continued on increasing the advisory board to 13 members, other advisory board’s success rates with high number of members, and the committee should consist of a balance in opinions from every aspect of the community.

 Mr. Palmer stated that the larger number of board members will translate to hardships of achieving a quorum for meetings.

 Discussion continued on the motion including the term “at least three locations”, because the choices may not be adequate.

 Mr. Palmer stated the Board could direct the County Attorney’s Office to prepare a resolution that is complete with the exceptions of a blank line for the number of the advisory board members, African Americans, and locations, to be filled in when making the final decision.

 Discussion ensued on not changing the designation in the motion, because the Board will have the option to change the resolution if needed.

 The motion carried 7-0.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

 Commissioner Whitmore

- Complimented Karen Stewart, Acting-Deputy County Administrator, on her

professionalism and conduct during a meeting with citizens

-  Commented on State legislature House Bill 7103 and her concerns for possible influences on the local permitting process
-  Provided an updated on impaired waters on the Sarasota and Charlotte County shorelines and that an algae bloom has been detected off of Sarasota's coastline
- Summarized the Farm Workers Long Sleeve Program event and donations to migrant workers to prevent skin cancer
- Relayed the success of the Tourism Week Celebration

 Nick Azzara, Information Outreach Manager, stated Building and Development Services are forecasting potential impacts HB 7103 could cause. Staff will be meeting later in the week to strategize the next steps and will keep the Board updated.

 Discussion ensued on major issues of algae growing on the shore line, run-off effecting water quality, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is rating the Sarasota waterways as impaired, issues can potentially travel north, partnering with Sarasota to address the issue, and speaking with Mote Marine for a solution.

Commissioner Bellamy

- Summarized the Workforce Housing project and sidewalk along 29th Street and noted the need for the sidewalk to be completed
- Requested an update for the Samoset lighting project
-  Stated the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority has requested an increase of funding, and will do a follow-up to the Board on the potential impacts from the funding.

Commissioner Trace

-  Provided an update on the opening of Parrish Community High School and that the road extension and sidewalks will not be completed before the school opening. She will request additional funding for the project's completion

 Discussion, continued on the need for a three lane road, College will be built within the next seven years in the area, sidewalks outside of school property are the County's responsibility, County wide sales tax, insuring safety on Erie Road, and the need for traffic calming measures.

 Ms. Coryea stated the County is partnering with the Sheriff's Office and the School Board to research safety options that may need additional funding.

 Discussion ensued on a presentation regarding the high school needs, financial costs, and what private developers contribute, number of motorist deaths in the Parrish/U.S. 301 roads, and if there is an update on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) eminent domain project for U.S. 301 improvement.

 Ms. Coryea clarified the Board is provided with monthly FDOT updates. FDOT is providing \$3.5 million that impacts several County projects, staff will provide an updated report.

Commissioner Benac

-  Invited Board members to attend a luncheon at the Kiwanis Club for an award ceremony
- Recognize staff members that worked on Earth Day and the Better Manatee project to rebuild the community garden at Daughtrey Elementary School BC20190507DOC071

(Commissioners Comments continued later in the meeting)

44TH AVENUE EXTENSION

 Discussion ensued regarding on the possibility of exchanging the County owned portion of 44th Avenue Extension right-of-way to FDOT for a portion of Gulf Drive that is a State Road

 A motion was made by Commissioner Benac and seconded by Commissioner Trace to ask staff to look into the possibility of making a swap with FDOT for 44th Avenue East that is a Manatee County right-of- way for the portion that is State Road (SR 789) Gulf Drive on Anna Maria Island.

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

The motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Whitmore voting nay.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (continued)

Commissioner Benac

-  Mention the “Know the Law” presentation by Tanya Bryant Smith, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and suggested a demonstration be made to the Board.
- Reminded the Board of the 2019 Local Government Law Seminar on May 23, 2019 being held at the Bradenton Convention Center.

Commissioner Servia

-  Requested an update on the camera system in Pride Park.
-  Commented on Robins Apartment grand opening and received numerous citizen complaints regarding traffic issues on 1st Street.

Ms. Coryea stated there are 11 cameras in the Pride Park area which were updated/replaced about four years ago.

 Discussion continued on the County being responsible for Pride Park soccer fields and there will be a request for replacement sod for the fields.

Commissioner Baugh

-  Commented on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council video presentation on roundabouts and requested a copy of the video for the Board to view.

 Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, updated the Board on the sale of the right-of-way to the FDOT U.S. 301 improvement projects. The purchase agreement has been fully negotiated for the County to sell 4.2 acres for \$3.165 million to FDOT.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Jonsson adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____