

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
JUNE 6, 2017**

Present were:


Betsy Benac, Chairman
Robin DiSabatino, First Vice-Chairman
Charles B. Smith, Second Vice-Chairman
Stephen R. Jonsson, Third Vice-Chairman
Vanessa Baugh
Carol Whitmore
Priscilla Whisenant Trace

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney
Angelina Colonnese, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Chairman Benac called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.  The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Rick Speece, Calvary Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

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AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Time Certain


2. ITEM 37 – 9:30 a.m. Representative Grueters – End of Session Report
3. ITEM 39 – 10:00 a.m. Florida Power and Light (FPL) SolarNow Program
4. ITEM 40 – 10:30 a.m. Animal Services Advisory Board Report

Changes to the Agenda

ITEM 16 – Amendment One to Agreement with Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Association, Inc., – The Amendment was updated and replaces to correct a minor scrivener’s error
ITEM 18 – FY17 Budget Amendment Resolution – The Resolution was updated and replaced to correct the department name to Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity Item 3
ITEM 23 - Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement No. 17ME2 Passage Key Inlet Management Study – Deferred to June 20, 2017.


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AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.  Employee of the Month – Patrick Wenzel, Senior Plans Examiner, Inspections Officer, Building and Development Services



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PROCLAMATIONS

 Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Trace and carried, to approve the following proclamations:


6.  Kindness Community - Designating Manatee County as a Kindness Community presented by Jacqueline Moore, Former Mayor of North Port and Veronica Brandon Miller, Manasota Goodwill

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7.  Code Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Week – Designating June 5-9, 2017 accepted by Jeff Bowman, Code Enforcement Chief and Code Enforcement officers BC20170606DOC006
8.  Hurricane Readiness Month – Designating June 2017 accepted by Sherilyn Burris and members of the Emergency Management team BC20170606DOC007

37. **ADMINISTRATOR/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**


 Nick Azzara introduced Representative Joe Gruters.

 Representative Joe Gruters reviewed the past session of the Florida legislature and noted projects that received funding including the Rubonia storm water project. Manatee County did well with receiving funding for projects. He thanked Senator Bill Galvano and Representative Jim Boyd. A special session begins June 7, 2017.

 Chairman Benac presented Representative Gruters with a Manatee award, in thanks for all he did during the legislative session.


 Discussion ensued regarding the accomplishments for Manatee County this year during the session, Enterprise Florida, and funding for State employees. BC20170606DOC008


9. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Future Agenda Items)


 Glen Gibellina commented on renewable energy, industrial hemp, street cleaning, and Manatee Memorial payments. BC20170606DOC009


(Citizen Comments continued to later in meeting)

39. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT**

 Diana Robinson, Property Management, discussed processes to make Manatee County more energy efficient. The group presented at conferences regarding sustainability. The County is at 71 percent for the FTDC rating which should be platinum level. Manatee County is involved in many sustainable projects. Florid Power and Light (FPL) is the primary power company and provider in Manatee County and has been implementing a renewable energy project. She introduced FPL representatives David Heizer, Rae Dowling, and Kathleen Campanella.


 Rae Dowling, FPL, began a slide presentation addressing the FPL SolarNow program which allows citizens to voluntarily contribute to solar power in their communities. Those funds will be used to install, operate and maintain projects throughout Florida. Nearly 700 people in Manatee County contribute, and FPL is seeking assistance in finding a site in Manatee County.


 Kathleen Campanella continued the slides and discussed the Solar Tree which can provide shade and other uses. Another option is the canopy design which can be used in parking lots and park areas. Branding is meant to highlight the SolarNow program. Currently the program can provide four to-five solar trees and one to two canopies in Manatee County.


 Discussion ensued regarding how to sign up for the program though FPL and suggested locations.

 Karen Windon, Deputy County Administrator, noted suggestions do exist for locations.

Discussion ensued regarding solar trees work better with bundling, how can people contribute if they are not FPL customers, what would 50 watts power, the electricity produced would go back to the grid and benefit all customers, and there is a canopy built in Palmetto across from the Bradenton Area Convention Center.

 Ms. Windon noted the new parking area at Robinson could be a possible location, but there is no action required today.


 Discussion continued regarding vandalism and FPL assumes all responsibility to replace and maintain the equipment, customer participation is optional, community based program that raises awareness of solar energy and provides shade, exploring with vendor to provide additional lighting in areas, there are not enough solar panels to replace being on the grid, optional USB ports that can be added to the smaller solar trees, and do not have batteries, agreement with City of Palmetto, FPL pays an annual lease agreement for the larger canopies, and almost 800 solar panels in Parrish that contribute to energy savings.


 Ms. Windon clarified there is no cost to the County to participate and for FPL to install the solar trees and canopies.


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RECESS 10:39 a.m. - 10:51 a.m.


40. **PUBLIC SAFETY/ANIMAL SERVICES**


 Jean Peelen, Chairperson, Animal Services Advisory Board, submitted a report (Binder) of the Board and introduced members present. The Board meets monthly to address issues, members actively participate, and they involve the community on assignments. The Board has four requests: increase funding in spay/neuter fund for low income households; mandatory spay/neuter for dogs on first intake to animal services, with an exception for show dogs/working dogs; institution of an animal abuse registry; and a ban on sale of cats and puppies at local Pet Store (but not to act on at this time).


 Discussion ensued regarding the dedication of the Animal Services Advisory Board, and Rebecca Neal being removed from the Board due to a conflict.

 Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, commented regarding the Commission having the authority to remove a Board member, and notification regarding removal of members from Advisory Board. Each advisory board is created by a separate ordinance or resolution setting forth the rules and being self executing.


 Discussion ensued regarding the Hillsborough County Ordinance regarding the animal abuse registry, need to increase budget for spay/neuter programs, pet sales should be a State issue, and notification to Board members regarding membership.


 Sara Brown, Animal Services Chief, noted if dogs go to a rescue they are required to be spayed/neutered.


 Discussion ensued regarding the animal abuser registry, pet stores using hobby breeders, and inspection reports have been taken off line regarding breeders.


 Bob Smith, Public Safety Director, addressed an additional \$60,000 and the capacity in the shelter, and the low income spay/neuter program would not be the best use of the funds.


and Ms. Neal was advised that she would not be eligible to be on the Board since she was on the Humane Society Board.


 Ms. Peelen noted the abuser registry only requires a simple program and there was low cost. Hillsborough County requires the person convicted to pay a registration fee that would cover the cost. She thanked the Clerk for providing links to people convicted of animal abuse.


 Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, noted the \$60,000 for funding is still in the budget.


 Discussion ensued to clarify the recommendations by the Advisory Board regarding low cost/free spay/neuter.


 Mr Smith explained upon a first offence it is recommended to have the dog spayed/neutered. If a citizen qualifies for low income spay/neuter, a separate facility would perform the surgery. The veterinarian at the shelter is there for the health care of the animals at the shelter. If an animal is surrendered, animal services pays for the spay/neuter. A policy has not been set regarding the suggested mandatory spay/neuter. License fees are more expensive if you choose to not have your dog spayed/neutered.

 Ms. Peelan noted every animal that leaves animal services is spayed/neutered except for stray dogs released to owners.


 Mr. Smith noted the cost for spay/neuter depends on the size of the dog and a fee schedule would be developed to address this.


 Mr. Palmer reviewed R-15-190, addressing the removal of advisory board members, and noted the Commission Chairman is to be notified prior to the member being disqualified and the Chairman/or a designated employee is to contact the member regarding the disqualification. He will investigate the situation with Ms. Neal.


 Discussion ensued regarding the legality of spaying/neutering of a dog that has an owner, specific dog to specific owner, dogs not in system for five days, possible statutory requirements, currently second incarceration requires mandatory spay/neuter,

 It is the consensus of the Board to have the County Attorney look into items 2 and 3 recommended by the Animal Services Advisory Board regarding legality, and to have the County Administrator look into the \$60,000 requested for spay/neuter for low income.

 Discussion continued regarding the five-day containment.

 Erin Haas disagreed on the ban regarding retail sales in pet stores and stated people have the right to choose what animal they wish to adopt.

 Virginia Doris is against the mandatory spay/neuter requirement. She also addressed the make-up of the board and the need for a breeder representative.

 Judy Seltrecht, Florida Association of Kennel Clubs, disagrees with the pet store sales ban.

 Katherine Edwards addressed spay/neuter and the impact on the animals behavior.


There being no additional comments, Chairman Benac closed citizen comments.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Requests

 Commissioner DiSabatino thanked staff for Item 28.

 Discussion ensued regarding the need for medical equipment and the items are free of charge for loan.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Consent Agenda Items)

There being no comments on the Consent Agenda, Chairman Benac closed citizen comments on the Consent Agenda.

11. **CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT** - Consent Agenda BC20170606DOC012

A. **MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of May 16, 25 (morning work session), 26 and 30, 2017.

C. **REFUNDS**

Approved the following refunds:

- 1. Maronda Homes - Impact Fee Credit, \$4,272 BC20170606DOC013
- 2. Southern Star Restaurant Management - Pre-App fee, \$1,250 BC20170606DOC014
- 3. Utilities Customer 121040-49845 - Sewer Connection, \$6,428.03 BC20170606DOC015
- 4. Catherine Cooper - Water Connection, \$5,050 BC20170606DOC016

D. **LIENS/PARTIAL RELEASE**

Accepted and authorized recording of the following Partial Release of Special Improvement Assessment Liens

- 1. Project 4219 - Wares Creek Canal Dredging, Ronald A., Jr. and Nancy Stephens BC20170606DOC0017

E. **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. Construction Agreement, including Addenda 1-3, with American Lighting and Signalization, Inc., for University Parkway from Market Street to Lorraine Road, \$487,711.40 BC20170606DOC018
- 2. Construction Agreement with Florida Power Solutions, Inc., for N1-B Emergency Generator Replacement, \$381,920 BC20170606DOC019
- 3. Construction Agreement with TLC Diversified, Inc., for Southeast Water Reclamation Facility Automatic Backwash Filters refurbishment, \$894,054.70 BC20170606DOC020

F. **REPORTS**

Accepted the following Reports:

- 1. Tara Community Development District (CDD) 1 - FY 2017/18 Proposed Budget BC20170606DOC021
- 2. Village of Glen Creek CDD - Proposed Operating Budget 2017/18 BC20170606DOC022

12. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/IMPACT FEES**

Execute amendment of Impact Fee Credit Authorization CA-16-01(T), assigning the entire credit to a new Impact Fee Credit Authorization CA-16-01(T)(R)

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13. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/SETTLEMENT**

Rejected a Proposal for Settlement as received from Progressive Select Insurance, Co., as subrogee of Jean Guerrier, in the matter of Progressive Select Insurance, Co., v. Manatee County, County Civil Case 2015CC4675

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14. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/RESOLUTION**

Adopted Resolution R-17-064 approving *nunc pro tunc* the 2014 Interlocal Agreement, authorizing *nunc pro tunc* the execution of the 2014 Interlocal Agreement and ratifying *nunc pro tunc* all actions of the County in performance of the 2014 Interlocal Agreement from November 3, 2014 to present

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15. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/FINAL PLAT/LORRAINE CORNERS NORTHEAST**

- Execute and Record Final Subdivision Plat;
- Record Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Lorraine Corners Northeast
- Authorize the County Administrator to accept, execute, and record Agreement for Public Subdivision with Private Improvements for Lorraine Corners Northeast
- Authorize the County Administrator to accept, execute, and record Agreement for the Public Subdivision and Public Improvements for Lorraine Corners Northeast;
- Authorize the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Private Improvements, Surety Bond 1055286 from The Hanover Insurance Company for \$509,644.07; and
- Authorize the County Administrator to accept and execute Surety Bond for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Surety Bond 1055285 from The Hanover Insurance Company for \$1,627,020.66

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16. **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

Authorized the County Administrator to execute Amendment One to Agreement with Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Association, Inc., (SANCA) for promotion of tourism

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17. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/RESOLUTION**

Adopted Resolution R-17-050 confirming the authorization of the imposition and payment of the FY 2016/17 payments in lieu of taxes upon certain property owned by the County's Utilities System, as previously approved and included in the Adopted FY 2016/17 budget

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18. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Adopted Budget Resolution B-17-051

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19. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute Change Order 1 to Work Assignment 12-1032BG; Transportation Engineering Professional Services with HDR Engineering, Inc., (HDR) in the amount of \$326,536 for a revised total amount of \$2,101,868.50

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20. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Awarded Invitation to Bid (IFB) 17-0395DC, Master Reuse West Weather Management Well System Project (North Regional Water Reclamation Facility Deep Injection Wells), to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Youngquist Brothers, Inc., for a total of \$10,997,777.77 based on a construction completion time of 1,260 calendar days, and authorized the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute the Agreement and accept and date the Performance and Payment Bonds

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21. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Awarded IFB 17-06880V, Manatee County Central Jail Security Equipment Upgrades, 14470 Harlee Road, to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Stanley Convergent Security Solution, Inc., for a total of \$1,312, 300 based on a completion time of 330 calendar days, and authorized the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute the Agreement and accept and date the Performance Bonds BC20170606DOC032
22. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/RESOLUTION**
Adopted Resolution R-17-059 authorizing the submission of the Manatee County Library Long Range Plan 2017-18 to 2019-20 to the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, for receipt of State Aid grants BC20170606DOC033
23. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/GRANT**
Executed the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement No. 17ME2 for the Passage Key Inlet IMP Study, and adoption of Budget Resolution B-17-052 amending the Annual Budget for Manatee County for FY2017 BC20170606DOC034
24. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
Executed, accepted, authorized recording of Easement Agreement with Florida Power and Light BC20170606DOC035
25. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
- Accepted and authorized recording of Conservation Easement from Florida Power and Light, Co. (FPL), and
 - Authorized Recording of Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from FPL BC20170606DOC036
26. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
- Accepted Permanent Utilities Easement from Keith 1 LLC
 - Authorized recording Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from Terri Scherer, Manager, Keith 1 LLC BC20170606DOC037
27. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
- Accepted Trustee's Deed from from Matthew T Reagan and Wesley L. Reagan individually as the Successor Co-Trustees of the E. L. Reagan Residual Trust under the Will of Estell L. Reagan individually as the Successor Co-Trustees of the E. L. Reagan Residual Trust under the Will of Estell L. Reagan and of the Ester R. Ferguson Real Estate Trust;
 - Accepted Certification of Trust from Matthew T Reagan and Wesley L. Reagan individually as the Successor Co-Trustees of the Ester R. Ferguson Real Estate Trust under Trust Agreement dated April 30, 1996,
 - Accepted Certification of Trust from Matthew T Reagan and Wesley L. Reagan individually as the Successor Co-Trustees of the E. L. Reagan Residual Trust under the Will of Estell L. Reagan, deceased, dated January 25, 1972; and
 - Accepted Affidavit of Ownership from Matthew T. Reagan and Wesley. Reagan BC20170606DOC038
28. **PUBLIC SAFETY/RESOLUTION**
Adopted Resolution R-17-055, allowing the Director of the Public Safety Department or his/her designee to execute standard loan agreements to enable community members to borrow medical equipment as needed BC20170606DOC039
29. **PUBLIC WORKS/AGREEMENT**
Executed Local Agency Program (LAP) Supplemental Agreement 438870-1-58-01 for the

installation of the Adaptive Signal Control system at ten signalized intersection and to connect them back to the Regional Traffic Management Center using existing fiber network, and executed LAP Supplemental Resolution R-17-057 BC20170606DOC040

30. **PUBLIC WORKS/GRANT**

Adopted Resolution R-17-061, authorizing the Chairman to execute the State Fiscal Year 2017/18 Trip and Equipment Grant Application Form and the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip and Equipment Grant Application Form and the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip and Equipment Grant Standard Assurances with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD) (7/1/17-6/30/18), \$805,000; and authorized staff to implement a low income Household Eligibility Process and a Discount Bus Pass Program as part of the County's Transportation Disadvantaged service program. BC20170606DOC041

31. **PUBLIC WORKS/TIME PAYMENT AGREEMENTS**


Executed and authorized recording of Time Payment Agreements for one or more of the following: Facility Investment, Connection and Line Fees for Clarence S. Davis and Carolyn S. Davis #1592 BC20170606DOC042

32. **CONSENT MOTION**


Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Whitmore, and carried 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as recommended and amended with the deletion of

RECESS: 12:14 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Future agenda items)

 Katherine Edwards addressed an amendment regarding solar power and the location of solar panels on private buildings and the FPL program SolarNow.


PORT AUTHORITY


 Chairman Baugh clarified an invitation from Port Manatee for Berth 9 renovations was sent by Port Manatee staff.

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS (presentations upon request)

34. **ORDINANCES/MEDICAL MARIJUANA MORATORIUM**

A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adopting proposed Ordinance 17-31, extending the temporary moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries and treatment center facilities

 Sarah Schenk, Assistant County Attorney, noticed this is the second public hearing extending the moratorium for 90 days.

 Discussion ensued regarding whether or not this issue will be addressed during the Special Session and requirements by the Department of Health to adopt rules by July 1, 2017,


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


Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Jonsson, and carried 7-0, to adopt Ordinance 17-31 BC20170606DOC043


35. **ORDINANCES/GOLF CARTS**

A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adopting proposed Ordinance 17-35, amending Section 2-22-9 of the Manatee County Code; creating golf card road designations

within Terra Ceia Island.

 Vishal Kakkad, Traffic Design Division Manager, submitted petitions from the citizens of Terra Ceia and submitted a map of the area where golf carts would be allowed. Staff supports the ordinance.

 Discussion ensued regarding signage for designated roads, no roads excluded in the area, requirements for the golf carts, street ready golf carts as opposed to regular golf carts, and State Statute regulates the definition of golf carts.


 Bill Vogel, Hugh Holmes, and John Goins support the use of golf carts on Terra Ceia.


There being no citizen comments, Chairman Benac closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Whitmore, and carried 7-0 to adopt Ordinance 17-35. BC20170606DOC044

 Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, reviewed the definition of golf carts per Statute.


36. **ATTORNEY/RESOLUTION**

 Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney presented the resolution relative to Commissioner record requests and exempts the commissioners from paying fees, unless the request is personal in nature, in which case the Records manager will present the request to the Board.


 Discussion ensued due to requests that take a great deal of time, and the need for obtaining records to represent citizens.

 Katherine Edwards asked if the resolutions also apply to Constitutional Officers.


Motion was made by Commissioner DiSabatino, seconded by Commissioner Baugh, and carried 5-2, with Commissioners Whitmore and Trace voting nay to adopt Resolution R-17-062.


 Discussion ensued regarding the resolution only applies to the Board of County Commissioners, and if a Constitutional Officer makes a public records request, it requires a fee may be called applied, and there is a fund for Constitutional officers to pay for things like this. BC20170606DOC045


38. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/MEALS ON WHEELS PLUS, INC.**


 Cheri Coryea, Neighborhood Services Director, explained Meals On Wheels Plus is requesting emergency funding to support a deficit of \$200,000 in the meal service program. There has been an increase in meal demand since 2012, and Person's eligible have experienced a decrease in the amount they are able to pay. This request is not for new funding in the next fiscal year. Meals on Wheels also sought funding for the various municipalities, City of Bradenton, CDBG dollars of \$45k for people within the city. The Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity department will be coming before he board as it is expecting funding from federal programs. The primary focus is on the food bank and the meal service. Meals on Wheels Plus took on additional services and revenues are not offsetting these additional services. Manatee Community Foundation is looking to see if they have any donors who can help in the future, and United Way restructured funding to assist.


Staff is not making a recommendation, as this is to fund a deficit in the program, not to add additional services.

 Discussion ensued regarding citizens in need, Meals on Wheels Plus is a necessary program, and \$500,000 in reserves for the rest of the year and could the funding come from this.


 Motion was made by Commissioner Baugh and seconded by Commissioner Whitmore to give the \$200,000 , for Meals on Wheels for the remainder of the year to help them fund the deficit and for the County Administrator to find a fund to get the \$200,000.

 Ms. Coryea stated Neighborhood Services is helping Meals on Wheels Plus to prioritize their needs, which are to help those in need.

 Discussion ensued regarding the request for help at the last minute, organizational shortfall, Meals on Wheels Plus budget year is calendar year, need-based system, \$72,000 is for clients in the Community Care for the Elderly program and clients are prioritized, County provides \$250,000 total commitment to Meals on Wheels Plus for all programs, this is just a band-aid, and non-profits have to adjust their programs due to funding,

 Ms. Coryea noted Meals on Wheels Plus did not make a change soon enough, and they know it, but they felt there were needs in the community when they made certain decisions. Meals on Wheels Plus is changing focus to serve those who are the most needy. They have pledged to work with the community and other funding sources.

Discussion ensued regarding Meals on Wheels Plus restructuring their organization, and using general fund for contingency.

 Discussion ensued about establishing a policy regarding when people come before the Board, Non-profits should show financial information, and comparison of overhead to what people are actually receiving.


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


The motion carried 7-0.

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41. **COMMISSIONER AGENDA/SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT**

Commissioner DiSabatino introduced the Southern Manatee Fire and Rescue Chief.

 Chris Gould, Battalion Chief Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, displayed a video used by the HAZMET team, regarding the Port Manatee sulfur fire and the Callaghan Tire fire. Their drone allows the team to see the effects of the fires on area residents. Infrared cameras are used to indentify hot spots in the fire and direct the crews to extinguish the flames which were not visible during the day. Regular fire trucks were used for the sulfur fire.

 Captain Mike Bloski, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, explained the team did not know how to deal with molten sulfur and other toxins from the fire and reached out to other teams in the State. Roads needed to be shut down as well as the rail road.

Chief Gould explained the dust coming off the sulfur is flammable. The irrigation of the area

around the sulfur has been doubled and all of the water going on to the ground is recycled, treated, and used again.

Chief Gould and Captain Bloski continued the presentation and discussed the fire at Callahan Tire, which was a five alarm fire, due to the extent of the fire and the heat. Several County and State departments were involved to assist the fire departments. Tires are a difficult fire to put out and produce twice the heat of a regular fire. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms was there too look out for the safety, but they were not necessary for the fire. The owner of Callahan Tire thanked the fire departments for their help. Brush fires were a secondary result of the fire and there were no injuries or fatalities. BC20170606DOC047

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS




Commissioner DiSabatino

- Commented on the Port and the possibility of moving the sulfur



Discussion ensued regarding Mosaic will be moving the Sulfur and the sulfur did not burn, it was the dust, increased watering for dust,

Commissioner Benac

- Shared pictures of the Suncoast Dragon Boat Festival, stating the County team made up of County and Clerk employees came in third place BC20170606DOC04800
-  Reported on a meeting regarding improvements at 119th Street West and Cortez Road. FDOT is on board with helping to improve that intersection if the land use issue can be resolved.

Commissioner Smith

- Inquired as to the agreement with the City of Bradenton regarding the County parking garage

Mr. Hunzeker advised there a plan to extend the contract with the City of Bradenton for an additional year and contracts will be presented later this year.

Discussion ensued regarding revenue earned from the parking meters and/or ticketing and schedule a work session on the status and available options.

Commission Whitmore

- No Comments

Commissioner Jonsson

- No Comments

Commissioner Baugh

- No Comments

Commissioner Trace

- No Comments

Mr. Hunzeker addressed a letter from Richard Alexander of Transdev regarding a proposal for a regional public/private transit operating partnership.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Benac adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____