



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES

1/5/2021 9:00 AM

MINUTES

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stacey Hetherington, Chair

Doug Smith, Vice Chairman

Harold E. Jenkins II

Sarah Heard

Edward V. Ciampi

Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator

Sarah W. Woods, County Attorney

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and

Comptroller

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Chair Stacey Hetherington
Vice Chairman Doug Smith
Commissioner Harold E. Jenkins II
Commissioner Sarah Heard
Commissioner Edward V. Ciampi

1. INVOCATION - Pastor Darrell Orman, First Baptist Church of Stuart
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, for approval of the agenda [with additional item CNST-9], with the consent agenda and the pull of item 9 [CNST-9]. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Amy Pritchett requested information about the cost of Maggy's Hammock Park and the adjacent property. She also asked the Board to reduce the speed limit on Horseshoe Point Road to 25 mph.

Indian Riverkeeper Executive Director Mike Conner spoke about the closure of the fishing bridge on the Jensen Beach Causeway and suggested a partnership with FDOT.

Cheryl Schwochert apologized to the deputy for leaving masks behind at the last board meeting. She spoke about her support for law enforcement and objected to statements in a letter she received from the County.

2. COMMISSIONERS

AM

Commissioner Jenkins announced that he would be using district funds for exercise equipment for the Hobe Sound Scrub Preserve Project.

The commissioners discussed the situation at the Jensen Beach Causeway and spoke in support of local agencies partnering with FDOT to clean up the area. Commissioner Smith spoke about the trash left behind by people using the fishing bridge and attempts to address the issue in the past. Commissioner Ciampi suggested installing specific signage and/or doing a 90 day test in collaboration with Indian Riverkeeper. Commissioner Hetherington asked staff to see if FDOT had notified anyone of the closure.

Commissioner Ciampi spoke about the Rocky Point speed limit issue and asked if there was an opportunity for consensus among the residents. Commissioner Smith spoke about attempts to address the issue in the past and suggested an agenda item to discuss restructuring/reclassifying neighborhood roads and how the County assigns speed limits.

Commissioner Heard spoke in support of the Horseshoe Point Road speed limit reduction. She requested that staff bring back an agenda item on local roads. She also spoke in support of local groups partnering with FDOT to clean up and reopen the Jensen Beach fishing bridge.

Commissioner Hetherington thanked Mr. Kiplinger for his property donation (CNST-9). She spoke about the bid process and asked to staff to create a forum on 'How to do Business with Martin County.' She announced the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day events in Hobe Sound, New Monrovia, Booker Park and Stuart.

PM

Commissioner Ciampi requested an agenda item on broadband/internet voids. Assistant County Administrator George Stokus and Chief Information Officer Michael Merker informed

the Board that they would bring back an agenda item on 'dead areas.'

Commissioner Heard requested that staff set up the ZOOM conference system for use in the chambers. Chief Information Officer Michael Merker addressed the difficulty of providing ZOOM in the chambers.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, as soon as staff can, have the ability to at least have people that could be watching the meeting ZOOM in their voice comments only. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None at this time.

CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Agenda Item: 21-0178

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

CNST-2 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST FOR DISBURSEMENT VIA CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Chapter 136.06, Florida Statutes, checks and electronic payments issued by the Board of County Commissioners are to be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. In compliance with statutory requirements, the Warrant List is added to the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. This Warrant List is for disbursements made between November 28, 2020 and December 18, 2020. Additional details related to these disbursements may be viewed in the office of the Martin County Clerk of Court and Comptroller or on the Clerk's website.

Agenda Item: 21-0207

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

CNST-3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The Board is asked to approve minutes from the December 8 and 15, 2020 regular meetings.

Agenda Item: 21-0281

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**CNST-4 DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

The Board is asked to make the necessary appointments to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Committee.

Agenda Item: 21-0203

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1.1

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**CNST-5 TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL MUNICIPAL
APPOINTMENT**

The Board is asked to confirm the appointment of Mayor Eula Clarke as the City of Stuart's primary municipal appointment to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC).

Agenda Item: 21-0280

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

**CNST-6 REQUEST TO INITIATE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

This is a request for the Board of County Commissioners to initiate a text amendment to Chapter 5, Transportation Element, of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan (CGMP). The request would amend portions of Chapter 5 to be consistent with the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, recently adopted by the Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Agenda Item: 21-0263

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1.2

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

**CNST-7 ACCEPTANCE OF A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM LPP PALM CITY,
LLC, FOR WATER AND FIRE SERVICES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SW
MARTIN HIGHWAY, PALM CITY**

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving a Utility Easement from LPP Palm City, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for water and fire services on the north side of SW Martin Highway in Palm City.

Agenda Item: 21-0199

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1.3

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**CNST-8 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ENTIRE
WESTERN PORTION OF PARCEL 05-38-42-000-00070-6 WEST OF
SE MACARTHUR BOULEVARD AS ADDITIONAL COUNTY RIGHT OF
WAY**

Staff requests adoption of a Resolution dedicating the entire western length of County

owned parcel no. 05-38-42-000-000-00070-6, west of SE Macarthur Boulevard, recorded in OR Book 208, Page 508, OR Book 71, Page 552, and OR Book 318, Page 440, as a public County right-of-way.

Agenda Item: 21-0235

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1.4

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

CNST-9

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE DONATION OF A 6.89-ACRE PARCEL OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND ADJACENT TO KIPLINGER NATURE PRESERVE FROM FAIRVIEW PROPERTIES, INC.

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution approving and accepting a Special Warranty Deed for the donation of a 6.89-acre parcel, adjacent to Kiplinger Nature Preserve in Stuart, Florida from Fairview Properties, Inc.

Agenda Item: 21-0306

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1.5

At Commissioner Heard's request, Real Property Manager Carla Segura provided a brief presentation on Mr. Kiplinger's gift. County Attorney Sarah Woods asked the Board to approve additional language for the resolution.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to accept agenda item CNST-9, with staff's recommended language that the special warranty deed was executed on December 29th and delivered to Martin County on December 30th of 2020 by Fairview Properties. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B&C-1

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR DESIGNATIONS

This is a request for the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) representative for Golden Gate, Jensen Beach, Old Palm City, Rio, and the at large member and designate a Chair and Vice Chair of the CRA.

Agenda Item: 21-0202

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1.6

Administration Executive Aide Donna Gordon tallied the votes for the Board. Assistant County Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan and Community Development Manager Susan Kores assisted with Board questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, for approval [Saadia Tsafarides (Golden Gate), Rex Sentell (Old Palm City), and Rich Kennedy (At Large)]. The motion

CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II,
Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

Agenda Item: 21-0202

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to confirm Michael Readling from Rio and Cynthia Hall from Jensen Beach to continue to stay on the CRA board. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II,
Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

Agenda Item: 21-0202

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Heard, that Cynthia Hall become Chair and send this back to the CRA for them to send a recommendation to us for Vice Chair. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II,
Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

**B&C-2 TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ADVISORY
BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The Board is asked to make the necessary appointment to the Treasure Coast Community Action Agency Advisory Board.

Agenda Item: 21-0224

Administration Executive Aide Donna Gordon and Assistant County Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan presented the item to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to waive the prohibition [regarding Ms. Georges' employment with the Children's Services Council]. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II,
Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

Agenda Item: 21-0224

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to appoint Christine Georges. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II,
Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

PUBLIC HEARING

PH-1 LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT (CPA) 20-03, AQUARIUS LAND HOLDINGS

This is a request for an amendment to the text of Chapter 4, Future Land Use Element. The request proposes a site-specific text amendment to Policy 4.1B.2.(1), that will permit residential development on the 34.96-acre property located on the north side of SE Cove Road and west side of SE Willoughby Boulevard.

Agenda Item: 21-0160

ORDINANCE NO. 1151

Senior Planner Maria Jose presented the item to the Board. Comprehensive Planning Administrator Clyde Dulin assisted with Board questions.

Project Manager Deanna Freeman (HJA Design Studio) provided the applicant's presentation to the Board and requested Board approval of the text amendment. Ms. Freeman provided the affidavit of notification for the record.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, for approval of the item, with staff's alternative language. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

DEPARTMENTAL

ADMINISTRATION

DEPT-1 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL

This is a placeholder on all Board meeting agendas to streamline the process for grant applications, awards, budget resolutions, budget transfers from reserves, and CIP amendments. Specific items requiring approval, if any, will be provided by Supplemental Memorandum.

Agenda Item: 21-0187

RESOLUTION NOS. 21-1.7 and 21-1.8

Director of the Office of Management and Budget Jennifer Manning presented the following items to the Board: (1) CSBG Block Grant for crisis/rental/eviction/deposit assistance, and (2) budget resolution to accept the remaining CARES funding.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Heard, for approval of the item. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

**DEPT-2 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL
\$1 MILLION OR GREATER**

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Agenda Item: 21-0183

None at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION

DEPT-3 PARKS AND RECREATION BOAT RAMP PROGRAM UPDATE

On December 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) requested an update on the status of County boat ramps. The Parks Boat Ramp Renovation Program (BRCIP) was adopted during the FY20 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the Parks and Recreation Department (PRD). The program was designed improve safety, appearance and performance of County owned and operated boat ramps. This agenda item provides the basic framework of the BRCIP while a Supplemental Memorandum will follow and provide the status and condition of each County owned boat ramp.

Agenda Item: 21-0238

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Abbate provided the presentation to the Board. Deputy County Administrator Don Donaldson and Assistant County Administrator George Stokus assisted with Board questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to find funding of \$200,000 in order to expedite permitting for the four projects [Stuart Causeway, Jensen Beach Causeway, Charlie Leighton Park, and JS Fish Camp]. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Hetherington, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners meeting of January 5, 2021 adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
/mkv

Stacey Hetherington, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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