

June 13, 2008

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9:00 a.m.

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD
A/B CONFERENCE ROOM
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

Shannon Staub, Chair, District 3
Jon Thaxton, Vice Chair, District 5
Paul H. Mercier, District 1
Joseph A. Barbetta, District 2
Nora Patterson, District 4

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
David Bullock, Deputy County Administrator
Susan Scott, Deputy County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Kathleen Schneider, Deputy County Attorney
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk

WORKSHOP

(09:05 a.m.)

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Board considered the State of the Utilities Update.

Staff Presenters: Environmental Services Executive Director Theresa Connor, Environmental Services Operations General Manager George MacFarlane, Environmental Services Program Management General Manager Roger Rasbury, Environmental Services Planning and Regulatory Technical Manager Jody Kirkman, Environmental Services Customer Service Manager Tony Gipe, County Administrator James Ley, and Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

Items submitted: A copy of a document entitled "Dona Bay Watershed Management Program Phase 1" and a copy of document entitled "Sarasota County Utilities Statement of Revenues and Expenses"

11:20 a.m. Board Action: Directed to bring back a proposed Resolution reflecting the Utility Rate Adjustments, recommended by Staff, including "payment in lieu of taxes" and the \$1,000.00 early connection incentive. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

RECESS: 11:22 a.m. - 11:31 a.m.

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2. EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Board considered a Hurricane Preparedness Update.

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Staff Presenters: Emergency Services Executive Director Michael Suarez, Emergency Services Emergency Management General Manager Ed McCrane, and County Administrator James Ley

(12:14 p.m.)

3. ADMINISTRATION

No Items were presented for General Board Discussion.

(12:14 p.m.)

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board commented on and discussions were held on the Isles of Athena DRI (Development of Regional Impact).

Staff Presenters: County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh and County Administrator James Ley

12:15 p.m. Board Action: Directed the Board members who participate in the Southwest Regional Planning Council and all other Councils applicable to vote against the Isles of Athena DRI. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

12:15 p.m. Board Action: Directed the preparation of comments and objections to send to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA) regarding the Isles of Athena DRI. Moved by Patterson, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

12:16 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Attorney to prepare alternatives for possible future Legal challenges regarding the Isles of Athena DRI. Moved by Patterson, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:17 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Chair