

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

9:00 a.m.

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

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
Susan Scott, Deputy County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Gary Oldehoff, Assistant County Attorney
Claudia Goodson, Deputy Clerk
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION

Public Works Real Property Manager Lin Kurant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Thaxton

DISCUSSION SECTION

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING

The Board considered the adoption of the amendments to the Debt Management Policy.

Staff Presenter: Financial Planning Budget Management Analyst Richard Gleitsman

9:13:05 Board Action: Adopted the amendments to the Debt Management Policy. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(9:15:24)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Public hearing to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2007-021, relating to the protection of environmentally sensitive lands, amending Ordinance No. 99-004, as amended and codified in Article IV of Chapter 54 of the County Code, to delete the sunset provision.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator James Ley

9:15:52 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried without objection.

9:16:01 Board Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2007-021 relating to the protection of environmentally sensitive lands, amending Ordinance No. 99-004 to delete the sunset provision. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

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3. PUBLIC WORKS

- A.** Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2007-021, amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Budget to appropriate a contribution from the Englewood Water District for the Dearborn Street Improvement Project, in the amount of \$563,150.00;
- B.** Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2007-022, amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Budget to appropriate a contribution from the Englewood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for the Dearborn Street Improvement Project, in the amount of \$202,100.00;
- C.** (Not a public hearing.) To consider a proposed Contract with APAC Southeast, Inc., for construction services for the Dearborn Street Improvement Project, in the amount of \$11,532,239.03.

Chair Patterson opened the public hearings simultaneously.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Mobility Road Program Design Manager Thai Tran

9:19:59 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried without objection.

9:20:11 Board Action: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-020, approving Budget Amendment No. B2007-021. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton.

9:20:51 Board Action: Reopened the public hearing by Patterson, without objection.

9:21:01 Board Action: Requested review of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding process/mechanism and impacts on the timeline for future projects. Requested by Staub, without objection.

9:21:49 Board Action: Closed the public hearings by Patterson, without objection.

9:22:22 Board Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2007-020, approving Budget Amendment No. B2007-021, carried by a 5-0 vote.

9:22:25 Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-021, approving Budget Amendment No. B2007-022. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

9:23:04 Board Action: Approved Contract No. 2007-222 with APAC Southeast, Inc., for construction services for the Dearborn Street Improvement Project, in the amount of \$11,532,239.03. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

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4. PUBLIC WORKS

Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-13, a petition by Michael Schooley, to vacate the County's interest of a portion of a 20-foot wide platted, rear lot line drainage and utility easement lying within Lot 34137, Plat of Venice Gardens, Unit 34, Section 3, to clear a title defect and cure the encroachments of a pool, pool deck, cage, and a portion of the residential structure.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Real Property Manager Lin Kurant

9:27:51 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried without objection.

9:28:02 Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-022, approving Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-13. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

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5. PUBLIC WORKS

Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-14, a petition by Michael and Alicia Allen, to vacate the County's interest of a portion of a 20-foot wide platted, existing rear lot line drainage and utility easement over a portion of Lot 16, Block 14, Gulf Gate East Subdivision, Unit No. 5, to clear title defects and cure the encroachments of a pool deck and cage.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Real Property Manager Lin Kurant

9:29:50 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Thaxton, carried without objection.

9:29:58 Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-023, approving Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-14. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

(9:30:31)

6. PUBLIC WORKS

Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-12, a petition by Robert and Carol Gutherie, to vacate the County's interest of a portion of a five-foot wide platted, side lot line drainage and utility easement lying within Lot 36, Savannah at Turtle Rock, to clear title defects and cure the encroachments of a pool deck and cage.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Real Property Manager Lin Kurant

9:32:34 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Staub, carried without objection.

9:32:36 Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-024, approving Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-12. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

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7. PUBLIC WORKS

Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-10, a petition by Dr. Laura Yard, to vacate the County's interest of a portion of a five-foot wide platted, rear lot line drainage and utility easement lying within Lot 64, Savannah at Turtle Rock, to clear title defects and cure the encroachments of a pool deck and cage.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Real Property Manager Lin Kurant

9:35:14 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Staub, carried without objection.

9:35:24 Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-025, approving Plat Vacation Petition No. PV06-10. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

(9:35:56)

8. PUBLIC WORKS

Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Street Vacation Petition No. SV04-25, a petition by Richard DeVita, to vacate, abandon, discontinue, and close a portion of a 33-foot wide unimproved, platted public right-of-way, known as Lee Road, lying within North Venice Farms.

Staff Presenters: Public Works Real Property Manager Lin Kurant, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, Public Works Transportation Mobility Planning Manager Paula Wiggins, and County Administrator James Ley

Public Presenter: Attorney Bill Dooley

9:48:04 Board Action: Requested clarification regarding the land purchase by the Petitioner relative to a boundary dispute. Requested by Staub, without objection.

9:54:42 Board Action: Requested clarification regarding Staff's objection to the Petition relative to potential future right-of-way needs and future area road plans. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

10:11:31 Board Action: Requested clarification as to the basis for the scheduling delay/time frame for Board consideration of the Petition. Requested by Staub, without objection.

10:19:08 Board Action: Moved to continue the public hearing to March 13, 2007, with direction to the County Administrator to work with the Applicant to provide a contractual property exchange document for Board consideration, dependent upon the Board's approval of Street Vacation Petition No. SV04-25 at the time of the continued public hearing. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Mercier.

10:20:07 Board Action: Requested information relative to the advertising requirements for the Petition and the property exchange proposal. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

10:21:18 Board Action: Withdrew the motion by Barbetta, without objection.

10:21:22 Board Action: Continued the public hearing to March 21, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, for simultaneous consideration of Street Vacation Petition No. SV04-25 with the Applicant's property exchange proposal and with the required advertisement. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

RECESS: 10:24 a.m. - 10:38 a.m.

9. PUBLIC WORKS

First public hearing to consider a proposed Contract, a Supplemental Agreement, Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2006-170, with Clark Station Retail Sarasota, LLLP, for the construction of necessary roadway improvements for the Clark Road/Honore Avenue Intersection Improvement Project. (Second public hearing scheduled for February 14, 2007.)

Staff Presenters: County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh and Public Works Transportation Planning Policy and Project Manager Tom Polk

Public Presenters: Frank Domingo of WilsonMiller, Inc., and Attorney Jeffrey Steinsynder of Kirk Pinkerton

9. PUBLIC WORKS - Continued

10:47:18 Board Action: Continued the public hearing to February 14, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried without objection.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

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10. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Coastal Setback Variance Petition No. 79-03-05-370, requested by Waterside Investment Group, Inc., Mark Miller, Registered Agent, represented by Attorney Robert Lincoln to construct a pile-supported, single-family residence, spa, driveway, and septic system. All proposed construction will be located a maximum of 37.25 feet seaward of the Gulf Beach Setback Line (GBSL) at the property located at 3807 Casey Key Road.

Staff Presenters: Environmental Services Environmental Specialist II Rachel Herman and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

Public Presenters: Attorney Robert Lincoln and Erin Barker

Item submitted: A copy of a document entitled "Landscape Plan View"

10:51:52 Board Action: Requested clarification of the County's position relative to coastal variance petitions and the Harris Act. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

11:17:40 Board Action: Requested that the proposal be reviewed for consistency with the Casey Key Conservation District Ordinance during the site and development review process. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

11:27:23 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Staub, carried without objection.

11:27:32 Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-026, approving Coastal Setback Variance Petition No. 79-03-05-370. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Staub, carried by a 3-2 vote; Thaxton and Barbetta voted "No."

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

(11:30:30)

DISCUSSION SECTION - Continued

11. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Board considered authorization to draft a proposed Resolution to adopt and ratify County Utilities System Water and Wastewater and Reuse Rates, Fees, and Charges, based on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 - FY 2011 Projections.

Staff Presenters: Environmental Services Water Operations Manager David Cash and Environmental Services General Manager George MacFarlane

Public Presenter: Rob Ori of Public Resources Management Group, Inc.

Item submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation

11. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - Continued

11:38:22 Board Action: Requested clarification of the terms "capacity" versus "treatment capacity." Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

11:43:12 Board Action: Requested review of future water capacity demands/needs applicable to the City of North Port. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:50:43 Board Action: Requested information regarding the plans to address the water pipe connection leakage between Siesta Key and Casey Key and to provide the Board with updates as the Project progresses. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:53:15 Board Action: Requested information regarding the flushing/waterline connection plans in the Thomas Ranch area and the West Villages Improvement District. Requested by Staub, without objection.

11:57:05 Board Action: Requested information regarding the water pressure east of the City of Sarasota. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

12:03:12 Board Action: Requested review of efficient power alternatives/methods and the use of landfill gas emissions. Requested by Staub, without objection.

12:10:30 Board Action: Requested information on the City of Venice's monthly residential bills for combined water and wastewater service. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

12:12:58 Board Action: Authorized the County Administrator to perform the necessary steps to bring back a proposed Rate Resolution to increase the County Utilities System Water and Wastewater and Reuse Rates, Fees, and Charges by two percent. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

12:14:46 Board Action: Authorized the County Administrator to establish a new reuse rate of \$0.25 per thousand gallons of usage for effluent reuse customers who provide their own effluent storage and pumping facilities. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

12:15:17 Board Action: Authorized the County Administrator to establish a water readiness to serve charge to any improved property owner that has water service available to their property, but have not connected to Sarasota County Utilities. Moved by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote. (Note: There was no second to the motion.)

12:15:45 Board Action: Authorized the County Administrator to take all necessary steps to pay off, on or before October 1, 2007, the remaining balance of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan associated with the Bee Ridge Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Phase 1 Construction Project. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(12:16:17)

RECESS: 12:19 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mollie Cardamone, Dr. Sonya DeLong, Richard Clapp, Mark Smith, Gregory Hall, Ian Black, Ellen Mallot, and Guy Peterson commented on the Paul Rudolph Courtyard buildings at Riverview High School.

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

(2:19:41)

DISCUSSION SECTION - Continued

13. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental Regulatory Workshop.

Staff Presenters: Environmental Services Executive Director Rob Patten, Planning and Development Services Executive Director Rob Lewis, Environmental Services Resource Protection Manager Amy Meese, Planning and Development Services Land Development General Manager Terry Boswell, Planning and Development Services Zoning Administrator MaryBeth Humphreys, Environmental Services Resource Protection Manager Matthew Osterhoudt, Environmental Services Resource Protection Environmental Supervisor Jim Dierolf, and Public Works Forestry Manager Demetra McBride

2:43:02 Board Action: Requested to proceed with Options 2 and 3 on page 4 of Staff's Report regarding prohibiting the use of mitigation areas as open space and to bring back for discussion. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:48:59 Board Action: Deleted Option 1 on page 6 of Staff's Report regarding open space requirements. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:54:48 Board Action: Approved proceeding with Option 2 on page 6 of Staff's Report regarding on-site relief of environmental open space requirements and to bring back for discussion. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:03:15 Board Action: Requested to consider Option 3 on page 6 of Staff's Report and to bring back a list of options regarding prohibiting the use of any land area set aside to facilitate a prior Development Order for a similar purpose in a subsequent Development Order. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

3:16:04 Board Action: Approved consideration of Option 4, Private Land Acquisition, on page 6 of Staff's Report and to bring back for discussion. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:23:27 Board Action: Approved consideration of Option 5, Donation to County Environmental Fund, on page 6 of Staff's Report. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 3-2 vote; Patterson and Barbetta voted "No."

3:36:20 Board Action: Approved consideration of Option 2, on the preparation of language expanding the protection requirements to all trees on residential lots, on page 9 of Staff's Report with consideration of the size and type of trees, and the impacts on tree canopies. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

RECESS: 3:39 p.m. - 3:52 p.m.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - Continued

4:48:10 Board Action: Requested a future Board discussion on gopher tortoise protection. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

4:48:40 Board Action: Requested to draft of an Ordinance regarding the development of gopher tortoise habitats. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

4:52:20 Board Action: Approved consideration of the regulation regarding no development within 750 feet of a Bald Eagle's nest. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:55:49 Board Action: Moved to preserve Bald Eagle nest habitats. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, failed by a 2-3 vote; Staub, Patterson, and Mercier voted "No."

4:56:40 Board Action: Passed the gavel to the Vice Chair, without objection.

4:58:12 Board Action: Requested a report regarding a time frame for the protection of vacant Bald Eagle's nest. Moved by Patterson, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:58:13 Board Action: Passed the gavel to the Chair, without objection.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - Continued

5:05:33 Board Action: Requested a report regarding Martin County policies pertaining to pre-clearing of agriculture and upland parcels and the amount of impacts allowed to native habitats. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

5:14:30 Board Action: Requested a report pertaining to regulating the timing between the developer's clearing of the land and the placement of the infrastructure. Requested by Staub, without objection.

(5:24:55)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - Continued

14. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Public hearing continued from January 4, 2007, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2007-013, approving and establishing the Joint Planning and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (JPISBA) with the City of North Port.

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Planning Director Anne McClung, County Administrator James Ley, and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

Item submitted: A copy of the proposed Resolution regarding the JPISBA

4:00:58 Board Action: Closed the public hearing, without objection.

4:01:07 Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-027, accepting the City of North Port's invitation to enter into the JPISBA. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:03:33 Board Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2007-013, approving, establishing, and authorizing the execution of the JPISBA (Contract No. 2007-223), with the City of North Port. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

15. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Public hearing continued from January 12, 2007, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2007-018, calling for a Special Election to consider a proposed Charter Amendment to the County Charter regarding land use designations outside the Urban Service Boundary Area.

Staff Presenters: County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh and Planning and Development Services Planning Director Anne McClung

Public Presenter: City of Venice Manager Martin Black

Items submitted: A copy of a document entitled "Future Land Use Map," and a copy of the redlined version of the proposed Ordinance

4:12:42 Board Action: Requested to delete the bolded words "URBAN SERVICE AREA" from the legend on the Future Land Use Map. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

4:23:18 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried without objection.

4:24:50/4:27:13 Board Action: Approved the redlined version changes to the proposed Ordinance. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

15. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Continued

4:26:29 Board Action: Amended the motion revising the language on page 5 of the redlined version of the proposed Ordinance as follows (additions shown as underlined text/deletions shown as ~~strikethrough~~ text). Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

ABSENT AGREEMENT, COUNTY APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR FUTURE
LAND USE DESIGNATIONS OUTSIDE OF URBAN SERVICE AREA,
ABSENT AGREEMENT

4:29:33 Board Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2007-018, calling for a Special Election to consider a proposed Charter Amendment to the County Charter regarding land use designations outside the Urban Service Boundary Area, as amended. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:30:49 Board Action: Approved the filing of the Future Land Use Map dated November 2006, as amended, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Board Records Department. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

16. OTHER BUSINESS**A. ADMINISTRATION**

12:17:26 Board Action: Approved the submittal of correspondence to Governor Charlie Crist, with copies submitted to the Florida Transportation Commission, supporting the candidacy of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 1 Secretary Stanley Cann as the next Secretary of the FDOT. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

12:17:59 Board Action: Requested a copy of the Florida Transportation Commission's candidates' list. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

(4:32:54)

B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator James Ley presented and discussed the following items: planning and coordination issues with the proposed Orange Hammock Improvement District (Isle of Athena) and the proposed 2008 Federal Priorities List.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, and Administrative Intergovernmental Relations Manager Dorothy Zech

Items submitted: A copy of an aerial photograph of the West Villages District, a copy of an Interoffice Memorandum regarding the Oak Ford Wastewater District, and a copy of an Interoffice Memorandum regarding the 2008 Federal Priorities List

5:35:13 Board Action: Requested to work with the West Villages District and the City of North Port regarding the issue of off-site impacts. Requested by Staub, without objection.

5:42:45 Board Action: Authorized advertisement of a public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, a Notice of Intent, to use the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments within the Oakford Wastewater District. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

6:02:03 Board Action: Authorized the introduction of "Your Voice" on the County's internet site and requested to notify the citizens through a mass mailing. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

6:08:35 Board Action: Scheduled a discussion item regarding property tax reform and the Tax Payers Bill of Rights on the February 6, 2007, Agenda. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

16. OTHER BUSINESS - Continued**C. COMMISSIONER THAXTON**

Commr. Thaxton commented on and discussions were held on the status of the U.S. 41 Nokomis Road Improvement Project.

(6:11:54)

D. COMMISSIONER STAUB

6:13:25 Board Action: Supported a North Port Representative as an Ex-Officio member on the Peace River Water Authority. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

6:15:33 Board Action: Requested correspondence be sent to the Venice Golf and Country Club thanking them for their hospitality on January 23, 2007. Requested by Staub, without objection.

6:18:11 Board Action: Approved direction to include setting perimeters to allow recreational vehicles, tents, and other structures in residential yards in Phase 2 of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

6:20:14 Board Action: Referred the proposed 45-miles per hour speed limit on River Road, from Interstate 75 (I-75) to U.S. 41, to the Traffic Advisory Council. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

6:24:09 Board Action: Referred the correspondence from the Florida Secretary of Corrections to the Criminal Justice Board regarding overcrowded jails. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

E. COMMISSIONER BARBETTA

Commr. Barbetta commented on and discussions were held on an e-mail from the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) regarding the Anniversary of the Tamiami Trails Scenic Highway Designation.

(6:25:46)

F. COMMISSIONER MERCIER

6:35:50 Board Action: Directed the County Attorney to provide a report regarding whether the County qualifies as a Charter County for a local Ordinance regarding red light running. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

G. CHAIR PATTERSON

Chair Patterson commented on and discussions were held on the following topics/issues: the pending Court decision regarding the County's touch screen voting machines and "Reality Check Tampa Bay."

6:35:50 Board Action: Requested an e-mail on the status regarding the Nokomis Beach Pavilion Improvement Project. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

H. ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the County Commission Outstanding Board Assignments Report dated January 17, 2007.

(6:36:55)

I. ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Continued) - Opened and closed without comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 6:37 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Chair