

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**ROBERT L. ANDERSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER
4000 SOUTH TAMiami TRAIL
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER
VENICE, 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
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Gary Oldehoff, Assistant County Attorney
Claudia Goodson, Deputy Clerk

SURTAX WORKSHOP

(9:07:28)

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING

Surtax Workshop to consider Infrastructure Project Priorities to address community needs and program areas.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Financial Planning Office of Special Initiatives Manager William Brown, Financial Planning Budget Management Analyst Steve Botelho, Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott, Emergency Services Fire Chief Brian Gorski, Emergency Services Public Safety Communications General Manager Robert Stuckey, Public Works Transportation Mobility General Manager Clarke Davis, Environmental Services Coastal Resources Manager Laird Wreford, Environmental Services Water Resources Planning and Regulatory Manager Jack Merriam, Environmental Services Planning and Regulatory Technical Manager Jody Kirkman, Environmental Services Operations General Manager George MacFarlane, Environmental Services Stormwater Technical Services Surface Water Manager Warren Davis, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, Community Services Libraries General Manager Sarabeth Kalajian, Community Services History Center General Manager David Baber, Community Services Parks and Recreation Parks Development Manager Jerry Moore, Community Services Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy, and Public Works Facilities Planning Policy and Project Manager Mary Berkebile

Public Presenter: Sheriff's Office Major Tim Carney

(Note: Thaxton arrived at 9:12 a.m.)

9:16:16 Board Action: Prioritized the following Public Safety Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Upgrade and update 800 MHz Emergency Communications System - Yes
- Item 2 Acquire additional ambulances - No
- Item 3 Public Facility Training Center - Maybe
- Item 4 Traffic Control Signal Priority System (Opticom) - Yes
- Item 5 Sheriff District 2 Office - Maybe
- Item 6 Sheriff's Modem Replacement - Yes
- Item 7 Sheriff's Trunked Radio Replacement - Yes
- Item 8 Hurricane Shelter Retrofit Program - Yes

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued

9:46:27 Board Action: Prioritized the following Transportation and Mobility Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Honore Avenue Highway Construction (between Central Sarasota Parkway and Laurel Road) - Yes
- Item 2 Four lane Bee Ridge Road east of Interstate 75 (I-75) - Yes
- Item 3 Widen Cattlemen Road/Palmer Packinghouse and Palmer Packinghouse to Fruitville Road - Maybe
- Item 4 Widen Fruitville Road (east of I-75) - Yes
- Item 5 Complete Roadway Construction on Honore Avenue (between Bee Ridge Road and University Parkway) - Yes, with consideration in three phases
- Item 6 Countywide Roadway Resurfacing - Yes
- Item 7 Countywide Sidewalk Program - Yes
- Item 8 Countywide Operations, Safety, and Signalization Program -Yes
- Item 9 Countywide Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program -Yes
- Item 10 Countywide Roadway Lighting - Maybe
- Item 11 Countywide Traffic Calming - Maybe
- Item 12 Countywide Street Tree Program - Yes, with an increase to \$9 million
- Item 13 Improve U.S. 41 Bypass in Sarasota/Osprey area - No
- Item 14 Construct Iona Road to Fruitville Road - No
- Item 15 Widen Roadway on South River Road - Dearborn Street to U.S. 41 - No
- Item 16 Widen Clark Road (I-75 to Bee Ridge Road Extension) - No
- Item 17 Extension of Bay Street to Honore Avenue - No
- Item 18 Beneva Road Expansion (17th Street to Sarasota Square Mall) - No
- Item 19 Widen McIntosh Road (U.S. 41 to Sawyer Loop Road) - No
- Item 20 Golf Cart Friendly Community (State Road 776/Dearborn Street) - No
- Item 21 Widen Webber Street (between Shade Avenue and Phillippi Creek) - No
- Item 22 Complete Roadway Construction to connect Webber Street to Cattlemen Road - No
- Item 23 Venice Area Beautification - No
- Item 24 Four lane Honore Avenue (Bee Ridge Road to Fruitville Road) - Yes
- Item 25 Four lane McIntosh Road (Sawyer Loop Road to Proctor Road) - Yes
- Item 26 Four lane Honore Avenue (Clark Road to Proctor Road) - Yes
- Item 27 Four lane Honore Avenue (Fruitville Road to 17th Street) - Yes
- Item 28 Jacaranda Boulevard Intersection Signalization - No
- Item 29 Lockwood Ridge Road Reconstruction (Fruitville Road to 17th Street) - Yes
- Item 30 Transit Greenways (Two sections between Clark Road and Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport) - Yes
- Item 31 Four lane Honore Avenue (17th Street to University Parkway) - Yes
- Item 32 Rails to Trails Construction (Venice Train Depot to Sawyer Loop Road) - Maybe
- Item 33 Four lane North Cattlemen Road (Richardson Road to University Parkway) - No
- Item 34 McIntosh Road Reconstruction (Bahia Vista Street to Fruitville Road) - Yes
- Item 35 Myrtle Road Reconstruction (U.S. 41 to U.S. 301) - Yes

11:04:08 Board Action: Prioritized the following Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted by Patterson, without objection.

- Item 1 Countywide Transit Vehicle Purchases - Yes
- Item 2 South County SCAT Maintenance Facility - Maybe

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued

11:09:33 Board Action: Prioritized the following Environment Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisition (Lemon Bay Park trails along the water) - No
- Item 2 Spoil Island Restoration - Yes, with a decrease to \$5 million
- Item 3 Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Lands/Wetlands Restoration - No
- Item 4 Environmental Learning Center in Englewood - Yes, with \$500,000.00 designated as the estimated surtax cost
- Item 5 Red Bug Slough Preserve Restoration - Yes

RECESS: 11:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Item 6 Dona Bay Watershed Management Plan - Yes
- Item 7 Big Pass/New Pass Inlet Management - No
- Item 8 Manasota Key Beach and South Siesta Key Beach Nourishment and Renourishment - No
- Item 9 Midnight Pass Reopening - No

11:35:14 Board Action: Prioritized the following Water and Sewer Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus, with the exception of Items 8 and 9, by Patterson.

- Item 1 Countywide Central Wastewater Collection System Extension - Yes, with a decrease to \$53 million in estimated surtax cost
- Item 2 Nokomis Drainage Improvements - Maybe
- Item 3 Dearborn Street Stormwater Drainage - No
- Item 4 Plymouth Harbor/Ringling Boulevard Drainage Improvements - No
- Item 5 Drainage Ditch Improvements (Cowles/Selma Avenues in Englewood) - No
- Item 6 Countywide Water Service Program to Support Septic Systems - Yes, with a decrease to \$55 million in estimated surtax cost
- Item 7 Countywide Sediment Abatement - Yes
- Item 8 Alligator Creek Stormwater Reuse - No consensus
- Item 9 Phillippi Creek Stormwater Reuse - No consensus

RECESS: 12:02 p.m. - 12:36 p.m.

12:38:01 Board Action: Prioritized the following Library Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Gulf Gate Library Replacement - Yes
- Item 2 Selby Library Remodel - Yes
- Item 3 Book acquisitions for all Libraries - No
- Item 4 Countywide Library Technology - Yes, including book acquisition funding
- Item 5 North Port II Library - Maybe, with consideration of a library size reduction or integration with current library facilities
- Item 6 Robotic Book Depository and Document Storage, Processing, and Retrieval Center - No
- Item 7 Englewood Center- Yes, with \$2 million designated to remodel/reconfigure/expand the Elsie Quirk Library
- Item 8 Fruitville Library Expansion/Relocation - No
- Item 9 Venice Center - No
- Item 10 Miakka Library - No
- Item 11 Thomas Ranch Library - No
- Item 12 Laurel East Library - No

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued

1:18:44 Board Action: Prioritized the Historical Resources Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program for Item 1, Sarasota County Historical Museum as a Yes, with a decrease to \$2 million in estimated surtax costs and retaining the estimated total cost of \$4.5 million. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

1:24:10 Board Action: Prioritized the Parks Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program for Item 1, Siesta Key Beach Enhancements (Siesta Key and Turtle Beaches) as a Yes, with a lesser amount. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

2:40:38 Board Action: Continued the prioritization of the following Parks Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 2 Community Parks/Sports Complexes - Yes
- Item 3 Regional Playgrounds (Taylor Ranch property) - No
- Item 4 Celery Fields Park/Recreation Area - Yes
- Item 5 Amphitheater/Outdoor Community Events Center - No
- Item 6 Upgrade Sandra Sims Terry Community Center - No
- Item 7 Nokomis Community Center/Skate Park - Yes, with a decrease to \$150,000.00
- Item 8 Arlington Park Playground Equipment - No
- Item 9 Glebe Park Restoration - No
- Item 10 Water access for Sailing Association (Englewood) - No
- Item 11 Twin Lakes Community Center Gym - No
- Item 12 Additional public beach access (Blackburn Point) - No
- Item 13 Upgrade/build-out Rothenbach Park - No
- Item 14 Nokomis Beach House Remodeling - No
- Item 15 Enhance County Park at Bee Ridge Road/Honore Avenue - No
- Item 16 New tennis courts on Wentworth Street - No
- Item 17 Countywide Beach Enhancements - Yes
- Item 18 School Partnerships for Park Facilities - Yes, with a decrease to \$2.5 million and limiting athletic facility development to new or existing schools within the unincorporated area
- Item 19 Neighborhood Parks - Yes, with a decrease to \$2 Million
- Item 20 Linear Parks with Mobility for Countywide Network of Trails - No
- Item 21 Natural Area Parks/Environmental Centers/Facilities - Yes
- Item 22 Englewood Bay front/Trail access - No
- Item 23 Countywide Boat Ramps - Maybe, with a decrease to \$10 million
- Item 24 Enhancements for Selected County Parks - Yes, with a decrease to \$5 million
- Item 25 Beach and Shoreline Preservation and Access - Yes, with a lesser amount
- Item 26 Campgrounds - No

3:09:15 Board Action: Prioritized the following Neighborhood Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Tall landscaped berm and/or wall between Old Trail and U.S. 41 retention ponds - No
- Item 2 Playground for Forked Creek and Overbrook Roads Area - No
- Item 3 Subdivision wall/sound barrier for Route 776 at Overbrook Road - No
- Item 4 Countywide Neighborhood Improvements - Yes, with a decrease to \$15 million

3:10:42 Board Action: Prioritized the following Housing Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Community Housing Trust funding for affordable housing development land purchases - No
- Item 2 Construct Drug Rehabilitation Transitional Housing Facility - Yes, with a decrease to \$5 million

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued

3:12:20 Board Action: Prioritized the following General Government Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Cattlemen Complex Expansion - Maybe
- Item 2 Central County Warehouse and Little BOB Expansion - Maybe
- Item 3 Administration Center Garage - Maybe
- Item 4 South County Animal Services - Maybe
- Item 5 Robert L. Anderson Remodel - Yes
- Item 6 Health Department South - Maybe

3:20:01 Board Action: Prioritized the Economic Development Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program for Item 1, Economic Development (Celery Fields/Fruitville Road and Fruitville Road Corridor, east of I-75) as a Yes. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

3:20:27 Board Action: Prioritized the following Tourism and Arts Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Hybrid Water Taxi - No
- Item 2 Englewood Performing Arts Center (Lemon Bay Playhouse) - Yes, with a \$200,000.00 Challenge Grant
- Item 3 New County Golf Course - No

(1:38:09)

2. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A.** Public hearing continued from April 25, 2007, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2006-050, Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 6, a County-initiated petition to clarify Section 6.6.1. of the County Zoning Regulations regarding density as it applies to duplex development on non-conforming Residential, Multi-Family (RMF) lots of record. Applicable RMF-zoned non-conforming lots of record are proposed to be exempt from the maximum gross densities of the zoning district and to clarify the development and redevelopment standards for duplex structures on non-conforming RMF zoned parcels on the Barrier Islands and the Mainland areas. Proposed changes include the creation of Section 8.4.5., Requirements for Non-conforming Lots on Barrier Islands, which addresses the development and redevelopment standards along with other revisions to provide appropriate cross-referencing to the new section. (First public hearing was held on April 10, 2007, and the second public hearing was held on April 25, 2007.)
- B.** (Not a public hearing.) Land Development Regulation Commission to find proposed Ordinance No. 2006-050 to be consistent with the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan. (Must be done prior to final adoption of the Ordinance.)

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Interim Zoning Administrator Tina Crawford and Assistant County Attorney Gary Oldehoff

Public Presenters: Steve Wieder, Bill Burns, Attorney Robert Lincoln, Alex Guterez, Sandra McCourtney, and Paige Hartmann

Item submitted: A copy of Staff's report

2:27:24 Board Action: Deleted the words "or involuntary" in Section 8.4.5.d.1., line 17 of the proposed Ordinance. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:29:02 Board Action: Requested that language in the proposed Ordinance reflect the application of the RSF (Residential, Single Family) standards (35 percent lot coverage and 35 feet height measured from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) elevation) regarding the voluntary destruction and rebuilding of a single family dwelling on a nonconforming multi-family lot. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

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2. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Continued

2:30:43 Board Action: Approved language for the proposed Ordinance regarding the voluntary destruction and rebuilding of a duplex on a nonconforming multi-family lot to permit 25 percent lot coverage and 30 feet height over FEMA elevation. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 3-2 vote; Staub and Mercier voted "No."

2:31:27 Board Action: Requested the addition of the following language to Section 8.4.5.d.1.: The provisions in this section may not be utilized to convert certified short-term room rentals into dwelling units. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:34:36 Board Action: Approved language for the proposed Ordinance regarding the voluntary destruction and rebuilding of a single family dwelling unit on a nonconforming multi-family lot to permit 50 percent maximum impervious lot coverage on the Barrier Islands. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:35:26 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to bring back the proposed Ordinance, as amended this date, on a future Consent Agenda. Directed by Patterson, without objection.

2:35:47 Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried without objection.

Chair Patterson recessed the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and convened as the Land Development Regulation Commission (LDRC).

2:36:47 Board Action: Moved to find proposed Ordinance No. 2006-050 consistent with the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan as recommended by Staff. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Chair Patterson adjourned the LDRC and reconvened as the BCC.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

(3:21:06)

3. OTHER BUSINESS - No Items were presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:22 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Chair