

February 13, 2009

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

9:45 a.m.

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

Jon Thaxton, Chair, District 5  
Joseph A. Barbetta, Vice Chair, District 2  
Carolyn J. Mason, District 1  
Shannon Staub, District 3  
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  
Claudia Goodson, Deputy Clerk  
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk

**WORKSHOP**

**DISCUSSION SECTION:**

(9:53 a.m.)

**1. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

The Board considered Planning Services Annual Update.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, Planning and Development Services Planning Manager Matthew Lewis, Planning and Development Services Acting Planning Director Tom Polk, and Planning and Development Services Executive Director Rob Lewis

Public Presenters: Consultants Stefanos Polyzoides, David Sargent, and Richard Hall

Item submitted: A copy of Staff's PowerPoint presentation

10:20 a.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator form a working group, to include area Developers and the Gulf Coast Business Exchange Members, to share their experiences relative to the County's land use petition process and economic issues. Requested by Staub and Barbetta, without objection.

11:49 a.m. Board Action: Requested that the area south of Center Road be added to the Form Based Planning Priorities List. Requested by Staub, without objection.

11:55 a.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review traffic issues associated with the U.S. 41/Stickney Point Road intersection (adjacent to the Benderson property) in conjunction with the Gateway to Siesta Key Plan. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

**RECESS:** 12:17 p.m. - 1:33 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(1:33 p.m.)

**2. FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2009-023, amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Budget to appropriate the funding for investment loss.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock and Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward

1:44 p.m. Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Closed by Thaxton, without objection.

1:45 p.m. Board Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2009-019, approving Budget Amendment No. B2009-023. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.**

**DISCUSSION SECTION:** - (Continued)

(1:45 p.m.)

**3. FINANCIAL PLANNING**

The Board considered the impact of revised revenue projections on the Adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Budget and on the development of the FY 2010 Budget.

Staff Presenters: Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward, Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Community Services Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy, County Administrator James Ley, Community Services Executive Director Larry Arnold, Community Services Libraries General Manager Sarabeth Kalajian, Emergency Services Beach/Lifeguards Aquatic Safety Manager Eugene Ayers, and Financial Planning and Implementation Manager Steven Botelho

Item submitted: A copy of the County Administrator's presentation

1:58 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator and the Constitutional Officers review the possibility of reducing/deleting promotional items and newspaper/magazine subscriptions. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:01 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review whether or not the County is funding a municipality's Regional Planning Council (RPC) membership. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:04 p.m. Board Action: Requested a copy of Staff's PowerPoint presentation. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:13 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review the possibility of consolidating the County's building space. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

2:22 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator meet with the Sarasota City Commission regarding possible service cuts at the Lido Beach Pool. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

2:29 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review options to increase revenues at the Knights Trail Gun Range. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:31 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator contact the users of the Knights Trail Gun Range regarding budget cuts and request suggestions/ideas to prevent service cuts. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

2:36 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review options for locating summer camps along a SCAT (Sarasota County Area Transit) route. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:44 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review the option of contacting Authors to donate their books to County Libraries. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:46 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator contact local foundations regarding possible grants to help fund the County libraries. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:57 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator schedule a future Board discussion regarding the allocation of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) revenues. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

3:03 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review options to reduce advertising costs. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

(3:35 p.m.)

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **A. COMMISSIONER PATTERSON**

Commr. Patterson presented and discussions were held on the amortization schedule for sign removal.

Staff Presenter: Planning and Development Services Zoning Administrator Tina Crawford, County Administrator James Ley, and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

3:38 p.m. Board Action: Moved to waive the authorization to advertise a public hearing to consider a proposed Ordinance to amend the Sign Ordinance to extend the 2010 amortization (removal) schedule to 2013 and waive the requirements in the new Sign Ordinance to 2013 for individuals with leases. Moved by Staub, ruled out of order by Thaxton.

3:39 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to schedule a public hearing to consider a proposed Ordinance, amending Zoning Ordinance No. 2003-052, relative to signs and waived authorization to advertise/the 5:01 p.m. public hearing/the Economic Impact Statement (EIS) requirements. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:40 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to extend the amortization deadline in the Sign Ordinance to 2013. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:40 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to bring back a provision allowing individuals a three-year extension from the date changes are made to the sign. Moved by Patterson, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:42 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to schedule a public hearing to consider a proposed Ordinance, amending Zoning Ordinance No. 2003-052, relative to the Siesta Key Overlay District (SKOD) Sign Ordinance to extend the amortization compliance deadline to 2013, and waived the requirement for an EIS. Moved by Patterson, seconded by Mason, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:44 p.m. Board Action: Waived the requirement for Planning Commission public hearings to consider proposed amendments to the Sign and the SKOD Sign Ordinances discussed this date. Moved by Patterson, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(3:46:44)

**5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Rod Krebs commented on the Budget discussion, deficient land in North County for redevelopment, the decline in residential permits, and the Planning and Development Services Presentation on redevelopment.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 3:56 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair