

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING WITH BRADENTON CITY COUNCIL AND
MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
July 31, 2023**

Meeting video link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUlgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA>

Present were:

Kevin Van Ostenbridge, Chairman
Mike Rahn, First Vice-Chairman
Amanda Ballard, Second Vice-Chairman
Jason Bearden, Third Vice-Chairman
George Kruse
James A. Satcher, III

Absent was:

Vanessa Baugh

Also present were:

Courtney DePol, Deputy County Administrator
William Clague, County Attorney
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of the Circuit Court



Chairman Van Ostenbridge called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

INVOCATION



The Invocation was led by Pastor Andrew Mikhov, New Generation Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Tatem, School Board Member.

AGENDA

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1. HOMELESSNESS/SCHOOL DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES



Chairman Van Ostenbridge noted Manatee County was awarded Opioid funds, and the old Sheriff's facility on 57th Ave E will be rehabilitated for a homeless shelter for families. The Salvation Army is willing to help run the facility.



Mayor Gene Brown, City of Bradenton, addressed homeless facilities in City of Bradenton.

Chad Choate, School Board Chairman, addressed issues regarding ensuring transportation is available for school children at homeless facilities.

Cindy Spray, School Board Member, suggested offering VPK in shelter facilities.


Commissioner Ballard addressed services that can take place at the shelter facility.


Marianne Barnebey, City of Bradenton Councilperson, asked about transit facilities and child care being available at facilities.

Lisa Gonzales, City of Bradenton Councilperson, urged having lead agency for all facilities.

Commissioner Rahn clarified this facility is a starting point, and questioned if the School Board has any facilities that could be used for the same purpose.


School Board Chairman Choate replied the School Board has not had these discussions.


 Pam Coachman, City of Bradenton Councilperson, urged continuity for students to remain in their home school.

 Comments were made by School Board Chairman Choate, City of Bradenton Vice-Mayor Kocher, Commissioner Ballard, Bradenton Mayor Brown, Bradenton Councilperson Coachman, School Board Member Spray, School Board Member Foreman, and Bradenton Councilperson Gonzalez.


Discussion items included mental illness, concentrate on our community, not burden tax payers, Drug Court, Homeless Court possibility, accommodate different family units, legislative priority for homeless prevention programs, DeSoto Mall is a private facility, and this is a temporary situation with possibility of help for a few months. BC20230731DOC002

2. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**


 Commissioner Kruse stated there is a housing issue. The School Board is the largest employer in the County and their employees cannot afford to live here. Everyone needs to look at excess land and how it can be used, and consider adjusting impact fees to help.

 School Board Chairman Choate responded there could be available land, but once it is sold, it can no longer be used for future schools. The School Board is looking at giving a discount on impact fees for affordable housing projects.


Comments were made by Bradenton Mayor Brown, Courtney DePol, Deputy County Administrator, School Board Member Spray, Bradenton Vice-Mayor Kocher, Commissioner Bearden, and School Board Member Tatem.


 Discussion ensued regarding facilitating work force housing, increase density, cost prohibitive to purchase real estate, higher rents, median income is \$98,000, market rates, free market, Land Use Restriction Agreements, need mixed housing types in appropriate places, and tiny home districts.


William O'Shea, Interim Comprehensive Planning Manager, provided information on tiny homes. A tiny home on wheels is considered an RV, and there is a meeting August 24 where a report will be presented, and staff will seek direction on tiny homes. There could be a Land Development Text Amendment. A tiny home is identified at being 450 square feet or less, and the Board can make a determination.

 Discussion continued regarding building affordable housing on industrial or commercial land, liability regarding housing for government workers, and the Monroe County model. BC20230731DOC003

3. **COORDINATION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

 Courtney DePol, Deputy County Administrator, introduced Kelly Klepper, Comprehensive Plan Consultant with Kimley-Horn, to speak about the Comprehensive Plan rewrite.

 Ms. Klepper presented the schedule for the Comprehensive Plan re-write, relationships between governments, and overlapping policies.

 Rob Perry, City of Bradenton Administrator, addressed the City's plan and vision for future development.


Comments were made by Bradenton Vice-Mayor Kocher, School Board Member Tatem, School Board Member Spray, Bradenton Mayor Brown, and Chairman Van Ostenbridge,

Discussion ensued regarding coordinating infrastructure, traffic management plans on school sites, and coordinating construction with schools to avoid disruption during school hours.

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RECESS/RECONVENE: 2:56 p.m. – 3:09 p.m. All Commissioners present except Commissioner Baugh.

4. **NOTICING ON COUNTY WEBSITE**

 Chairman Van Ostenbridge introduced the ability for Counties and municipalities having legal advertisements on the County website.

Courtney DePol, Deputy County Administrator, introduced Nicole Knapp, Interim Director Development Services.


Ms. Knapp used a slide presentation to review having legal notices on the County website, fees, reduction of staff time, FS 503.0311, legal requirements, direct link to the County website from entity website, and yearly ad in the newspaper. An agreement would be required to address legal ramifications.

Comments were made by Bradenton Mayor Brown, Bradenton City Administrator Perry, and School Board Chairman Choate.

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5. **PERMANENT GENERATOR AT SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER**

Chad Butzow, Public Works Director, addressed the need for a permanent generator at the special needs shelter, Nolan Middle School. Currently the County leases a generator that needs to be delivered and set up. The Board will approve the application to use grant funds to install a permanent generator at the school. Construction would need to be done to the school to put in an automatic transfer switch.


 School Board Chairman Choate stated the shelter is run by the Health Department.

Comments were made by Mr. Butzow, School Board Member Messenger, Jodie Fiske, Public Safety Director, Chairman Van Ostenbridge, School Board Superintendent Jason Wysong, and School Board Member Spray.

Discussion ensued regarding the generator can run the entire school, shelter is needed for people who depend on oxygen, how the model works in other counties, coordinate location, Principals at schools must be at shelter, and full-scale exercise prior to hurricane season.

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6. **COUNTY-OWNED OLD CITY ALL PROPERTY**

 Chairman Van Ostenbridge explained the property located at 500 15th Street West has now been released from being a dewatering site for Ware's Creek dredging.

Carmine DeMilio, Interim Director, Property Management, reviewed the specs of the property and displayed a map. They are looking to surplus the property and it will be locked down due to safety concerns.

Comments were made by Bradenton Councilperson Gonzales, Bradenton Mayor Brown, Chairman Van Ostenbridge, Bradenton Councilperson Barnebey, Bradenton Vice-Mayor Kocher, School Board Chairman Choate, Commissioner Kruse, Commissioner Satcher, Bradenton Councilman Kramer, and School Board Member Tatem.

Discussion ensued regarding the appraisal, current zoning, alternative uses, build-up 20 stories, public land access to connect the waterfront, traffic solutions, parking for the County while garage is being worked on, toll roads, need approval from the City for any project, need a grocery store downtown, and property is isolated.

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JUDICIAL CENTER

Vice-Mayor Jayne Kocher, City of Bradenton, questioned the scaffolding around the Judicial Center.



William Clague, County Attorney, noted the contractor ran into more repairs than was anticipated, and there is a settlement agreement. The scaffolding is to keep citizens from getting hurt.

Mr. DeMilio clarified the pre-cast panels on the outside needed repairs. The work should be done by September 1, 2023, and then the scaffolding will be removed one month after.



Comments were made by Chairman Van Ostenbridge.



Discussion ensued regarding a release is needed from the Engineer to remove the scaffolding.



Commissioner Satcher encouraged communication between entities.

CITIZEN COMMENTS



Glen Gibellina addressed homelessness, rent prices, affordable housing, vouchers, form-based code, and School Board impact fees.

There being no further citizen comments, Chairman Van Ostenbridge closed Citizen Comments.

Bradenton Mayor Brown announced Manatee Avenue is closed near downtown due to a traffic accident.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Van Ostenbridge adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Minutes Approved: August 22, 2023