

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
LAKEWOOD RANCH HIGHT SCHODOL AUDITORIUM  
5500 LAKEWOOD RANCH BOULEVARD  
Lakewood Ranch, Florida  
MAY 18, 2024**

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

Present were:

Mike Rahn, Chairman  
Amanda Ballard, First Vice-Chairman  
Ray Turner, Second Vice-Chairman  
Jason Bearden  
George Kruse  
Kevin Van Ostenbridge

District 1 seat is vacant.

Also present were:

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator  
Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney  
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Chairman Rahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Bearden, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Turner.

**AGENDA**

BC20230509DOC001

Evan Pilachowski, Deputy County Administrator introduced the meeting and presenters.

Agenda Update Memorandum (dated 5/17/2024)


- Public Comment submitted

BC20240518DOC002


1. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Nicole Knapp, Development Services Director, used a slide presentation to review the role of Development Services, the planning process, and the Comprehensive Plan. BC20240518DOC003


2. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

 James Crutchfield, Public Safety Deputy Director, continued the slides to address Emergency Medical Services operations and base locations, and a new drone initiative located in Lakewood Ranch, that will deliver life-saving equipment such as tourniquets, AEDs, and Narcan.

3. **UTILITIES**

 Patrick Shea, Utilities Director, continued the slides to review the responsibilities of the Utilities Department, growth, water resources, wastewater treatment, lean road landfill, renewable natural gas, and solid waste.


4. **PUBLIC WORKS**

 Chad Butzow, Public Works Director, and Clarke Davis, Deputy Director Public Works, utilized the slides to address road and stormwater projects in Southeast County including the big six projects, resurfacing, and intersection improvements.

5. **CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU**

 Elliot Falcione, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, continued the slides to address tourism impacts to Manatee County, Premier Sports Campus, and the Gulf Islands ferry.

6. **NATURAL RESOURCES**

 Charlie Hunsicker, Natural Resources Director, continued the slides to discuss the water quality plan, statistics, fertilizer application ordinance, Keep Manatee Beautiful, wastewater treatment improvements, stormwater improvements, preserves, environmental land acquisition, and restoration projects.

7. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**


 Cary Knight, Property Management Director, concluded the slides to review the Premier Sports Campus North and South proposed projects and improvements, Lakewood Ranch Park improvements, Country Club East Park, and Greenbrook Park.

8. **NEWSFLASH**

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, pointed out cards with QR codes that link to the new County newsletter and available jobs, and thanked staff for coming out. BC20240518DOC004

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Agenda Items Only)


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 Pat Simmons expressed concern regarding handicap parking wheelchair access lanes and handicap accessible sidewalks.

 Jan Runci expressed concern regarding University Parkway, traffic problems, and noise.


Robert Lukach expressed concern regarding future development and impacts on residents.


 Carol Lucas requested pickleball courts in Lakewood Ranch.

 Kathy Woolley questioned plans for Tara Boulevard improvements and the Creekwood roundabout.

 Harold Kobakof thanked the Board for the work session, and expressed concern regarding density on Lorraine Road.

 Robert Baskin requested pickleball courts in Lakewood Ranch and improved lighting.

 John Moleman questioned the impacts of growth on agricultural communities and hurricane relief from the County.

 Tom Allred expressed concern regarding traffic and impacts from the 44th Avenue Extension.

Ms. Mackey discussed cybersecurity attacks and water contamination at Piney Point.

 Dustin Dahlquist, Lakewood Ranch High School Principal thanked the Commission for having the work session, and encouraged discussions on improvements to sports facilities.

 Discussion ensued regarding the 311 system for citizens to address the Board regarding their concerns, ADA playground at Tom Bennett Park, traffic improvements, and unfortunate

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delays in beginning projects, Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement, the drone program is in addition to the ambulance arriving at an emergency, and sound abatement on University Parkway.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Rahn adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Minutes Approved: June 6, 2024