

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORK SESSION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
June 8, 2024**

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

Present were:

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

Absent was/were:

Amanda Ballard, First Vice-Chairman


District 1 seat is vacant.

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 work session to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

 The Invocation was led by Pastor Ricky Stephens, St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Butterfield, Chief of Staff.


AGENDA

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 Evan Pilachowski, Deputy County Administrator, introduced the work session and presenters.

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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.


2. PUBLIC SAFETY

James Crutchfield, Deputy Director, Public Safety, used the slide presentation to review different divisions including Beach Patrol and Safety, Code Enforcement, Emergency Communication, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the new EMS station on Moccasin Wallow Road, North County EMS base additions and locations, save rates, Public Safety innovation, 911 Drone program with Tampa General to deliver pre-hospital supplies to patients, Community Emergency Response Teams, and hurricane preparedness.


3. UTILITIES

Patrick Shea, Utilities Director, continued the slides to review the responsibilities of the Utilities Department, growth, water resources, wastewater treatment, Village of Parrish sanitary sewer system, gained capacity at the Lena 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 North County including 44th Avenue East Extension, 60 Avenue East in Ellenton, Buckeye Road from U.S. 41 to I-75, Carter Road and Sawgrass Road, Erie Road, and Fort Hamer Road, Moccasin Wallow Road, Rye Road, Spencer Parrish Road, Upper Manatee River Road, U.S. 301 at Harrison Ranch, and traffic controller cabinet wraps.


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

 Elliot Falcione, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, continued the slides to address tourism impacts to Manatee County including the Florida Railroad Museum, the Convention Center updates, Pittsburg Pirates, Bishop Museum, beach renourishment, 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, Rails and Trails, gopher tortoise sanctuary, environmental land acquisition, and restoration projects including oysters to filter the water.

7. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

 Cary Knight, Property Management Director, continued the slides to address ADA accessibility, property acquisition, construction services (boathouses), building operations and maintenance, and energy and sustainability.

8. **SPORTS AND LEISURE SERVICES**

Molly White, Sports and Leisure Services Director, continued the slides to review progress on the Parrish Community Park, Buffalo Creek Park, and Hidden Harbor Park.

9. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Evan Pilachowski, Deputy County Administrator, continued the slides to discuss the Parrish Area Improvement Trust Fund.

10. **MANATEE 311 APP**


Lacy Prichard, Public Information, used the slide to discuss the Manatee 311 application, which connects citizens to services where they can get information and report issues


11. **NEWSFLASH**

Lacy Pritchard, Public Information, displayed the QR codes that link to the new County newsletter and available jobs.

 Chairman Rahn introduced specific audience members related to Parrish.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)


 Ken Knight thanked Commissioner Kruse for assistance with the Tunnel to Towers project, and noted his questions were answered during the presentation.


 Carol Ann Felts addressed the need for a similar forum for District 1, citizens academy, the need for more information and meeting notices, and expressed concern regarding traffic issues.


 David Dean expressed concern with traffic congestion.


 Saro Lindroos-Valimaki expressed concern with cyber security.


 Valerie Massey requested more dog parks in Parrish.


 Norma Kennedy thanked the Board for this work session.


 Pastor Ricky Stephens expressed concern regarding the future of Ola Mae Sims Park and mosquito control at parks.

 Alan Jones thanked the Board for the transportation projects and the need for infrastructure improvements for the Parrish Commercial Village.


 Stacey Jessee thanked the Board for transportation improvements, and expressed concern regarding dust issues from construction projects, and water quality.

 Margaret Allen thanked the Board for the work session, and questioned the lack of a dog park at the Parrish Community Park.

 Fire Chief Stacey Sherman Bailey noted the need for an emergency management representative.

 Daisy Cooper requested a turn lane on Erie Road to turn into St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church.

Chairman Rahn noted At-Large Commissioners Bearden and Kruse are available to the residents of District 1.

 Discussion ensued regarding water quality, a dog park is needed in Parrish, there will be an ordinance regarding clear cutting and dust from construction projects, cyber security is being addressed, work session on the budget next week, grateful for citizens taking an interest and coming out today, and Commissioner Kruse has a town hall meeting next month at the Rocky Bluff Library.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Rahn adjourned the work session at 11:13 a.m.

Minutes Approved: _____