

RESOLUTION 2010-30

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, INCLUDING AMENDMENT TO THE PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL'S SPECIAL ACT.

WHEREAS, a Joint Land Use and Transportation Committee ("Joint Committee"), consisting of three (3) representatives from the Pinellas Planning Council ("PPC"), three (3) representatives from the Board of County Commissioners ("BCC"), and three (3) representatives from the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") was convened in April of 2010 to study the potential for integrating of transportation and future land use planning at the countywide level; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee deliberated for several months, reaching its conclusions in a consensus driven manner; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee has recommended that the MPO and PPC functions be more closely aligned on transportation and land use issues to create a more streamlined and integrated process, which should identify and eliminate any redundancies, disconnects, or inefficiencies in the current system; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee recommended that this integrated process include a new Countywide Future Land Use Plan, which establishes a broad, forward-looking land use planning framework, incorporates and guides multimodal transportation planning, and allows sufficient flexibility to accommodate the redevelopment needs of Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee determined that the most effective way to achieve these goals would be to unify the membership of the boards of the MPO and the PPC into a single consolidated board that would be empowered to carry out the functions of both the MPO and PPC; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the new consolidated board will require reapportionment of the MPO membership, which must be done in conformance with Section 339.175, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the new consolidated board will require amendment of the PPC's Special Act.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach:

The City hereby declares its support for the recommendations of the Joint Committee, including:

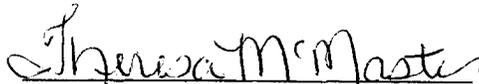
1. The boards of the MPO and the PPC should be consolidated and empowered to carry out the functions of both the MPO and the PPC;
2. The new consolidated board should consist of elected officials and ensure representation for all municipalities;
3. The countywide plan should be reconstituted into a forward-looking plan that is policy driven and broad based;
4. The new consolidated board will be supported by a consolidated, independent staff;
5. The Special Act that created the PPC should be amended to provide the necessary framework to accomplish these recommendations; and
6. The Reapportionment Plan be prepared and approved consistent with these amendments to the Special Act and these recommendations.

The City encourages the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation to support the legislation necessary to accomplish the recommendations of the Joint Committee, as set forth herein.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Commission of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida on this 9th day of November 2010.


Michael Finnerty, Mayor

ATTEST:


Theresa McMaster, City Clerk