

Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting September 9, 2016

The September 9, 2016, Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Lowry at 8:30 a.m. CAC members in attendance were: Chair Lee Lowry, Spencer Kass, Joseph Pullara, Joe Caetano, Linda Porter, Cristan Fadal, Joe Wicker, Ron Govin, Barbara Aderhold, and Wendell Duggins. CAC members absent were: Vice Chair Kay Doughty, Adam Bantner, and Roia Barrios. A quorum was present. County staff in attendance: Beth Cardenas.

The Pledge of Allegiance and an explanation of the role and responsibilities of the CAC were given.

Public Comment #1: Jim Davidson discussed the website, and his past involvement in the CAC and transportation committee of 99. He also discussed the CAC receiving outside presentations on the budget.

Meeting Recap: The August 26, 2016 meeting recap was reviewed and approved.

Discussion of Other Business: Hillsborough County Staff Beth Cardenas provided information on the County website and calendar. Mr. Kass asked about a CAC email submission portal.

Discussion with Bonnie Wise: Chief Financial Administrator Bonnie Wise discussed Commissioner Higginbotham's Plan that passed at the September 8, 2016 Regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting. She further discussed the value the Board and the Community have placed upon the County's AAA Bond Rating. She discussed the financial commitment within the policies. Ms. Wise and Mr. Fesler clarified the areas of one time and reoccurring funding available to fulfill the financial commitment to transportation.

Ms. Wise provided her background. She discussed the variety of bonds and public financing in which she has experience. She discussed the expertise in her staff. She discussed outstanding debt of Hillsborough County. She compared bonds to home mortgages. She discussed the fourth and fifth cent tourist development taxes. Mr. Kass raised the issue of other counties being allowed to use tourist development taxes on other issues. Mr. Kass suggested a portion of the tourist development tax be used for transportation. She discussed re-funding of several bonds in order to obtain debt service savings. Mr. Fadal asked for clarification on Raymond James funds. Mr. Kass inquired about the City's golf course funding. Ms. Wise discussed involvement with the Sports Authority and the New York Yankees lease. Mr. Kass asked for total staffing cost of County debt management. Ms. Wise discussed payment for their services. They discussed presentation of the material as available. She further discussed County reserves and potential impacts of paying debt. Ms. Wise discussed her duty to provide options to the Board for financing for projects, such as the Court facility that will be needed.

Discussion with Tom Fesler: Budget Director Tom Fesler discussed potential revenue sources. He discussed expanded ad valorem property taxes, the transportation trust fund, fuel taxes, communications services tax, transportation system surtaxes, and indigent care. Mr. Kass and Mr. Wicker asked questions about statutory requirements and the intersection of the indigent care tax and the Affordable Care Act. He also spoke to public service tax and fees. The CAC discussed funding for emergency transport. Mr. Fesler discussed cost allocations for certain funds.

Process Discussion: The CAC agreed to continue their process in light of the new policies passed by the Board. Mr. Kass discussed the process being ongoing. Mr. Wicker discussed the County's view on debt. Mr. Kass discussed debt policies and payoff. Mr. Kass reiterated the need for long term strategic planning. Mr. Kass indicating his purview is long term. Mr. Kass discussed information requests and the importance of organizational charts. Mr. Kass requested the budgets and organizational charts from the Constitutional officers.

The CAC decided to focus on:

- Debt service
- New revenue

- Constitutionals
- Indigent care

Next Meeting Agenda:

- Gene Early is requested to discuss indigent care
 - Budget breakdown
 - Organizational chart
 - Uncollected money
 - Other revenue sources
 - Different service providers
 - Trauma center
- Tom Fesler will bring debt policies

The CAC requested from Staff:

- Organizational charts for all departments
- Budgets and organizational charts from Constitutionals

Advisory Committee Reports: None.

Public Comment #2: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12: p.m.

Note: Instructions to staff are underlined