

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 21, 2026

A Special Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Tiseo, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Truex. Also, in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney David, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

Change #1: Item 1, Added attachment - Presentation.

Requested by: County Administration

Addition #1: Item 2, Added - Set a Public Hearing for May 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, to consider approving an ordinance levying a local sales tax and providing for a referendum for an extension of the local sales tax, to be held in conjunction with the November 3, 2026, general election.

Requested by: County Administration

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Taken Out of Order

LAND USE AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT - LAND USE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

Consent Agenda

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE THE LAND USE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

1. DRC-25-200, West Port Village

Community Development

Morris Engineering & Consulting, LLC is requesting PD Final Detail Site Plan approval for West Port Village. The project consists of residential and commercial lots with associated roadway, stormwater, and utility infrastructure. This project site is a portion of 164.753± acres and is located at parcel #402112106002 & 402112106003, 17601 Toledo Blade Port, Charlotte, FL. Located in Commission District IV. **RES 2026-064**

Quasi-Judicial

PUBLIC INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 2026 Sales Tax

County Administration

(Change #1) Added attachment - Presentation.

Discussion and direction on the 2026 Sales Tax Projects list.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis gave a brief overview of How are Projected Selected, 2026 Sales Tax Timeline, Ten Year Program - Tier 1 Projects, Ten Year Program - Tier 2 Projects, Fifteen Year Program - Tier 1, Fifteen Year Program - Tier 2, Twenty Year Program - Tier 1, Twenty Year Program - Tier 2, responded to Babcock Master Development Order (MDO), Ordinance language, program project reprioritization and flexibility, alternative financing mechanisms, vetting process, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) sheets, estimate project size and costs, budget process, Sports Field Conversions, Parks Master Plan, Fire Station 8 Replacement, Tringali Park Recreation Center Replacement, approval rating, Charlotte Sports Park funding qualification debt service requirement, 2020 Sales Tax Program, property acquisition, and Burnt Store Road Area East-West Connector.

Travis Perdue, Facilities Construction and Maintenance Director gave a brief overview of Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Hangar, CCSO District 6, replied to Master Space Plan, spatial utilization, Fire Station 8 Replacement, and estimated project costs.

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director gave a brief overview of Sport Field Conversions, Tringali Park Recreation Center Replacement, West County Community Library, Burnt Store Regional Park, Park Restrooms, Bicycle, Pedestrian Trails, and Sidewalks, Park Renovations, Englewood 775 Community Park, Sport Field Conversions - Convert 2 fields from natural turf to artificial turf, responded to spatial constraints and turf maintenance process and cost comparison.

Chief Matthew McElroy, Public Safety Director gave a brief overview of Fire Station 1 Replacement, Animal Services Building, Fire Station 8 Replacement, and Fire Station 7 Replacement.

Assistant County Administrator Claire Jubb gave a brief overview of Water Quality Improvements, replied to Babcock MDO fire station requirements and Increment population thresholds, impact fee funding and reimbursements, Fire Station 9, and design cost share.

Chair Tiseo discussed service level determination and site selection process, population thresholds, fire station construction and design costs, Tier 1 Projects, affordability, cost responsibility, Fifteen Year Program - Tier 1, Englewood Fire District, West County representation, CCSO District 6, CCSO Master Plan and spatial design, Metro Forecasting, Sports Field Conversions, Harold Avenue Park sports field expansion options, Fire Station 1 Replacement, Fire Station 8 Replacement, Tringali Park Recreation Center Replacement, program length and extension, infrastructure improvements, project acceleration and management team expansion, flexibility, Burnt Store Road Area East-West Connector, and property tax bill savings. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned impact fees, fire station cost responsibility, program term extension, project reprioritization, South County Regional Park Pool upsizing, tourism and economic impacts, sporting events, Englewood Fire District, Sarasota County funding contribution, timing, Fifteen Year Program - Tier 1, Fire Station 8 Replacement, program length, Edgewater Drive, traffic pattern impacts and improvements, Harborview Road, Bermont Road, Cultural Center commitment, inflation, and Burnt Store Road Area East-West Connector. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Sport Field Conversions - Convert 2 fields from natural turf to artificial turf, maintenance cost comparison, program length, debt service reduction, Murdock Village, and Charlotte Sports Park. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Fifteen Year Program - Tier 1, Englewood Fire District, funding contribution, program flexibility, CCSO District 6, program length, Twenty Year Program - Tier 1, Twenty Year Program - Tier 2, financing mechanisms, tax payer and community benefits, cost savings, efficiency, Cultural Center, Capital Needs Assessment (CNA), and CIP. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to population threshold, project delay and reprioritization, Englewood Fire District, Sarasota County funding contribution and alternative sources, Fifteen Year Program - Tier 1, West County representation, Representative Danny Nix appropriation support, CCSO District 6, approved developments, Fire Station 8 Replacement, Code changes, and Englewood 775 Community Park.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE THE TWENTY YEAR SALES TAX PROGRAM AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

(Addition #1) 2. Set a Public Hearing to consider a Sales Tax Ordinance and Referendum

Recommended Action: Set a Public Hearing for May 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, to consider approving an ordinance levying a local sales tax and providing for a referendum for an extension of the local sales tax, to be held in conjunction with the November 3, 2026, general election.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. The budget will be adjusted after the local sales tax referendum passes.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 4, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS MAY BE HEARD, IN ROOM 119 AT 18500 MURDOCK CIRCLE, PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA, TO CONSIDER APPROVING AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A LOCAL SALES TAX AND PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX FOR TWENTY YEAR SALES TAX LIST AS PRESENTED, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

AA. County Administrator Comments - None

BB. County Attorney Comments

County Attorney David discussed staff efforts.

CC. Economic Development Director Comments - None

DD. Commissioner Comments

Chair Tiseo mentioned Cultural Center, Sales Tax Program Projects, and funding source. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Sales Tax Program and voter ballot. **Commissioner Truex** staff efforts.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING FOR MAY 4, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

ADJOURNED: 2:44 pm

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk