

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 21, 2025

A Board Workshop 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, and Commissioner Doherty. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, Deputy County Attorney David, Minutes Clerk Lindo, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: Commissioner Truex.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Flores highlighted Board Workshop.

1. One Charlotte One Water Plan

Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager gave a brief overview of Today's Discussion, One Water - What and Why, One Water Overall Goals, One Water Goals - Milestones, Plan Structure, Some Points on the One Water Plan, Inaugural One Water Vision Tasks, Tasks - Monitoring, Modeling, and Watershed Improvement, Recommendations: Reasonable Assurance Plans and Total Maximum Daily Loads, Tasks: Stormwater Management, Drinking Water and Wastewater, Policy, Programmatic and Organizational Activities, Immediate Post-Plan Actions, Public Feedback, One Water Plan - Next Steps, Research: Peace River Pollutants, County Nutrient Tracking - Chlorophyll/Nitrogen/Phosphorus Concentrations, County Nutrient Tracking – Monthly Chlorophyll Trends in Charlotte County Waters 2022 – 2025: 90th Percentile, Muck Investigations (Canals), Habitats: Snapper Creek Enhancement, Canal Habitat Enhancement, Intern Initiatives, Habitats: Seagrass Update, Partnerships: Juvenile Sportfish Ponds, Bacteria Investigations, Planning: Flood/Flow Monitoring, Outreach, responded to regional partnerships, communication coordination efforts, Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP), resiliency initiatives, City of North Port, Cocoplum Waterway weirs, statutory requirements, water temperature sea grass and fish habitat impacts, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) micronutrient surveys and sampling, Mosaic Fertilizer, permit mandated data, Punta Gorda Isles (PGI), Oyster Restoration Project, Billion Clams Initiative, algae infiltration, Hurricane Irma, red tide blooms, fish kills, and Ollie's Pond concerns.

Chair Tiseo discussed Immediate Post-Plan Actions, Sarasota County and City of North Port partnerships, water quality initiatives and impacts, Cocoplum Waterway weirs, Charlotte Harbor impairment sources, septic to sewer conversion, Research: Peace River Pollutants, best practices requirement, Mosaic Fertilizer, mining operation concerns, Habitats: Seagrass Updates, red tide blooms, Caloosahatchee River, Army Corps of Engineers, Healthy Ponds Guide, Ollie's Pond dredging, state regulated inspections and standards, SWFWMD, Public Feedback, and stormwater and vegetation management. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Planning: Flood/Flow Monitoring, Charlotte Harbor and Myakka River impairment sources, Public Feedback, Habitats: Seagrass Update, Reasonable Assurance Plans, algae, Research: Peace River Pollutants, data collection process, ground pollutants, County Nutrient Tracking – Monthly Chlorophyll Trends in Charlotte County Waters 2022 – 2025: 90th Percentile,

development impacts, PGI, Buckley's Pass, grant opportunities, Hurricane Irma, environmental impacts, Army Corps of Engineers, Billion Clams Initiative, Partnerships: Juvenile Sportfish Ponds, and Ollie's Pond. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on algae, water quality testing and monitoring, Muck Investigations (Canals), marine life and fishing impacts, Charlotte Harbor, Oyster Restoration Project, and resiliency. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Research: Peace River Pollutants, red tide and algae blooms, 16 County Coalition, Caloosahatchee River, nitrogen loading contributions, Charlotte Harbor, Habitats: Seagrass Update, CHNEP partnership, funding sources, state revenue reductions and budget, Ollie's Pond, stormwater management system, and water quality issues.

John Elias, Public Works Director replied to Ollie's Pond functionality, service levels, Deep Creek, water vegetation and quality, and wildlife species.

2. Level of Service in Parks & Libraries

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director highlighted P&R (Parks and Recreation) Master Plan: Staffing, LOMO (Levels of Maintenance and Operations), Parks LOMO: Option 1, Option 2, Option 3, Park Usage, Visits Trend - Englewood Beach, Daily Visits - Englewood Beach, Visit Duration - Englewood Beach, Visits Trend - South Gulf Cove Park, Daily Visits - South Gulf Cove Park, Visit Duration - South Gulf Cove Park, Visits Trend - William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, Option Summary, Recommendations, P&R Master Plan - Staffing, P&R Master Plan - LOMO, Sport Fields: Challenges - Field use, Operational Impacts, Challenges - Current field usage average by field type, Sports Fields - local users: Ann & Chuck Dever, Carmalita, Centennial, Franz Ross, Harold Avenue (Ave), South County, Sport Field - Users: Centennial Park September 2006 - September 2012, Centennial Park September 2020 - 2026, Tourism events on sport fields, Sport Fields LOMO - Options, Ballfields LOMO - Recommendations, Libraries - Staffing, Libraries: hours of operation: Pre Ian and Current, Staffing, Libraries - hours of operation: Impacts of reduction in hours of operation and days open per week, Hours after Mid-County Regional Library (MCRL) reopens, responded to artificial intelligence (AI) implementation equipment costs and impacts, business requirements, Tourist Development Tax (TDT) statutes and usage, Charlotte Sports Park, Snowbird Classic, staffing challenges and vacancy rate, and funding options.

Chair Tiseo spoke to service levels and operating hours expectation, AI implementation, Recommendations, park funding and staffing needs, capital investments, Snowbird Classic, ownership transition, sports field maintenance levels and conditions, tourism and economic impacts, Tourism events on sports fields, Tourism dollar usage, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Sport Fields LOMO - Options, Ballfields LOMO - Recommendations, full-time equivalent (FTE) budgeted, vacant positions, Reserve Fund level, and budget cuts. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Option Summary, cost savings, P&R Master Plan: Staffing, staffing levels, technology, efficiency, Recommendations, Sport Fields LOMO - Options, funding reallocation, Charlotte Sports Park, Tampa Bay Rays, bond repayment, position requests, and General Fund Reserves. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned Ballfields LOMO - Recommendations and funding options. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, ballfield utilization and required maintenance, Parks Supervisor Monty Rodriguez, Ad Valorem Property Taxes, voter referendums, service level impacts and funding options, Recommendations, Ballfields LOMO - Recommendations, and Reserves element.

County Administrator Flores remarked on July 24, 2025 Tentative Budget Meeting, Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommendations, service level position requests and costs, Charlotte Sports Park debt service, and budget adjustments and transfer.

Sean Doherty, Tourism Director replied to Snowbird Classic, ownership transition, sports field maintenance and conditions, marketing funding, TDT usage, and Prospect Wire Baseball.

Francine Lisby, Assistant Budget Director responded to financial impacts, Charlotte Sports Park debt repayment and maintenance costs, Growth Incremental Fund, vacant positions, and General Fund Reserves.

AA. County Administrator Comments - None

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

CC. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Constance spoke to October 24, 2025 Comedy for a Cause 2025, Charlotte Players, and Charlotte County Imagination Library.

ADJOURNED: 11:41 am

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