

Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting December 9, 2016

The December 9, 2016, Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Lowry at 8:30 a.m. CAC Members Present: Chair Lee Lowry, Vice Chair Kay Doughty, Adam Bantner, Cristan Fadal, Joe Caetano, Spencer Kass, Joseph Pullara, Ron Govin, Joe Wicker, Barbara Aderhold, Linda Porter, and Eric Seidel. CAC Members Absent: Wendell Duggins.

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

The November 4th, 2016 and November 17th, 2016 CAC meeting recaps were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Public Comment #1: None.

Budget Recommendations Work Session:

Dr. Eric Eisenberg lead a discussion in what a successful outcome for the committee would be. Mr. Kass suggested a review of the chart that has been created. The CAC reviewed the format of the chart. Mr. Kass explained that the running total varies based on the renewal of CIT. Mr. Kass also noted additional recommendations that did not affect the budget recommendations.

The CAC discussed high and low impact and high and low effort and how to define high and low in each circumstance. They discussed the definition being dollars saved and timeframe.

The CAC further discussed the recommendations being presented as a package versus a la carte options.

The CAC discussed elimination of general fund debt and the long and short term payoffs. Over 30 years, with CIT renewal, this would generate \$290 million. Mr. Garner discussed committed versus uncommitted dollars. Mr. Fesler discussed a philosophical change recommendation.

The CAC discussed an additional 1% bed tax and the effort required in negotiating with local tourism boards and organizations.

The CAC discussed fire rescue recovery of funds from the State, approximately \$1.3 million in funds. Mr. Kass indicated that the cities could also benefit from this program.

The CAC discussed the removal of Tampa General Hospital from indigent care funding. Mr. Kass noted it was a high effort issue that would not be available for transportation. Mr. Wicker discussed redirecting not for profit funding in accordance with these funds.

The CAC discussed redirecting the Seminole Gaming Compact funds. They discussed what the funds are generally utilized for, and debated the purpose of funding not for profits. The CAC discussed the not for profit committee recommendations from several years ago. The CAC discussed multiple options for removing not for profits from funding, including an immediate funding stoppage and a several year step down. The CAC discussed the flagging process and move

to consultation process of budget discussions, especially in relation to not for profit funding, with the Board of County Commissioners member, and concerns of transparency. The CAC discussed several restructure options for not for profit funding.

The CAC discussed long and short term disability funding. They asked staff for clarification on the cost, employees included, and cost per person if employees paid for this program themselves. The CAC discussed general raises and pay for performance raises. They discussed the consolidation of sick and vacation time into paid time off. The CAC discussed overtime. The CAC discussed increased health care cost and employee contribution. The CAC discussed a strategic assessment of compensation packages. The CAC requested more detailed information on department by department overtime expenditures.

The CAC discussed collection of AirBnB taxes.

The CAC discussed county issued credit cards. Mr. Fesler discussed procurement policies and the purpose of the credit cards.

The CAC discussed budget cuts across the board. Mr. Fesler discussed current budget discussions and mandated services.

The CAC discussed ERP system savings. The CAC requested information on cost savings, including personnel cost savings, and the outcome of the funds saved.

The grid will be modified to include first, tenth, and thirtieth year projections for cost savings.

Future Meeting Planning: The CAC agreed to continue reviewing the spreadsheet at the next meeting.

2017 CAC Schedule: The CAC scheduled meetings for January 13 and 27; February 10 and 24; March 10 and 24.

Public Comment #2: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.