



The Week in Perspective

City Manager's Report

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Administrative Issues

A-1. Law Enforcement Challenge Awards

Police Chief Carroll is pleased to report that the Largo Police Department has been invited to attend the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge Awards ceremony on July 19. Largo PD was selected in the top 10 agencies for the Motor Unit Challenge as a result of the department's efforts in developing a comprehensive traffic safety program, making a significant and positive impact in the community by reducing traffic related crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Awards will be announced during the awards ceremony.

A-2. Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education

The City of Largo leads the way in support of NOPE (Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education) and Police Chief Carroll reports that on March 22, NOPE of Pinellas will hold three assemblies at Largo High School, for students to witness first hand the NOPE message. In spite of the fact that nationally the average age of first use of drugs and/or alcohol is 12 years and 4 months, 2 out of 3 teens report that their parents have never spoken with them about the dangers of prescription drugs. In Pinellas County, more people die from prescription drug overdose than car accidents or homicides. NOPE believes they are connecting with students and helping instill positive decision making in the years ahead.

A-3. Largo Police Department Special Duties

Police Chief Carroll advises that on March 13, a request was received from the Pinellas County Sheriffs' Office Special Incident Management Unit to assist with two off duty special details:

1. Two Largo Police Officers supported and assisted Pinellas County Sheriffs' Deputies on March 16, for the Juvenile Diabetes Walk for the Cure event held at Fort De Soto Park from 0730 -1030 hours. Inside security posts were staffed for this event which was attended by approximately 600 people.
2. Four Largo Police Officers supported and assisted Pinellas County Sheriffs' Deputies on March 17, for the Dogeden Pet Adoptions, Inc./St Patricks 5K run held in Dunedin on the Pinellas County Trail. After attending a briefing, the officers were assigned to posts where the roadways intersect the trail.

Sheriff Gualtieri requested mutual aid assistance for both events in advance and all costs were reimbursed to the City of Largo.

A-4. Special Olympics

Police Chief Carroll reports that thousands of Florida Law Enforcement Officers will carry the lighted torch for Florida Special Olympics on April 9, to create public awareness for Special Olympic Programs and the achievements of the intellectually disabled. The Largo Police Department team will run approximately three miles, from Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Jail on 49th Street. The public awareness and funds raised through the Law Enforcement Torch run help support Pinellas County Special Olympians and fund the annual state summer games.

A-5. Commercial Real Estate Bus Tour Visits Downtown City-Owned Properties

The Florida Gulfcoast Commercial Association of Realtors (FGCAR) began their bus tour of commercial

properties in Pinellas County on March 20, in Downtown Largo. Vice Mayor Woody Brown, Assistant City Manager Staffopoulos, Community Development Director Stricklin, Economic Development Manager Brydon and Program Planner Rojas-Norton opened the event with networking, coffee and bagels on the City-owned block of 500 West Bay Drive. Over 40 commercial real estate professionals attended the event and were provided with a presentation and overview of the City's available properties. The goal of participating in the bus tour was to provide visibility of Largo's publicly-owned parcels and private commercial sites and to outreach to site selection specialists and developers. The City of Largo is a member of FGCR and the organization provides regular educational opportunities, promotion of listings and governmental affairs for real estate professionals in six counties.

A-6. New Largo Businesses – Week ending March 21, 2013

Name of Business	Address	Type of Business
Same Day Wireless	14100 US Highway 19 #123	Radio, TV, Electronic Store
Island Breeze	1750 Clearwater-Largo Rd	Restaurant
Marcotte's Architectural Salvage	426 West Bay Dr	Antique Shop
Doctor's Weight Loss Center	3395 East Bay Dr	I.C. Massage Therapist - Urban
Main Street Chiropractic	520 1st Ave SW	Chiropractic Physician – Victoria Vislocky
Wandering Star Gallery	220 West Bay Drive	Art Gallery

A-7. Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Environmental Manager Soldo reports that a minor Sanitary Sewer Overflow occurred on March 14, at 1115 Belleair Road. The overflow lasted for 1.5 hours and approximately 10 gallons of domestic wastewater was discharged. The Environmental Services staff applied five pounds of lime disinfectant over the impacted area. Samples were not collected since the overflow did not reach any surface water. The overflow occurred due to grease buildup in a gravity line.

Other Items of Interest

M-1. Streets and Stormwater Supervisor Hoston advises that the construction crew worked on the following projects:

- Removed and replaced the driveway at 3322 Adrian Avenue
- Filled an old 12" drainage pipe with flowable fill concrete at 414 12th Street NW
- Removed and replaced 100 feet of damaged sidewalk from 12761 to 12785 Pineforest Way N

M-2. Streets and Stormwater Supervisor Henry advises that the maintenance crew worked on the following jobs:

- The Menzi is removing invasive trees from ditches along Central Avenue off of US 19
- Continued ditch bank re-stabilization along 150th Avenue in front of Pinch a Penny
- Hydro-seeding along 150th Avenue is 50% complete
- Tree removal from private property between the homes on Eaton and Chesterfield Drive is complete
- The mowing of Heather Hills Nature Preserve is complete

- Asphalt truck crew is working visual and service requests
- Sweepers are cleaning two areas in the western part of the City
- Slope mowers are cutting in the Kent Avenue area

M-3. Sign/Traffic Technician Hale worked on the following tasks:

- Made the following signs for installation - twelve 36" School Crossing signs, six 24" x 12" Downward Arrow Placards, one 24" x 30" Right Turn Only sign
- Raised a sinking No Truck and No Parking sign assembly on the corner of Anona Heights Drive and Indian Rocks Road
- Replaced a broken sign post for street name signs at 21st Place SW and Whispering Pines Street, and reattached street name signs found lying on ground
- Replaced a faded 24" x 30" Right Turn Only sign at 1st Avenue NW and Clearwater/Largo Road
- Removed stickers from the face of a Stop sign at 11th Street SW and West Bay Drive
- Replaced faded School Crossing signs and added Downward Arrow Placards below the crossing sign at the following locations - West Bay Drive and Clearwater/Largo Road, West Bay Drive at the Pinellas Shopping Center entrance, Belcher Road and East Bay Drive, Pinecrest Drive and 8th Avenue SW
- Replaced faded School Crossing signs and added Ahead Placards below the crossing signs at the following locations - Trotter Road and Dryer Avenue at the east and south leg of the intersection, 126th Avenue N and 136th Lane N, Belcher Road and Audubon Drive, 131st Street N and 114th Avenue N, 131st Street N and Cimarron Circle N
- Replaced faded School Crossing signs at the following locations - 137th Street N and Croft Drive, Central Park Drive and East Bay Drive
- Straightened School Crossing and School Entrance signs on 131st Street N and 114th Avenue N
- Replaced faded Stop signs at the following locations - South Largo Library Entrance and Central Park Drive, 114th Avenue N and 131st Street N
- Straightened the Book Drop sign at the Largo Library
- Continued with sign inventory and retro-reflectivity inspections of signage along Central Park Drive

M-4. Spray Technician Doolittle performed aquatic treatment at the following locations:

- Channel One - treated .75 acres of Duckweed with Clearigate, Tribune and Clipper
- Eaton Pond - treated 2.5 acres of Duckweed with Clearigate, Tribune and Clipper
- Lake Donegan - treated 2 acres of Cattails and Primrose Willow with Clearigate, Tribune and Clipper

M-5. Solid Waste Manager Gordon reports the City of Largo partnered with Pinellas County Solid Waste on March 16 for a Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Day at Home Depot in Largo. There were 726 Pinellas County residents who participated, dropping materials off at this event. Residents with hazardous or electrical waste can contact the Pinellas County Recycling Division at (727) 464-7500 or the City of Largo Solid Waste Division at (727) 587-6760 for proper disposal information.

M-6. Facilities Manager Harwood reports that the Highland Recreation Construction remains on schedule. Installation of the exterior sidewalks continues. The decorative concrete has been poured at the entrance and walkways through the parking lot. The irrigation tie-ins are completed. Landscaping has begun on the east end of the site. The floor in the fitness area has been installed and both indoor basketball floors are in the process of being installed. Installation of casework throughout the facility is on-going. The play structure was delivered to the site last week and installation has begun, this should

be completed in 3-4 weeks.

- M-7.** Facilities Manager Harwood reports that the Police Building hardening project is progressing well. All interior columns have been strengthened and the installation of stub columns on the roof were completed. These columns will support the steel roof members for the new roof. Steel work will continue this week and should take 2-3 weeks to complete.
- M-8.** Facilities Manager Harwood reports that the City Hall roof replacement project is progressing also. The installation of the wood sub-fascia is 80% complete. The steel decking around the perimeter of the roof is approximately 50% complete. The metal fascia and gutters have been installed on the mechanical penthouse roof. The TPO membrane installation on the penthouse will be completed by the end of the week, weather permitting.
- M-9.** Facilities Manager Harwood reports that new LED lit signs were installed on the northeast and southwest sides of the Largo Cultural Center building and a new monument sign was installed adjacent to Central Park Drive to improve the visibility of the building.
- M-10.** Facility Management staff completed the following projects this past week:
- Reorganization of the work stations in the City Clerk's office
 - Painted the Portico outside the Parkview room at the Largo Cultural Center
 - Re-piped a 250 gallon water heater feeding the Police Department building
 - Repaired an underground drain line in the first floor men's room at the Police Department building
- M-11.** Highland Recreation Program Manager Pincince reports that summer camp registration for non-residents began on March 16. Residents and non-residents may now register at Highland Recreation Center, Southwest Recreation Center or the Largo Community Center and will continue until all camps are full.
- M-12.** Southwest Program Manager Croft is pleased to report:
- Mildred Helms After Care Program has a total of 83 registered participants as of March 18
 - Spring Break Camp (Surf, Sun and Sand) currently has 47 registered participants for the week of March 25-29
 - Spring Flag Football began on March 16 with a total of 84 registered participants
 - Kid City and Kid City Jr. Summer Camps have a combined average of 92 registered participants per week as of March 18
- M-13.** Aquatics Supervisor Abdo is pleased to announce that three WFLA divers have qualified for the 2013 Junior East National Championships. The WFLA Diving Team sent six divers to USA Diving 2013 Spring Junior Region 7 Diving Championships in Orlando, Florida. The divers attending included Amber Brickey, Darienne Ingalls, Dillon Richardson, Keegan Richardson, Shannon Richardson, and Amy Wotovich.
- The three divers who qualified will represent WFLA Diving at Junior East National Championships in April are: Amber Brickey, Dillon Richardson, and Keegan Richardson. All three divers will compete in 3 meter springboard and platform diving competitions.
- The 2013 Junior East National Championships will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The divers are coached by Tony Perriello. West Florida Lightning Aquatics Diving is a non-profit team whose training facility is located at Southwest Pool in Largo.
- M-14.** McGough Nature Park Nature Program Specialist Vogel is pleased to report:
- 27 people attended the night hike for March
 - 12 people attended Saturday's live bird showing

- 84 students from Bear Creek Elementary School received nature in the classroom programs the past week
- In Bonner Park, signage has been posted promoting a tree and wildflower-planting event, 150 trees and wildflowers will be planted at the park on April 6 from 8 am until noon

M-15. Golf Course and Athletics Manager Potts reports:

- The 8th Annual Shamrock 'N Run 5k took place on March 15. The event was a great success with outstanding weather, great music, and 500 runners and walkers. To make the event such a success a number of divisions came together to make sure that everything went off without a hitch, those included the Parks Department, the Athletic Division, Special Events, Community Center and Largo Police Department.
- The following Golf Tournaments took place in February and March at the Largo Golf Course:
 - February 6 – Gulfview Tournament – 72 Golfers
 - February 16 – Guys and Dolls Tournament – 56 Golfers
 - March 1 – Lake Seminole Tournament – 68 Golfers
 - March 2 – Point West Tournament – 68 Golfers
 - March 3 – Caribbean Isle Tournament – 48 Golfers
 - March 9 – New Atlantis Tournament – 48 Golfers
 - March 16 – Guys and Dolls Tournament – 60 Golfers

Also, scheduled for March 24 is the Fairway Village Tournament with 78 Golfers scheduled.

M-16. Community Center Supervisor Dolan advises:

- The last day of the Open Air Market at Largo Community Center will be March 23. Community Center staff would like to thank all the vendors and customers who participated in the market.
- The 7th Annual Red Hat Garden Party “Under the Oaks” was held March 12 and March 13. The event was held inside due to the inclement weather. The event had 450 participants.
- The Community Center's final Celebrity Showcase for the season is April 11 and will feature Dave Somerville, the original lead singer of “The Diamonds.”
- The Senior Advisory Board is hosting its annual spring garage sale on March 23 at the Community Center. There will be over 30 vendors. The sale will take place between 9 am and 2 pm.

M-17. Cultural Center Artistic Supervisor Rob Mondora reports that during the week of March 11, the Cultural Center sold 547 tickets to 18 different performances collecting \$10,804.50 in ticket revenue.

M-18. Parks and Community Support Foreman Hinrichs reports the following projects have been completed by the Parks Maintenance Staff, Community Support Crew, Spray Technician and the Inmate Foreman:

- Picked up 25 tables, 375 chairs and 10 garbage cans from the Community Center for the Red Hat Garden Party Event
- Installed 300 one-gallon sweet potato plants and 400 one-gallon jasmine plants at the triangle property located at Seminole Boulevard and West Bay Drive
- Set up and took down traffic cones, traffic barricades, garbage cans, chairs, tables, the Showmobile stage and a generator for the Shamrock 'N Run Event at Ulmer Park
 - Delivered and retrieved a gas grill and LP tanks to Whitesell Complex
 - Completed daily maintenance on mowers and power hand tools
 - Changed trash and dog waste bags in all the neighborhood parks and all trash cans on West Bay Drive and Clearwater-Largo Road and the Largo Cemetery

- Serviced restrooms and trash removal at Southwest Recreation playground area, Bayhead and Northeast Park
- Detailed all work vehicles and ground maintenance equipment

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Master Calendar

<p>Mar 25 Monday</p> <p>8:00pm CDAB Meeting <i>Community Room</i></p> <p>8:30pm Recreation, Parks and Arts Advisory Board <i>Southwest Complex</i></p>	<p>Mar 26 Tuesday</p> <p>4:30pm Audit Committee Meeting <i>Conference Room A</i></p>	<p>Mar 27 Wednesday</p> <p>8:00pm Finance Advisory Board Meeting <i>Community Room or Commission Chambers</i></p>	<p>Mar 28 Thursday</p> <p>1:00pm Police/Fire Retirement Plan Bargaining <i>Community Room</i></p>
<p>Apr 01 Monday</p> <p>8:00pm Finance Advisory Board Meeting <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>Apr 03 Wednesday</p> <p>10:00am Joint Transportation/Land Use <i>Community Room</i></p>	<p>Apr 17 Wednesday</p> <p>9:30am PENSION PLAN <i>COMMUNITY ROOM</i></p>	<p>Apr 18 Thursday</p> <p>5:00pm Library Advisory Board Meeting <i>Library Admin Conf Room</i></p>
<p>Apr 22 Monday</p> <p>8:30pm Recreation, Parks and Arts Advisory Board <i>Largo Golf Course</i></p>	<p>Apr 24 Wednesday</p> <p>8:00pm PSTA Board of Directors Meeting <i>PSTA Headquarters</i></p>	<p>Apr 29 Monday</p> <p>8:00pm CDAB Meeting <i>Community Room</i></p>	<p>May 06 Monday</p> <p>8:00pm Finance Advisory Board Meeting <i>OMB Conference Room</i></p>

**Commission Action Items
Update for Week Ending March 21, 2013**

March 19, 2013, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Commissioners Holmes and Murray for clarification on the warranties provided by the proposers for the Southwest Ball Field Lights.

Public Works Director Usher reports that this issue will be brought to the next City Commission meeting on April 2.

March 5, 2013, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Mayor Gerard to provide an estimate of the number of pending annexations for properties contiguous to the city limits.

Economic Manager Brydon reports that there are approximately 340 annexation agreements that are eligible and contiguous to the City of Largo municipal boundaries. The majority of them are single family residential. This issue is tentatively scheduled for the Work Session in September to provide the City Commission an update and seek guidance on the annexation program.

2. Request by Vice Mayor Brown for staff to draft an ordinance which provides business owners the option of allowing outdoor dining with pets at their establishments.

Community Development Director Stricklin reports that Program Planner Rojas-Norton will work with Assistant City Attorney Hale to develop an ordinance that amends the Comprehensive Development Code to allow outdoor dining with pets. The tentative schedule is for review at the April 29, Community Development Advisory Board meeting and for a public hearing at the June 6, Planning Board meeting. The ordinance would then be scheduled for final adoption by the City Commission in July.

February 19, 2013, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Mayor Gerard to explore a City initiated process of vacating easements en masse when it is determined they are no longer needed, particularly the easements surrounding 13113 114th Street North.

Assistant Community Development Director Klute reports that staff will place this initiative on the work program of the Planning Division to follow through as staffing level and time permit.

February 12, 2013, Work Session

1. Request by Mayor Gerard that a Work Session discussion be scheduled during the Charter review process to develop a list of items important to the City Commission for the Charter Review Committee to review.

City Manager Craig reports that this item will be scheduled for a City Commission Work Session early in the Charter Review Process

December 4, 2012, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Commissioner Holmes that Sgt. Bruno prepare a video of his presentation on gang activity for broadcast on the City's cable channel.

Police Chief Carroll reports that staff will have a brief presentation on the issue of gang activity during the May 14, 2013 City Commission Work Session.

PROPOSED WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

Work Session

<p>Apr 09 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>01 Annual Audit Presentation (F) 02 Wet Weather Project (ES/CD)n 03 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (CD) 04 Strategic Plan 2013 Annual Report (CD)</p>	<p>May 14 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>01 West Bay Drive Trailhead (CD) 02 CDC Update (CD) 03 Gang Awareness (PD) 04 Public Engagement Results (OMB) 05 Proposed Budget Direction (OMB)</p>	<p>Jun 11 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>01 CRD Stormwater Plan (CD) 02 Demo Review Ord for Historic Structures (CD) 03 West Bay Drive Incentive Program (CD) 04 CDBG Action Plan (CD) 05 Business Process Analysis (CD)</p>	<p>Jul 09 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>01 Economic Development Plan Update (CD)</p>
<p>Aug 13 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>01 Head Works Project (ES/CD) 02 Recycling Update (PW)</p>	<p>Aug 16 Friday</p> <p>12:00pm</p> <p>Proposed FY 2014 Budget Work Session <i>Community Room</i></p>	<p>Sep 10 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>01 Annexation Update (CD)</p>	<p>Oct 08 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>Future Work Session</p>
<p>Nov 12 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>Future Work Session</p>	<p>Dec 10 Tuesday</p> <p>8:00pm</p> <p>Future Work Session</p>		