



## Legislation Text

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### Summary

To: Mayor Gary H. Katica and Commissioners  
From: JP Murphy  
Date: 1/11/2019

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### Subject:

Appointment of Penny Joint Review Committee Representative

### Summary:

As you know, voters passed a fourth extension to the Penny for Pinellas infrastructure surtax. The Interlocal Agreement approved by the County and each of the municipalities, specifies that 8.3% of the net proceeds will be used for countywide economic development capital projects and housing. The funds “shall be used in accordance with guidelines set forth by a joint review committee established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The committee shall consist of professional staff with subject matter expertise in economic development, planning and/or housing.” Committee membership shall be comprised of three members representing the County; two representing St. Petersburg; one each for the cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Largo and Pinellas Park; one representing Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole and South Pasadena; one representing Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs; and one representing the ten beach communities.

I’ve worked with the other cities in our cohort and we’ve tentatively decided at a staff level that Mark Ely, Community Development Director for the City of Seminole would be the best candidate to serve as our joint representative. Mark Ely has been practicing land use and zoning in the governmental regulatory arena for over 27 years. He previously worked at the countywide level for over twelve years implementing the Pinellas Planning Council’s Countywide Rules, where during that time period he wrote and presented hundreds of Countywide land use cases before the Pinellas Planning Council at its monthly meetings. Since October of 2006, he has been serving as the Community Development Director for the City of Seminole, where he oversees the planning, zoning, building, and code enforcement functions for the City.

**Recommendation:** I recommend approval. I will forward on a letter of confirmation if the commission concurs

**Proposed Motion:** I move approval of appointing Mark Ely as the town’s joint representative to serve on the Penny for Pinellas Joint Review Committee.