

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756
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Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 7, 2017
10:00 AM

Janet C. Long, Chairman
Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman
Dave Eggers
Pat Gerard
Charlie Justice
John Morroni
Karen Williams Seel

Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney
Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Hurricane Irma Update:
 - Forecast Update
 - Preparations
 - Potential Impacts
 - Emergency Declaration

Special Accommodations

Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of Human Rights, by written or oral request, at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding at: 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 500, Clearwater, Florida 33756, Phone: (727) 464-4880, TDD: (727) 464-4062.

Public Participation Procedures

Persons wishing to speak during the Citizens to be Heard portion of the agenda or regarding a specific agenda item must complete a Citizen Comment Card. Cards should be given to staff at the table located at the front of the Assembly Room. At the scheduled section of the meeting when the item is before the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the Chairman will call each individual, one by one, to the lectern to be heard. Each individual may speak for up to three minutes.

Public Hearing Procedures

The procedure used by the Board in conducting public hearings is to have a staff presentation followed by the applicant presenting the specific proposal. The Board will then hear comments from the proponents followed by comments from the opponents and a staff summary. The applicant will then be given an opportunity to close and the Board will decide on the matter.

Public hearings before the Board are governed by the provisions of Section 134-14 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code. That code provides that at the conclusion of each person's presentation, any speaker may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of staff. Specifically:

1. At the conclusion of the presentations by the applicant and any proponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from the applicant and/or the proponents.
2. At the conclusion of the presentation by the opponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from any opponent.

The applicant's closing comments will address testimony subsequent to his or her presentation. Continuing rebuttal of other than directly preceding testimony will not be allowed. Because much testimony has already been submitted in writing, the following guidelines accommodate efficient presentations:

1. The applicant should present his or her entire case, including rebuttal, in no more than 20 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak regarding a Public Hearing item may speak for up to three minutes each after completing a Public Hearing Comment Card and submitting it to staff at the table located at the front of the Assembly Room.
3. Representatives of groups consisting of 5 or more individuals who are present during the Public Hearing may speak on behalf of the group for up to 10 minutes at the Chairman's discretion. To do so, the other individuals in the group must have waived their time to the representative by providing their information on the Group Speaker List, located on the back of the Public Hearing Comment Card.

Appeals

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

If a Board meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. has not concluded by noon, a recess will be taken from noon to 12:30 p.m., and the remainder of the meeting will continue at 12:30 p.m.

If a Board meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. has not concluded by 5:30 p.m., a recess will be taken from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. The remainder of the afternoon agenda will resume at 6:00 p.m., followed by public hearings.