

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

Kathleen Peters, Chair

Brian Scott, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

René Flowers

Charlie Justice

Chris Latvala

Janet C. Long

ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair Brian Scott, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Charlie Justice, Commissioner Chris Latvala, and Commissioner Janet C. Long

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Tammy Burgess, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by State Senator Darryl Rouson, District 16**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. National Community Planning Month Proclamation:**

- Smita Ambadi, Principal Planner, Housing and Community Development
- Luis Garcia, Principal Planner, Housing and Community Development

Chair Peters invited Ms. Ambadi and Mr. Garcia to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing October 2024 as National Community Planning Month; whereupon, Ms. Ambadi provided brief comments.

2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation:

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County

- Ulyee Choe, DO, Director
- Valarie Lee, Program Manager, Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Deborah Shaffer, Program Manager of Health Promotion and School Health
- Lisa Field, Human Services Program Analyst
- Sharon Haggans, Human Services Counselor

Chair Peters invited Ms. Lee to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; whereupon, Ms. Lee provided brief comments.

3. Employee Recognition Awards:

- Heather Canham, Chief Wastewater Operator, Utilities
- Travis Cool, Water Quality Manager, Utilities

Chair Peters invited Ms. Canham and Mr. Cool to the podium and recognized them for their exemplary work and dedication.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Lauren Bavlsik, Palm Harbor
Joseph Bavlsik, Palm Harbor
Robert Waterfield, Palm Harbor
Nicholas Tummello, Palm Harbor

In response to citizen comments and concerns, Mr. Burton, with input from Commissioner Latvala and Chair Peters, provided information regarding various resources available to residents impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

In response to a query by Commissioner Latvala, Mr. Burton indicated that staff will provide information regarding the maintenance of pumps on private property and follow-up directly with Mr. Waterfield; whereupon, following brief comments by Commissioner Eggers and Mr. Burton, Chair Peters indicated that Commissioners will follow-up with Mr. and Mrs. Bavlsik regarding their concerns.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

5. Case No. CW 24-14 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.15 acre more or less, located at 2520 55th Avenue North.

Ordinance No. 24-28 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-14. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

6. Case No. CW 24-15 - City of Largo
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 1.12 acres more or less, located at 2565 Haines Bayshore Road.
- Ordinance No. 24-29 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-15. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received.
- In response to a request by Commissioner Eggers, Brian Aungst, Jr., Clearwater, appeared and provided clarifying comments regarding the proposed amendment.
- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long
7. Case No. CW 24-16 - City of Largo
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office and Retail and Services to Retail and Services, regarding 1.46 acres more or less, located at 3950 East Bay Drive.
- Ordinance No. 24-30 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-16. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long
8. Case No. CW 24-17 - City of Clearwater (Being Withdrawn)
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Retail and Services, regarding 2.28 acres more or less, located at 407 South Saturn Avenue.
- Item continued to the November 19 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting.
- Mr. Burton related that a request was made to continue the public hearing to the November 19, 2024, BCC meeting.
- Later in the meeting, Attorney White recommended that the members vote to continue the public hearing to a date certain, which will eliminate the need to re-advertise the hearing.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the public hearing for Case No. CW 24-17 be continued to the November 19, 2024, BCC meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

9. Case No. CW 24-18 - City of St. Petersburg
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Medium, regarding 5.09 acres more or less, located at 6942 1st Avenue South, 0 1st Avenue South and 0 2nd Avenue South.

Ordinance No. 24-31 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-18. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Justice

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

10. Ordinance amending Pinellas County Code Chapter 26, Article IX (Lobbying) modifying regulations related to registration of lobbyists and lobbying contacts.

Item deferred to the November 19 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting.

Ms. Revie indicated that the item has been deferred to the November 19, 2024, BCC meeting.

In response to a query by Chair Peters, Attorney White indicated that the item will need to be advertised again; and that a motion is not needed.

11. Ordinance providing for the amendment of Section 126.302 of the Pinellas County Code for adjustments to the procedure for converting septic system to public sanitary sewer connection within County sanitary sewer service areas.

Ordinance No. 24-32 adopted providing for the amendment of Section 126.302 of the Pinellas County Code. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to comments by Commissioners Eggers and Scott, Mr. Burton provided an overview of the changes included in the ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 12 through 34 (Item Nos. 15 and 17 addressed under Regular Agenda)

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 12.** Minutes of the regular meetings held August 13 and September 5, 2024

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

- 13.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-12 dated August 23, 2024, Inspector General’s Follow-Up Investigation of Facility Operations Employees Incentives.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 14.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-13 dated September 4, 2024, Inspector General’s Follow-up Audit of Accounts Receivable Write-Offs for Fiscal Year 2022 and Inspection of the Accounts Receivable Write-Off Approval Memo for Fiscal Year 2021.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 16.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-16 dated September 16, 2024, Unannounced Audit of the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport Petty Cash Fund.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 18.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-18 dated September 19, 2024, Inspector General’s Observation of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Annual Physical Inventory of Fixed Assets.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 19.** Dock Fee Report for the month of August 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

20. City of Clearwater Courtesy Notice of New Planning Application for 691 Harbor Island.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
21. City of Clearwater Notice of Flexible Standard Application at 483 Mandalay Avenue 210 (FLS2024-07023).
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
22. City of Clearwater Notice of Flexible Standard Application at 645 Pierce Street (FLS2024-08027).
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
23. City of Clearwater Notice of Flexible Standard Application at 1039 Sedeeva Street (FLS2024-07024).
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
24. City of Clearwater Notice of Flexible Standard Application at 2100 Range Road (FLS2024-08025).
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
25. City of Oldsmar Ordinance No. 2024-16 adopted September 17, 2024, annexing certain real property.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
26. City of Pinellas Park Notice of Public Hearing to be held September 26, 2024, regarding Ordinance No. 4273, voluntarily annexing certain property.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
27. Clearwater Cay Community Development District Annual Appropriation Resolution 2024-05.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
28. Eastlake Oaks Community Redevelopment District Fiscal Year 2025 Meeting Schedule.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
29. Forward Pinellas Notice of Public Hearing for proposed amendment to the Countywide Plan Map, to be held on September 11, 2024.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
30. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
31. City of Largo Community Redevelopment Agency Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and Resolution

No. CRA-24-02, adopted September 17, 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

- 32. Award of bid to Gibbs & Register, Inc. for Pinellas Trail South Gap-126th Avenue to Ulmerton Road.

Contract No. 24-0811-ITB-C awarded to Gibbs & Register, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,496,707.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 33. Award of bid to Janco FS3 LLC d/b/a Velociti Services for Bridge Tending Services.

Contract No. 24-0560-ITB awarded to Janco FS3 LLC d/b/a Velociti Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,055,787.20 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Agreement effective for a 60-month term. This contract replaces the current contract.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

- 34. Award of bid to Fortiline Inc. d/b/a Fortiline Waterworks, Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks, and Empire Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. for industrial plumbing supplies.

Contract No. 24-0234-ITB awarded to Fortiline Inc. d/b/a Fortiline Waterworks, Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks, and Empire Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. in the total amount of \$6,699,309.42 on the basis of their submittals being the three responsive, responsible bids received. Contract effective for a 24-month term.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

15. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-14 dated September 9, 2024, Investigation of County Administration Abuse of Authority.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, Jeremy Heath, St. Petersburg, appeared and expressed his concerns.

In response to comments by Mr. Heath, Mr. Burton provided information regarding numerous requests for Inspector General (IG) investigations relating to the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area. He discussed the IG's findings relative to this case, indicating that staff could have handled one particular situation differently; and that the IG found that all funds were accounted for and that no money changed hands.

Thereupon, brief discussion ensued wherein Mr. Burton responded to comments and queries by the members and provided information regarding the findings, recommendations, and reporting structure of the IG's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

17. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-17 dated September 18, 2024, Audit of Economic Development Employment Sites Program.

In response to comments by Commissioner Scott, Economic Development Director Cynthia Johnson, with input by Mr. Burton, provided clarifying information and indicated that the Inspector General recommended more detailed procedures relating to the existing clawback mechanism provision and scoring methodology. She related that staff is collaborating with a consultant to revise the scoring methodology, which will be brought back to the Commission; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers provided brief comments regarding the importance of the clawback mechanism provision.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

35. Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport for Fiscal Year 2025.

Agreement approved in the amount of \$2,403,528.00 for a one-year term commencing October 1, 2024, and effective through September 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Animal Services

- 36.** Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement with Erickson & Lindstrom Construction Co. for the Animal Services Kennel Replacement and HVAC Renovation Project.

(Contract No. 22-0399-CP) Change order approved increasing the agreement amount by \$755,000.00, for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$4,333,306.00, and extending the agreement term by 270 consecutive calendar days.

Responding to comments by Commissioners Scott and Eggers, Mr. Burton briefly discussed the reasons for the cost increase.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Construction and Property Management

- 37.** Change Order No. 2 to release retainage for the agreement with Creative Contractors, Inc. for the Design Build Courts Consolidation Project.

(Contract No. 167-0160-NC) Change order approved releasing retainage for the agreement and extending the contract term by 108 days through October 1, 2024.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Mr. Burton confirmed that the retainage is being reduced to \$200,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Economic Development

- 38.** Resolution and Third Amendment of Joinder to Interlocal Agreement approving the issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds by Florida Development Finance Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$12,500,000.00 for projects in Pinellas County.

Resolution No. 24-72 adopted, and amendment approved to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing, and equipping Solid Waste Disposal Facilities for GFL Solid Waste Southeast LLC.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Mr. Burton confirmed that this poses no fiscal impact to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Human Services

39. Funding recommendations for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund program.

Funding recommendations by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board approved as outlined in the Staff Report.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Human Services Director Karen Yatchum indicated that all four applicants were funded at the amount they requested.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

40. Funding agreement with BayCare Health System, Inc. for the Pinellas County Health Program.

Agreement approved in the amount of \$2,094,972.07, providing partial reimbursement for services related to ambulatory and inpatient hospital care for authorized clients who are actively enrolled in the Pinellas County Health Program.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

41. Grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Grant Program.

Grant award approved providing an award of \$499,999.00 per year for up to five years and a total award of \$2,499,995.00 for the period of September 30, 2024, through September 29, 2029. No match or cost sharing required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Public Works

42. Award of bid to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC for Fiscal Year 2025 Pavement Preservation - Package 3.

Contract No. 24-0755-ITB-C awarded to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC in the amount of \$3,103,766.71 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Burton indicated that it is too soon to determine whether the projects within the package will be delayed due to Hurricane Milton; whereupon, he confirmed that he does not believe that this would need to be brought back to the Board in the event that an extension is needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

43. Florida Shared-Use Non-Motorized Trail Network Agreement, associated Resolution, and Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for design activities for the Pinellas Trail Loop Phase 5 along San Martin Boulevard from Macoma Drive to Gandy Boulevard Trail Project.

Resolution No. 24-73 adopted approving the execution of the agreement and the associated Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Safety and Emergency Services

44. Agreement to receive E911 trust fund monies from the State of Florida for Next Generation 9-1-1 Core Services.

Agreement approved certifying that monies received from the State of Florida in the amount of \$1,118,167.03 will be used for first year expenses to upgrade the existing 9-1-1 call routing and delivery network to meet state and national requirements, with no matching funds required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Utilities

45. Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. for the William E. Dunn Offsite Reclaimed Pump Station Improvements Project to provide full-time construction management and inspection services.

(Contract No. 190-0031-NC) Change order approved increasing the agreement amount by \$734,754.04, for a revised not-to-exceed total of \$1,487,311.15, and extending the contract through October 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

46. Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Applied Drilling Engineering, Inc. for the William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility Exploratory Well Project.

(Contract No. 23-1141-ITB-C) Change order approved increasing the agreement amount by \$325,772.25, for a revised not-to-exceed total of \$3,280,322.25, and extending the agreement term by 90 days.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Scott, Utilities Director Jeremy Waugh discussed considerations related to the location of the well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

47. Ratification of the County Administrator's emergency approval of the agreement with Cacique Utilities LLC for the construction of a new 20" Force Main along 53rd Avenue North, from Duhme Road to approximately 150' east of Seminole Boulevard.

Emergency approval of Contract No. 24-0791-ITB-C ratified and confirmed in the amount of \$2,438,626.25. All work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Utilities Director Jeremy Waugh, with input from Mr. Burton, indicated that since a low-cost bidder had previously been approved for the project, staff expedited ordering materials so that immediate assistance could be provided to fix a broken pipe.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

COUNTY ATTORNEY

48. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Shah St. Petersburg Holdings LLC - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate Lien.

Initiation of litigation approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

49. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Chadwick Kegler; County Court Case No. 24-006427-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

Attorney White indicated that the cases referenced under Items Nos. 49 through 53 are related to an investigation pertaining to a dog fighting ring that was conducted by Pinellas County Animal Services and the St. Petersburg Police Department; and that a motion may be made to approve the items collectively.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that Item Nos. 49 through 53 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

50. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Jamari Hurst; County Court Case No. 24-006606-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

51. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Jaylin Benniefield; County Court Case No. 24-006430-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

52. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. LaRae Bryant; County Court Case No. 24-006428-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

53. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Mark Holloway;

County Court Case No. 24-006433-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

54. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Nathan Walker; County Court Case No. 24-008035-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

55. County Attorney Reports - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

56. County Administrator Reports

Post-Hurricane Update

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Burton provided brief comments regarding the devastating impacts of Hurricane Milton on residents and businesses throughout the county, noting that he signed an extension to the State of Local Emergency that will enable staff to continue recovery efforts; whereupon, Emergency Management Director Cathie Perkins discussed the County's emergency response and recovery efforts and provided information regarding resources available to residents who were impacted by the storm.

Mr. Burton provided updates regarding initial damage assessments, power outages, and the re-opening of County parks and facilities. Thereupon, with input from Ms. Perkins, he discussed debris collection and indicated that while each municipality has its own debris management plan, the volume of debris and lack of certified contractors have made the process more difficult.

Chair Peters acknowledged staff's preparation and response to Hurricane Milton and other recent storms, noting their courage and heroism, and Commissioners Latvala, Flowers, Eggers, and Justice concurred; whereupon, in response to comments and queries by the members, and with input from Ms. Perkins and Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy, Mr. Burton provided information regarding numerous topics, including the following:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement requirements
- Debris management
- Differentiating between FEMA flood maps and evacuation zones

- Impacts to beaches and the displacement of sand
- Anticipated increase in requests for permits
- Resources available to residents who were impacted by the storm

Later in the meeting, Mr. Burton expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for their support of staff amidst response efforts.

Rainbow Village First Public Hearing Announcement

Mr. Burton stated that the Board of County Commissioners will hold the first of two public hearings regarding the proposed resolution to consider the designation of Rainbow Village as a Brownfield Area in unincorporated Pinellas County; and that the first hearing will be held on October 29 at 6 P.M.

COUNTY COMMISSION

57. County Commission New Business:

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

Responding to queries by Chair Peters, Mr. Burton provided brief comments regarding the State of Local Emergency and its use to facilitate emergency procurement, indicating that while he approved its extension yesterday, the members could approve it to ensure its continued validity for one week from today, October 15, instead of yesterday, October 14.

Attorney White indicated that Mr. Burton has the authority to sign extensions, as delegated by the Commission; whereupon, Chair Peters confirmed that Mr. Burton's delegation to approve extensions each Monday would continue.

The Commissioners provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and discussed various issues, as follows:

Commissioner Flowers

- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
- CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas
- Welcome to newly hired Assistant County Administrator Blaine Williams
- Appreciation to local organizations for their support of residents impacted by the storm
- Appreciation to individuals who housed displaced Eckerd College students
- Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas
- Continuum of Care
- Appreciation to residents for their patience during post-hurricane recovery

Commissioner Justice

- Dr. William Hale Memorial Prayer Breakfast
- Habitat for Humanity home dedications
- Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center Black and White Gala

Commissioner Scott

- Suggestion to invite The Friends of The Pinellas Trail to future work session
- Grand opening of Valor Preserve at Lake Seminole
- Appreciation to staff for their work during post-hurricane recovery

Commissioner Long

- Birth of new great-grandson

Commissioner Eggers

- Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group
- Dr. William Hale Memorial Prayer Breakfast
- Habitat for Humanity home dedications
- Efforts by staff, community partners, and residents during post-hurricane recovery
- Care About Me program

Commissioner Latvala

- Post-hurricane recovery efforts at The Standard Apartments in Clearwater
- Insurance Village resource center at the Long Center
- Feeding Tampa Bay events
- Closing of Capogna's Dugout
- Appreciation to staff for their efforts to prepare and respond to the storm
- Appreciation to Chair Peters for her leadership

Chair Peters

- Happy belated birthday to Commissioner Flowers
- Appreciation to Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies for their presence at Board of County Commissioners meetings
- Tourist Development Council
- Presentation regarding the Care About Me program at a Rotary Club of Seminole meeting
- Appreciation to Clearwater Fire Department for post-hurricane rescues
- Visit from the President of the United States and communications with his staff regarding community needs

ADJOURNMENT - 12:47 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

Chair

By _____
Deputy Clerk