

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
9:30 A.M.

Dave Eggers, Chair
Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel

Barry A. Burton, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney
Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION by Pastor William Sherman, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Clearwater.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. [21-894A](#) Pride Month Proclamation:
 - Jeffrey Lorick, Director, Office of Human Rights
 - Todd Richardson, St. Petersburg Development Officer, Equality Florida Action, Inc.
 - Nathan Bruemmer, Board President, St Pete Pride

2. [21-895A](#) Partner Presentation:
 - Hurricane Season Kickoff
 - Catherine Perkins, Director, Emergency Management

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

3. [21-970A](#) Case No. CW 20-16 - City of St. Petersburg
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public and Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium and Residential Low Medium, regarding 4.37 acres more or less, located at 635 64th Street South, St. Petersburg.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 20-16, a proposal by the City of St. Petersburg to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Public/Semi-Public and Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium and Residential Low Medium, regarding 4.37 acres more or less, located at 635 64th Street South, St. Petersburg.

* The proposed amendment was originally brought to the Forward Pinellas Board in October 2020. However, the City asked to pause the case because an organized neighborhood group (PGSP Neighbors United, Inc.) filed a legal challenge at the local level. The City requested the proposed amendment to the Countywide Plan Map be put on hold pending a final ruling from the Department of Economic Opportunity.

* In March 2021, the administrative law judge with the Department of Administrative Hearings issued a final order which found the amendment was in compliance with the relevant Florida Statutes.

* The amendment area is currently used for a church. The proposed amendment is to allow for multifamily residential development.

* As part of the City of St. Petersburg's StPete2050 visioning initiative, a market assessment was completed to assess projected population growth by land use type and identified an increasing demand for new development of residential units.

* Large consolidated lots commonly associated with churches are helping the community address a growing need for more housing.

* The portion of the amendment area located in the Coastal High Hazard Area will not be impacted by the proposed amendment and will remain Residential Low Medium.

* The Forward Pinellas Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment.

* Public Comments - St. Petersburg City Council Meeting.

4. [21-973A](#) (To be withdrawn) Case No. CW 21-06 - City of St. Petersburg
(Continued from April 13, 2021)
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Employment & Target
Employment Center to Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center,
regarding 29.11 acres more or less, located at 1501 72nd Street North,
St. Petersburg.

Recommendation: The City of St. Petersburg has requested withdrawal of this proposed amendment to the Countywide Plan Map.

* The subject property is located on 72nd Street North, directly abutting 22nd Avenue North to the north, Pinellas Trail to the east and water treatment facility to the south. It is surrounded by commercial, multifamily uses and a public park.

* The subject property is the site of the former office, research and laboratory facility for a defense electronics company, E-Systems Inc. After soil and groundwater contamination in 1991, the Raytheon Company acquired the property in 1995 and installed testing wells in 1996. It was later discovered that the polluted groundwater had migrated into areas outside the subject property and a water treatment facility was constructed to the south. The treatment facility is not part of the amendment area.

* The subject property has been vacant for 20 years.

* The applicant is proposing a regional sports tourism facility and public lagoon with a beach area. Additionally, the applicant proposes to develop an apartment complex on the site.

* There is a Development Agreement between the applicant and the City which outlines that a minimum of 30 percent of the apartment complex units will be designated as workforce housing.

* Forward Pinellas staff has determined that this request is inconsistent with the Countywide Rules policies that preserve Industrial, Employment and Target Employment Center lands for high-wage job creation and recommends denial of the map amendment.

* The Planners Advisory Committee voted 14-0 to recommend approval of this map amendment conditional on a guarantee that the workforce housing would be constructed. The Forward Pinellas Board voted 8-4 to recommend denial of the map amendment.

* Section 6.1.4.7. of the Countywide Rules requires a majority plus one vote of the entire CPA to render a decision contrary to the Forward Pinellas Board's recommendation.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

5. [21-890A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 6 through 10

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

6. [21-1064A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from April 25 through May 8, 2021.

Reports received for filing:

7. [21-1065A](#) Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Utilities

8. [20-1110A](#) Award of bid to Polydyne, Inc. for wastewater polymers.

Recommendation: Approval of the rejection of bids from Nalco Company, LLC and Fort Bend Services, Inc. as non-responsive for not meeting the testing requirements as specified per bid requirements during testing phases.

Approval of the award of bid and execution of the agreement with Polydyne Inc. for wastewater polymers.

* This five-year agreement is to supply polymers for the Utilities wastewater facilities to thicken and dewater biosolids generated during the wastewater treatment process allowing biosolids to be 100% beneficially re-used as Class AA fertilizer.

* The agreement amount is \$2,642,243.24 over a sixty-month term.

* Three vendors submitted bid information at the beginning of the three-step bid process. Two of the vendors did not advance through the three-step bid process and associated bench-scale testing with one rejected after Step 1 for not submitting required documentation by the established deadline and the other rejected before Step 2 for not passing bench-scale testing. The bench-scale and full-scale testing process and results were verified by a third-party engineering firm.

* A 15% contingency is included as part of this award recommendation to account for increased usage due to seasonal and operational variations.

* This agreement will replace a current three-year contract that will expire on May 19, 2021.

Bid No. 21-0091-B(BW) with an average annual expenditure of \$528,448.65 for a sixty-month term total of \$2,642,243.24, based on lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications. Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

9. [20-2102A](#) Award of bid to Instrument Specialties, Inc. for Siemens variable frequency drives replacement, parts, maintenance, and repairs for the Utilities Department.

Recommendation: Reject the bid received from Siemens Industry, Inc. as non-responsive for not meeting bid requirements as they failed to submit a completed price sheet and failed to provide required Invitation to Bid documents.

Award of bid to Instrument Specialties, Inc. for Siemens variable frequency drives (VFD) replacement, parts, maintenance, and repairs for the Utilities Department.

* This sixty-month fixed price contract provides preventative maintenance, replacement equipment, parts, and repairs of Siemens VFDs for the Utilities Department.

* VFDs are used in the operation of pumping systems to provide adequate delivery of drinking water and collection of wastewater.

* Total estimated expenditure for sixty months is \$1,398,000.00.

* Three bids were received with award recommendation to Instrument Specialties Inc as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder

Bid No. 190-0739-B(BW) in an average annual estimated amount of \$279,600.00 for a sixty-month total of \$1,398,000.00 based upon being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

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Countywide Planning Authority

10. [21-971A](#) Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by the City of Clearwater.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, accept the Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by the City of Clearwater.

* The City of Clearwater is requesting a map adjustment on a property located at 24479 U.S. Highway 19 North.

* The amendment area currently includes approximately 1.19 acres of Preservation land that is proposed to be adjusted to approximately 2.20 acres, resulting in a 1.01 acre increase in land designated as Preservation.

* The City is requesting to modify the existing Preservation boundary to reflect the jurisdictional boundary identified by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

* The request meets the requirements of the map adjustment process and is submitted for official acceptance.

* Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each voted unanimously to recommend approval of this map adjustment.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Housing & Community Development

11. [21-897A](#) Historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions for five recently renovated historic properties located in the City of St. Petersburg.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolutions authorizing a County historic preservation ad valorem tax exemption for each of the five recently renovated historic properties located in the City of St. Petersburg located at the following addresses:

- * The single-family residence at 556 Beach Drive Northeast designated as a local historic landmark by the City and a contributing property in the North Shore National Register Historic District.
- * The single-family residence at 406 14th Avenue Northeast designated as a contributing property in the North Shore Historic District.
- * The single-family residence known as the Frank Broadfield House at 956 39th Avenue North designated as a local historic landmark by the City.
- * The commercial building known as the Smalley-Green Auto Building at 1180 Central Avenue designated as a local historic landmark by the City.
- * The single-family residence at 336 9th Avenue Northeast designated as a contributing resource in the North Shore Historic District.
- * The tax exemption applies only to the increase in the value of improvements after renovation, as determined by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser.
- * The exemption of County ad valorem taxes is requested for a period of ten years.
- * Work for each project has been reviewed and certified by historic preservation staff with the St. Petersburg Planning & Economic Development Department.

Authorize the Chair to be a signatory party on the associated historic preservation covenant for each property and authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest the resolutions and associated covenants.

Human Services

12. [21-808A](#) Funding recommendations for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Recommendation: Approval of funding recommendations by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) and execution grant documents for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide (JAGC).

* The JAG-C is a U.S. Department of Justice pass-through grant administered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. It supports projects that help reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system.

* As the Statewide Administering Agency, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) requires the Board of County Commissioners to execute a Certificate of Participation prior to the application process.

* A delegation letter is requested for FDLE to allow the County Administrator to complete the application process.

* The JAG-C will provide \$236,358.00 in funding to support seven projects in Pinellas County.

* The SAAB reviewed applications and recommend projects to be funded by JAG-C, which were voted and approved at the SAAB meeting on April 19, 2021.

* Based on crime and population statistics, FDLE has allocated \$236,358.00 for Pinellas County. No local match is required.

13. [21-1030A](#) Third Amendment to the Behavioral Health Consulting Services Agreement with KPMG, LLP for the evaluation of the Pinellas County Adult Behavioral Health System.

Recommendation: Approval of the Third Amendment with KPMG LLP (KPMG) to design a Coordinated Access Model (CAM) as Phase 3 of the strategic plan to elevate the Adult Behavioral Health System of Care in Pinellas County.

* This Third Amendment provides funding for KPMG to move forward on Phase 3 which includes the research and design of a CAM. This 44-week Phase will involve four (4) work streams: CAM Design, Request for Proposal (RFP) Development Support, Review and Analyze Vendor Responses, and Implementation Initiation Support.

* The contract with KPMG is for an actionable strategic plan to enhance and elevate the Pinellas County Adult Behavioral Health System.

* An amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 has been identified in General Fund Reserves for Phase 3 of this project. A Human Services Budget Amendment will be required

* The original Agreement was executed December 10, 2019. The First Amendment, dated April 21, 2020, provided a no-cost extension to allow for public presentation and discussion during a time of travel and other restrictions due to COVID-19. The Second Amendment provided funding for Phase 2 which included the development and implementation of an ODS.

* At the conclusion of Phase 1, two key recommendations were made for next steps:
o Optimal Data Set (ODS) (Phase 2); and
o Coordinated Access Model (CAM) (Phase 3)

Contract No. 190-0003-LI(PLU) increase in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 for a revised total contract value of \$2,119,742.00 with an annual amount of \$1,059,871.00 through July 31, 2022.

Management and Budget

14. [21-1024A](#) Ratification of acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal stimulus funds for Emergency Rental Assistance and authorization for County Administrator to accept the Fiscal Recovery Funds and other ARPA funds that may be available at a later date.

Recommendation:

Ratification of the acceptance of ARPA federal stimulus funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) program:

* ARPA section 3201(a) provides for funding to support emergency rental assistance funds administered by local governments.

* This program supplements funding provided under the Consolidated Appropriations Act.

* The County Administrator accepted the ERA2 funds totaling \$24,395,835.40 via electronic submission through the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) portal on May 7, 2021.

* While the Board had specifically delegated authority to the County Administrator to accept such funds via resolution on January 26, 2021, that authority expired at 3:00pm on May 7, 2021 when the Local State of Emergency lapsed.

Authorization for the County Administrator to accept ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds:

* ARPA section 9901 provides for funding of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

* The County allocation is \$189,381,543.00.

* To receive funds, the County must submit the attached signed acceptance via Treasury portal.

* These funds are intended to provide eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, and more equitable economy as the country recovers

Authorization for the County Administrator to accept other ARPA funds that may be available at a later date:

* ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package intended to provide direct relief to Americans, contain COVID-19, and rescue the economy. As such, it includes dozens of programs for which funding may be available to Pinellas County, either directly from the federal government or as a pass through from the State of Florida or another entity.

* This authorization will enable the County Administrator to take action as defined by the disbursing entity to accept such funds and such terms as may be required for the purposes of receiving ARPA funds where the analysis of County Administration shows that all requirements of such program can be met.

* Acceptance of future ARPA funds will be reported on the receipt and file report.

Safety and Emergency Services

15. [21-967A](#) Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for provision of Helicopter Ambulance Service in Pinellas County.

Recommendation: Approve and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Med-Trans Florida, d/b/a LifeLine to provide helicopter ambulance service in Pinellas County.

* COPCNs are issued by Boards of County Commissioners in all Counties in Florida. The certificate allows Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider agencies to be licensed by the Florida Department of Health.

* The certificate process ensures there are coordinated and regulated EMS Systems at a County level. Certificates are issued on an annual basis to ensure continuous compliance to the various standards and requirements.

* LifeLine will become the primary trauma helicopter in Pinellas County.

* If approved, the expiration date of this COPCN will be December 31, 2022.

* There is currently no fee associated with the issuance of this certificate.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificates.

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Business Technology Services

16. [21-783A](#) Agreement with Insight Public Sector, Inc. to purchase technology products and services requested by the Business Technology Services department.

Recommendation: Approval and execution of the agreement with Insight Public Sector, Inc. to purchase technology products and services as requested by the Business Technology Services (BTS) department.

* This agreement provides a mechanism for BTS to purchase software, hardware, and related services.

* Approval in the amount of \$950,000.00, as requested by BTS, reflects expenditure based on known and anticipated enterprise needs.

* Pricing is per County of Fairfax/OMNIA Partners Contract No. 4400006644.

Contract No. 21-0444-PB(SCB) in an average annual amount of \$475,000.00 for a twenty-four-month total of \$950,000.00 through April 30, 2023.

Emergency Medical Services Authority

17. [21-869A](#) Issuance and renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, issue a renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for each wheelchair/stretcher van transport provider on the attached listing.

- * The current certificates expire on June 30, 2021.
- * The 15 firms on the attached list have completed a renewal application and meet the Authority's requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport business.
- * 7 of the 15 firms have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services.
- * If approved, the new COPCN will expire on June 30, 2022.
- * There is currently no fee to recover costs associated with issuance of these certificates.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates.

Human Resources

18. [21-955A](#) Increase the upset limit to the agreement with United HealthCare Services, Inc. for requirements of employee assistance and managed behavioral programs.

Recommendation: Approve an increase the upset limit to the agreement with United HealthCare Services, Inc. (UHC) for employee assistance and managed behavioral programs.

- * This agreement with UHC provides County employees and dependents with employee assistance and managed behavioral health benefits.
- * The request to increase the upset limit in the amount of \$302,400.00 will fund claims through the end of the contract term, December 31, 2021; there has been an increase in mental health benefit utilization due to the pandemic.
- * The Board of County Commissioners awarded this contract in the amount of \$1,105,980.00 on November 12, 2019. The First Amendment was approved by the County Administrator on July 21, 2020 revising the fee schedule with no fiscal impact. Contract No. 178-0395-P(LN) increase in the amount of \$302,400.00 for a revised contract value of \$1,408,380.00 with an average annual expenditure of \$704,190.00 through December 31, 2021.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

19. [21-1069A](#) Proposed settlement in the case of Samuel Dirienzo v. Pinellas County; Workers' Compensation, Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims Case No. 16-021178RLY (consolidating 21-002973RLY; 21-005972RLY; 18-012556RLY; and 17-000044RLY).

Recommendation: Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Samuel Dirienzo v. Pinellas County (Workers' Compensation claims).

20. [21-892A](#) County Attorney Reports:
- Redistricting Update

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21. [21-891A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

22. [21-893A](#) County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely
Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations,
Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and Other New Business
- Reconsideration of the South CRA advisory committee appointment

ADJOURNMENT

Special Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in this meeting are asked to contact Pinellas County's Office of Human Rights by e-mailing such requests to accommodations@pinellascounty.org at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882.

Public Participation Procedures

Persons wishing to comment regarding a specific agenda item should do so:

In person - by preregistering at pinellascounty.org/comment or by filling out a comment card with the County staff person in the meeting room; or,

Virtually - in advance in accordance with the instructions in the notice of this meeting, or on the virtual platform or phone after preregistering.

Members of the public wishing to make comments on the virtual platform or by phone must preregister by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting. At the scheduled section of the meeting when the item is before the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the Chairman or Clerk will call on each individual, one by one, to be heard. Each individual may speak for up to three minutes as may be modified by the Chairman. Comments or behavior that violate Pinellas County Commission Public Participation and Decorum Rules will be disconnected. Members of the public who cannot attend at the time an agenda item is before the Board may offer comments during the Citizens to Be Heard section near the beginning of the meeting. More information is available at www.pinellascounty.org/BCC_Participation.htm or by calling (727) 464-4400.

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, 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 as may be modified by Pinellas County Emergency Order. 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.
3. Persons wishing to attend virtually must preregister at pinellascounty.org/comment by 5 p. m. the day before the meeting.

Appeals

Persons are advised that, if they decided to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding 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.