

# **Pinellas County**

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting**

**Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Kathleen Peters, Chair*

*Brian Scott, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*René Flowers*

*Charlie Justice*

*Chris Latvala*

*Janet C. Long*

**ROLL CALL - 2:00 P.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 Franchesca DiNapoli, Senior Board Records Specialist, Deputy Clerk

Chair Peters called the meeting to order and expressed appreciation to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies for their presence at Board of County Commissioners meetings.

**INVOCATION by Pastor Clem Bell, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Dunedin.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. National Water Quality Month Proclamation:
  - Kevin King, Project Coordinator, Utilities
  - Wendy Tiff, Project Coordinator, Utilities
  - Ryan Ryczek, Environmental Program Manager 1, Public Works
  - Natasha Dickrell, Environmental Specialist 3, Public Works

Chair Peters invited Messrs. King and Ryczek and Meses. Tiff and Dickrell to join her at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing August 2024 as National Water Quality Month; whereupon, Mr. Ryczek and Ms. Dickrell provided brief comments.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

2. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor  
Mack Johnson, Largo  
Greg Pound, Largo  
Edward Baur, Gulfport  
Robert Grondin, St. Petersburg  
Wendy Szabo Kauai, Pinellas Park  
Cassandra Cole, St. Petersburg  
Ronald Walker, Largo  
Susan Hargreaves, Jupiter (submitted documents)

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 12 (Item No. 9 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Vice-Chair 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**

- 3. Vouchers and bills paid from June 30 through July 13, 2024.

Period June 30 - July 6, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$61,214,966.60

Payroll - \$4,649,205.91

Period July 7 - July 13, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$23,204,843.39

Payroll - None

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Reports received for filing:

- 4. Dock Fee Report for the month of June 2024

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- 5. City of Clearwater Notice of Platting Application at 27 Somerset St. (PLT2024-07004)

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

- 6. City of Clearwater Notice of Platting Application at Freedom Dr. (PLT2024-06003)

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS**

County Administrator

- 7. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending July 26th, 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

- 8. Award of bid to All Around Maintenance and Rehabs II LLC for Open Conveyance Maintenance Operation and Maintenance Work Order Contract.

Contract No. 24-0336-ITB-C awarded to All Around Maintenance and Rehabs II LLC, in the amount of \$3,500,710.00, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 1,825 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

- 10. Award of bid to TLC Diversified, Inc. for the construction of the William E. Dunn Offsite Reclaimed Pump Station Improvements (Rebid).

Contract No. 24-0876-ITB-C awarded to TLC Diversified, Inc., in the amount of \$13,898,000.00, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 750 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 11. Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

- 12. Ranking of firms and agreement with Ignyte Group, Inc. for Human Services Focused Case Management, Integration and Low Code Platform Solution - American Rescue Plan Act.

(Contract No. 24-0330-RFP) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$11,384,141.10, for a term of ten years.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

9. Award of bid to David Nelson Construction Co. for 46th Avenue North from 49th Street North to 38th Street North - American Rescue Plan Act and 49th Street North at 46th Avenue North Intersection Improvements.

Contract No. 24-0825-ITB-CP awarded to David Nelson Construction Co., in the amount of \$6,433,331.50, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, David Lee, Lealman, appeared and expressed his concerns.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Justice and Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy, with input from Mr. Burton, provided clarifying information regarding the sidewalk additions and drainage improvements within the proposed project.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, 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

Convention and Visitors Bureau

13. Capital Project Funding Agreement with Salvador Dali Museum, Inc. for the Dali Museum Expansion Project.

Agreement approved in the amount of \$25,160,000.00, payable in quarterly payments on a reimbursement basis.

In response to a request by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton indicated that future items involving the expenditure of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) funds will include an updated summary of TDT reserves and cash flow.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, 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

**14.** Fiscal Year 2025 Elite Event funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council.

Recommendations approved, as amended, to fund the following Fiscal Year 2025 Elite Events and Destination Enhancement Events, for a cumulative total maximum expenditure of \$1,600,000.00, as delineated in the Staff Report:

Elite Events

Valspar Championship  
Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg presented by RP Funding  
The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican  
St. Petersburg Powerboat Grand Prix  
XInsurance Clearwater Offshore Nationals  
St. Pete Pride  
16th Annual Sanding Ovations  
Reggae Rise Up Florida  
Dunedin Highland Games & Festival  
Reliaquest Bowl Clearwater Beach Day  
Clearwater Jazz Holiday  
The Pier 60 Sugar Sand festival  
Rise Up Concert Series  
St. Pete BikeFest  
32nd Annual Spring King of the Beach  
St. Pete Run Fest  
2025 John's Pass Seafood Festival  
Festivals of Speed  
Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival  
2024 MLK Dream Big Parade  
31st Annual Fall King of the Beach

Destination Enhancement Events

Holiday Lights in the Gardens  
St. Pete Tacos & Tequila Festival  
SHINE St. Petersburg Mural Festival  
St. Pete Bacon & BBQ Festival  
OCC Invitational Bike Show  
Tampa Bay Blues Festival  
St. Pete Pier Bundle (includes three events)  
American Stage "Hair" the Musical in the Park 2025  
Localtopia, "A Community Celebration of All Things Local"  
NYE at the Pier

Rays Music Festival  
St. Pete Pier Bundle (includes five events)

Mr. Burton introduced the item, indicating that the Tourist Development Council (TDC) approved a combined total of \$135,000.00 in additional funding to be allocated among three Elite Events; and that the funding is contingent upon the applicants completing marketing requirements.

In response to the Chair's call for public comment, Frank Chivas, Indian Shores, appeared and expressed his concerns; whereupon, responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Chair Peters provided brief comments regarding the TDC's aforementioned decision to allocate additional funding.

Commissioner Flowers requested that the members consider increasing the funding for the 2024 MLK Dream Big Parade from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00; whereupon, in response to her comments, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater (VSPC) President and CEO Brian Lowack, with input from Chair Peters, indicated that the \$2 million budget for the Elite Event Funding Program has been exhausted based on the recommendations outlined in the Staff Report; and that the only way to provide additional funding for the MLK event is to reduce funding for one of the three events that the TDC recommended for additional funding.

Thereupon, Commissioner Flowers made a motion to amend the Elite Event funding recommendations, increasing funding for the 2024 MLK Dream Big Parade to \$75,000.00. In response to her remarks, Mr. Lowack provided clarifying comments relating to the economic impact data provided by the event's organizers and utilized by staff to determine funding for the event. Commissioner Latvala expressed support for the motion, with the caveat that additional funding for the MLK event be taken from another Elite Event in St. Petersburg; whereupon, Commissioner Justice seconded the motion.

Chair Peters discussed previous changes to the Elite Event Funding Program guidelines, which increased the focus on tourism and room nights, noting that she has requested VSPC staff ensure that the most up-to-date information is provided by event organizers. She expressed concern regarding reducing funding amounts when event organizers have been notified of the amount that may be awarded and related that she will not support the motion; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers provided brief comments regarding the MLK event's importance to the community and expressed support for the motion to provide additional funding.

Following brief comments by Chair Peters, Commissioner Latvala indicated that he would amend Commissioner Flowers' motion to include that funding for the St. Petersburg Powerboat Grand Prix be decreased by \$25,000.00 and applied to the 2024 MLK Dream Big Parade; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers seconded Commissioner Latvala's motion and accepted the amendment. Responding to a query by Chair Peters, Attorney White suggested that the members vote on the modification to the motion independently.

Upon call for the vote, the amended motion carried 5-2, with Chair Peters and Commissioner Scott dissenting.

Upon the Chair's call for the vote on Commissioner Flowers' original motion to amend the Elite Event funding recommendations, increasing funding for the 2024 MLK Dream Big Parade by \$25,000.00 for a total of \$75,000.00, the motion carried 6-1, with Chair Peters dissenting.

In response to a query by Chair Peters, Attorney White clarified that another motion is needed to allow the members to vote on the remainder of the Elite Event funding recommendations.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Chair Peters

### County Administrator

15. Palm Harbor Library Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Services Taxing Unit Special Projects Funding Request for Library Shelving Units.

Funding request approved in the amount of \$20,000.00.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, 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 Justice, and Commissioner Long

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Latvala

### Housing & Community Development

16. Affordable Housing Program project funding recommendation for Cypress Grove Apartments by Archway Partners.

Recommendation approved for funding in the amount of \$5,040,000.00 for 84 multi-family workforce units to be located in Largo. Total estimated development cost is \$31,785,259.00. County Administrator authorized to negotiate and approve the terms, conditions, and final funding amount not to exceed the amount approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

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



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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Latvala

17. Affordable Housing Program project funding recommendation for Flats on 4th Apartments by Archway Partners.

Recommendation approved for funding in the amount of \$2,900,000.00 for 80 senior multi-family affordable units to be located in St. Petersburg. Total estimated development cost is \$37,473,975.00. County Administrator authorized to negotiate and approve the terms, conditions, and final funding amount not to exceed the amount approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Latvala

### Safety and Emergency Services

18. Agreement between Pinellas County and the Lealman Special Fire Control & Rescue District for the purchase of water rescue equipment.

Agreement approved providing a maximum funding amount of \$100,000.00, effective from the date of execution and ending at midnight on October 1, 2025.

In response to queries by Commissioner Scott, Safety and Emergency Services Department Director Jim Fogarty indicated that the proposed agreement provides funding for equipment and training due to the high level of offshore rescues that are occurring near Tierra Verde.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, 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

### Utilities

19. Community Agreements for the Construction of the Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection Systems Improvements Project Package 1 for Boca Ciega Resident's Association, Inc. with an additive of Holiday Shores Park, Inc. (Companion to Item No. 20)

(Contract No. 24-0409-ITB-C) Agreements approved as amended, with authorization granted for the Clerk to include contact information for the Director of Utilities.

Mr. Burton introduced the item and requested that the members include authorization for the Clerk to provide the contact information for the Director of Utilities, which was inadvertently omitted in the agreements associated with Item Nos. 19 and 21.

In response to comments by Commissioners Scott and Eggers, Mr. Burton discussed the grouping of improvement projects into three packages, the importance of the projects as part of the effort to improve the County's wastewater system, and the restricted use of infrastructure funds; whereupon, in response to a query by Commissioner Scott, Utilities Director Jeremy Waugh indicated that the residents of the five affected mobile home parks will become ratepayers within the County's utility system.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved as amended. 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

- 20.** Award of bid to Rowland DE, LLC for the construction of the Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection Systems Improvements American Rescue Plan Act Project - Package 1 for Boca Ciega Residents Association, Inc. and the optional additive of Holiday Shores Park, Inc. (Companion to Item No. 19)

Contract No. 24-0409-ITB-C awarded to Rowland DE, LLC, in the amount of \$18,850,249.63 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 698 consecutive calendar days.

**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

- 21.** Community Agreements for the Construction of the Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection Systems Improvements Project Package 2 for Lake Seminole Estates, and additives of Oasis Home Owners, Inc., Midway AM/CAN Home Owners, Inc. (Companion to Item No. 22)

(Contract No. 24-0420-ITB-C) Agreements approved as amended, with authorization granted for the Clerk to include contact information for the Director of Utilities.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Utilities Director Jeremy Waugh indicated that five mobile home communities will be affected by the project packages associated with Item Nos. 19 and 21.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved as amended. 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

- 22.** Award of bid to Cathcart Construction Company Florida, LLC for the construction of the Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater System Improvements American Rescue Plan Act Project - Package 2 for Lake Seminole Estates, and optional additives of Oasis Homeowners, Inc., and Midway AM/CAN Homeowners, Inc. (Companion to Item No. 21)

Contract No. 24-0420-ITB-C awarded to Cathcart Construction Company Florida, LLC, in the amount of \$14,793,084.35 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 698 consecutive calendar days.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, 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

- 23.** Resilient Florida Grant Program application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Gulf Beach Water Booster Station Improvements.

(PID No. 002150A) Grant application approved for submittal. Total project estimate, \$16,657,000.00 (anticipated grant funding, \$8,000,000.00; County match, at least 50% or \$8,000,000.00).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, 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

- 24.** Resilient Florida Grant Program application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Pinellas County Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection Systems Improvements.

(PID No. 005015A) Grant application approved for submittal. Total project estimate, \$48,482,487.00 (anticipated grant funding, \$23,987,745.00; County match, 50%).

**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

- 25.** Termination of agreement for convenience with Strut Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC Preventative Maintenance, Repairs, and Unit Replacements.

Termination of agreement approved.

**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

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

26. Resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project Citrus Grove Apartments.

Resolution No. 24-48 adopted allowing the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) to issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$22,000,000.00 for the benefit of Citrus Grove Presentation, Ltd., a Florida limited partnership, or its affiliate, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, Pinellas County HFA Executive Director Kathryn Driver and Lincoln Avenue Capital Vice President Jordan Richter appeared and provided an overview of the project and the process for reviewing and approving applications from affordable housing developers.

Responding to comments and queries by Commissioners Flowers and Scott, Ms. Driver indicated that issuing bonds allows the HFA to impose a Land Use Restriction Agreement on the property; and that in order to ensure that the property is in good condition, the use of a compliance monitor will be required; whereupon, Mr. Richter provided information regarding income restrictions and the process and timeline for renovations of the units, noting that a third-party relocation consultant and a full-time on-site employee have been hired to coordinate temporary relocations.

**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

Human Resources

27. Agreement with UMR, Inc., a UnitedHealthcare company, for requirements of group medical, employee assistance, and managed behavioral and mental health benefits. Termination for convenience of current contract with Cigna Health and Life Insurance and Evernorth Behavioral Health, Inc., effective December 31, 2024.

Contract No. 21-0162-P approved for a total expenditure of \$15,000,000.00 (estimated annual expenditure, \$3,000,000.00). The agreement has a term of 60 months, with a service start date of January 1, 2025, and may be extended for one additional 24-month term. Termination for convenience of current contract with Cigna Health and Life Insurance

and Evernorth Behavioral Health, Inc. approved, effective December 31, 2024.

Responding to queries by the members, Chief Human Resources Officer Wade Childress, with input from Attorney White, indicated that the County would have the ability to terminate the new contract for convenience; that there is network convergence with regard to coverage of approximately 97 to 98%; and that the proposed agreement is specific to medical insurance; whereupon, he provided details regarding the contract structure and emphasized the flexibility it provides.

**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

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 28.** Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. The Estate of Patsy Piechocki - 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

- 29.** Resolution approving early extension of 2024 tax rolls.

Resolution No. 24-49 adopted directing the Property Appraiser to extend the 2024 tax rolls and deliver them to the Tax Collector on or before October 4, 2024, upon authority of Section 197.323, Florida Statutes. Clerk directed to deliver the resolution to the Property Appraiser.

**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

- 30.** County Attorney Reports - None

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 31.** County Administrator Reports

Highlighting Pinellas County Emergency Management Department

Mr. Burton invited Emergency Management Director Cathie Perkins and her staff to the podium and emphasized the Department's efforts related to emergency response; whereupon, Ms. Perkins described emergency preparedness measures conducted by the Department, collaboration with other agencies, and response efforts during Hurricane Debby.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy, with input from Mr. Burton, discussed environmental impacts of Hurricane Debby and the County's year-round sandbag program, including ongoing efforts related to sandbag distribution and education regarding the proper use and disposal of sandbags.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Scott and Justice, Ms. Perkins, with input from Mr. Burton, discussed procedures related to declaring a local state of emergency and evacuation education and communication.

Commissioner Long indicated that she would like to recognize Emergency Management Coordinator Spencer Shaw for his work communicating weather conditions and presented him with a County challenge coin; whereupon, Ms. Perkins and Chair Peters provided brief remarks.

Sanitary sewer overflows

Mr. Burton invited Utilities Director Jeremy Waugh to the podium; whereupon, Mr. Waugh discussed sanitary sewer overflows caused by storms, emphasizing various planned and completed improvements to sewer networks throughout the county.

Mr. Waugh indicated that 12 locations experienced overflows due to capacity issues; that improvements for one location were recently approved through a joint project agreement with the City of Pinellas Park; and that plans are in place to resolve the issues at the 11 remaining locations; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Justice and Chair Peters, he provided details related to the planned improvements at the Pinellas Park facility, manholes, reporting of overflows to the Department of Environmental Protection, and flood response during a recent storm.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

32. Appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Sean F. Gaffney appointed to fill a term expiring September 30, 2025.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, 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

**33. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.**

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointments of Ralph Ricapito and Diane Conti as Hospital Administrator alternates for terms ending December 2025 and April 2026, respectively.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, 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

**34. Appointment to the Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).**

Following a ballot vote, Jordan Myers appointed for a four-year term beginning on the date of appointment.

**35. Reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.**

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the following reappointments for two-year terms ending July 2026:

- Chief Scott Ehlers as City of Clearwater Fire Chief representative
- Chief Anthony Tedesco as City of Clearwater Fire Chief alternate
- Chief Terry Tokarz as Emergency Medical Services Coordinator representative
- Chief Doug Zimmerman as Emergency Medical Services Coordinator alternate
- Nancy Hopkins as the Emergency Nurses' Association representative

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, 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

**36. County Commission New Business:**

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

The members provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Flowers

- Appreciation to the National Council of Negro Women and Sheriff Bob Gualtieri for their efforts relating to a giveaway event for school supplies and backpacks
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Welcoming teachers and students back to school

Commissioner Scott

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Tour of Emergency Management
- Meeting with Southwest Florida Water Management District Government Affairs Program Manager Amber Smith
- Speaking opportunity at the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce North Beaches Business Meeting
- Best wishes to former aide Bobbie Shay Lee and welcome to new aide Coleen Chaney

Commissioner Long

- Appreciation to Agenda Coordinator Jo Lugo

Commissioner Eggers

- City of Dunedin Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony
- Tour of Friends of Strays Animal Shelter
- Potential closure of SPCA Tampa Bay's Veterinary Center
- Purchase of Tarpon Woods golf course
- Replacement of the Ridgemoor Boulevard bridge
- Congratulations to Chair Peters for being recognized as Legislator of the Year by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Latvala

- August 23 application deadline for the Youth Advisory Committee
- Best wishes to Commissioner Scott's former aide Bobbie Shay Lee and welcome to his new aide Coleen Chaney

Chair Peters indicated that she received a letter from the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) which included that the County must nominate an additional member to FAC's Board of Directors; that this is needed due to Commissioner Long's nomination of Commissioner Latvala to fill her seat in District 16, which created a vacancy in District 21; and that Commissioners Flowers, Justice, and Latvala cannot be appointed since they already serve on the Board; whereupon, she requested that one of the remaining members volunteer or propose a nomination.

A brief discussion ensued wherein Chair Peters provided brief comments regarding the geographic boundaries of District 21 and noted that the term for the vacant seat ends June



2025; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers volunteered to fill the seat. Chair Peters indicated that she would consider that as a motion and requested a second. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and upon call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### Chair Peters

- Reminder to drive safely as students return to school
- Canvassing Board
- Tour of BayCare St. Joseph's Hospital North
- Tour of wellness room at Sligh Middle Magnet School
- Birthday celebrations for the U.S. Coast Guard
- Potential upcoming proclamation for the 100th anniversary of the opening of the U.S. Coast Guard's Sector St. Petersburg
- Tampa Bay Rowdies 9/11 Stair Climb
- Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Chair Peters referenced the aforementioned potential sale of the Tarpon Woods golf course and indicated that the members should be cautious regarding any conversations related to the topic since it could come before the Board as a public hearing.

**Meeting recessed: 5:05 P.M.**

**Meeting reconvened: 6:00 P.M.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

#### Countywide Planning Authority

- 37.** Case No. CW 24-10 - City of Pinellas Park  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office, Employment and Target Employment Center to Employment and Target Employment Center, regarding 1.9 acres more or less, located at 5005 Ulmerton Road.

Ordinance No. 24-25 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-10. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment; staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, Kevin Real, St. Petersburg, indicated that he is

the agent for the property owner and is available to answer any questions.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, 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

- 38.** Case No. CW 24-13 - City of St. Petersburg  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Industrial, Activity Center and Target Employment Center to Industrial, Activity Center and Target Employment Center, regarding 58 acres more or less, generally located at the 22nd Street South SunRunner Bus Station, south of 1st Avenue South, east of 24th Street South and north and west of Interstate 275.

Ordinance No. 24-26 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-13. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment; staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

**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

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- 39.** Case No. ZON-24-03 (Adam Schoenbaum)  
A request for a zoning change from GI-W-CO, General Institutional-Wellhead Protection Overlay-Conditional Overlay, to R-A-W, Residential Agriculture-Wellhead Protection Overlay on approximately 9.38 acres located at 3561 Keystone Road in East Lake Tarpon. (Quasi-Judicial)

Resolution No. 24-50 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Planning Section Manager Scott Swearengen confirmed that the request will allow four homes to be built on the property, which remains within the allowable limit of one home per two acres.

**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.** Ordinance amending Sections 118-176, 118-177, and 118-180 relating to an additional homestead exemption for persons 65 and older.

Ordinance No. 24-27 adopted amending Sections of the Pinellas County Code. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, 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

- 41.** Resolution authorizing an interfund loan from the Solid Waste Revenue and Operating Fund to the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fund, supplementing the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget and recognizing unanticipated revenue for the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fund.

Resolution No. 24-51 adopted authorizing a loan as outlined in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Office of Management and Budget Director Chris Rose clarified that the interest rate for the loan is fixed for one year; and that it will be reset every 12 months based on the amount gained in interest.

**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

- 42.** Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act Resolution granting host community approval pursuant to Section 147(f) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and approving, solely for the purposes of 163.01, Florida Statutes (the "Interlocal Act"), the expenditure of a portion of the proceeds of the Hillsborough County's Industrial Development Authority's Health System Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,900,000,000.00 on behalf of BayCare Health System, Inc.

Resolution No. 24-52 adopted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Mr. Burton indicated that there is no exposure to the County.

**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

- 43.** Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act Resolution for the issuance by the Illinois Finance Authority of its Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 on behalf of National University of Health Sciences, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation for a project to be located in Oldsmar, Florida.

Resolution No. 24-53 adopted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

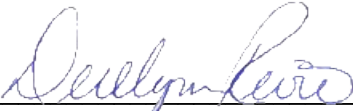
Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Mr. Burton confirmed that there is no exposure to the County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, 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

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:09 P.M.**

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By   
Deputy Clerk



  
Chair