

# **Pinellas County**

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, May 21, 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 Tammy Burgess, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION by Reverend Dr. Jim Servillo, Episcopal Church of Ascension, Clearwater****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Hero to a Child Proclamation:**

- Erin Authier, Executive Director, Hero to a Child and Board Members

Chair Peters invited Ms. Authier and the Hero to a Child Board members to join her at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing their achievements and ongoing commitment to building brighter futures for children and youth in Pinellas and Pasco counties; whereupon, Ms. Authier provided brief comments and introduced the Board members in attendance.

**2. 2024 Emergency Medical Services Professional of the Year Awards:**

Emergency Medical Dispatcher

- Haley Bean, Public Safety Supervisor 1, Pinellas County Regional 911

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

- Donald "Tripp" Staley, EMT, Sunstar Paramedics

Paramedic

- Seth Cromer, Firefighter/Paramedic, Seminole Fire Rescue, Pinellas County Hazmat Team and SWAT Paramedic - Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Pinellas Federal Credit Union

- Jim Kreiter, Vice President of Lending

Chair Peters introduced the recipients and, following a video highlighting their hard work and achievements, she presented them with their awards; whereupon, Mr. Kreiter provided each awardee with a check.

**3. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation:**

- Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration

- Jazmin Soloman, Director of Clinical Services, Sunstar Paramedics

Chair Peters invited Mr. Hare and Ms. Soloman to join her at the podium and read a

proclamation recognizing May 19 through 25, 2024, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

#### 4. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Ron Walker, Clearwater (submitted documents)  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)  
Sherry Day, Clearwater (submitted documents)  
Jeff Robinson, Clearwater  
Darrell Lakey, Clearwater  
Aimee Trachtenberg, Clearwater  
Mack Johnson, Largo  
Katie Taylor, Tarpon Springs  
Greg Pound, Largo

#### CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 18

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

#### 5. Vouchers and bills paid from April 14 through April 27, 2024.

Period April 14 - April 20, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$22,698,544.22

Payroll - None

Period April 21 - April 27, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$27,780,659.56

Payroll - \$4,596,517.67

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

Reports received for filing:

#### 6. Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the Year Ended

September 30, 2023.

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

7. Pinellas Planning Council Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Reports, September 30, 2023.

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

8. Independent Auditor's Report of the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Enterprise Fund, Schedule of Passenger Facility Charges Collected and Expended (as reported to the Federal Aviation Administration) and related compliance reports, for Year Ended September 30, 2023.

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

9. Independent Audit of the City of Largo Community Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report.

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

10. Southwest Florida Water Management District 2023 Annual Financial Report.

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

11. Southwest Florida Water Management District Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2023.

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

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

12. Forward Pinellas Notice of Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Countywide Plan Map, to be held on May 8, 2024.

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

13. Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget.

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Administrative Services

14. Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

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

County Administrator

- 15. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending April 30, 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

- 16. Award of bid to EOLA Power, LLC for Traffic Uninterrupted Power Supply, batteries, traffic, and solar flashers.

Contract No. 24-0161-ITB awarded to EOLA Power, LLC, in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$253,945.60 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Contract effective for a 12-month period.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 17. 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

- 18. Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Pinellas County Light Detection and Ranging acquisition.

Agreement approved for a total expenditure not to exceed \$282,037.45.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

19. Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the design and environmental work associated with Airco's airfield and site preparation at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Agreement approved in the total amount of \$2,500,000.00, with an expiration date of June 30, 2027.

**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

20. Project application to the Federal Aviation Administration and acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Fiscal Year 2024 Discretionary Funds - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Airport Terminal Program - St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Approval granted for submittal of a Fiscal Year 2024 project application, requesting \$6,000,000.00 in Federal Aviation Administration funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Airport Terminal Program.

**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

21. Ranking of firms and agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc. for the Passenger Terminal Improvements Project - design and construction administration services.

(Contract No. 23-0146-RFP-CCNA) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the amount of \$14,331,447.75, from the notice to proceed date for a term of 2,000 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

Construction Services

22. Change Order No. 2 to the agreement with Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company, LLC for the County Jail F Wing Sliding Door Retrofit Project.

(Contract No. 190-0419-N) Change order approved increasing the agreement amount by \$196,074.00, for a revised total not to exceed \$3,374,186.00.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, 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

- 23.** First Amendment to the agreement with Williamson Design Associates for professional architectural consulting services.

(Contract No. 21-0259-CN) Amendment approved for an increase in the amount of \$348,523.00 for a revised not-to-exceed expenditure of \$1,048,523.00 with Williamson Design Associates; revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$5,948,523.00 between all eight firms.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Administrative Services Director Joe Lauro clarified that the contract amount is increasing with only one firm.

**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

- 24.** Resolution regarding placement of an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption referendum question on the August 20, 2024 ballot.

Resolution No. 24-27 adopted calling for a referendum election to be placed on the August 20, 2024, ballot regarding the question of whether Pinellas County may grant Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for new businesses and expansions to existing businesses, pursuant to 196.1995, Florida Statutes.

Responding to queries by the members, Economic Development Director Cynthia Johnson discussed possible complications related to placing the referendum election on the November ballot; whereupon, brief discussion ensued wherein Commissioners Eggers, Scott, and Latvala expressed their concerns regarding lower voter turnout during the August election cycle and provided suggestions related to the timing of future ballot placement.

**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

Chair Peters requested that it be noted that this item should be placed on the November ballot in 10 years; and that participants be made aware of a potential program disruption as a result.

Human Services

25. Termination of the agreement for convenience with Directions for Mental Health, Inc. d/b/a Directions for Living, Inc. for the Pinellas County Empowerment Team 2.0.

Termination of agreement approved.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Justice, Human Services Director Karen Yatchum indicated that the vendor's four current clients will be transitioned to in-house services; that due to recent anti-camping legislation, two case managers will be transitioned to the Sheriff's Office to assist with case management services for those experiencing chronic homelessness; and that more case managers may need to be shifted at a later date, depending on the progression of the law and the population levels at Pinellas Safe Harbor.

**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

26. Two renewals with Operation PAR, Inc. to continue to provide substance use services for the Pinellas County Health Program.

Renewals approved under the Master Service Agreement with Operation PAR, Inc.

**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

Management and Budget

27. Grant funding agreement with the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding a Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Grant for disaster relief funding associated with Hurricane Eta.

Grant Funding Agreement approved for execution in order to receive reimbursement in the requested amount of \$19,993.35 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Hurricane Eta emergency response.

**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

28. Grant funding agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, regarding the Hurricane Idalia Legislative Appropriation Program for nourishment and dune



construction on Sand Key Beach in the amount of \$10,081,573.00.

Resolution No. 24-28 adopted, authorizing execution of the Grant Funding Agreement in the amount of \$10,081,573.00 for work on Sand Key Beach.

Attorney White indicated that the Grant Agreement requires adoption of a resolution by the Board of County Commissioners, which is included in the agenda packet; whereupon, she advised that a motion should include adoption of the Grant Agreement and the resolution.

**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

- 29.** Resolution amending the Uniform Write-off Policy for accounting purposes in situations where all reasonable efforts have been made to collect the debts and where the probability of actual collection is doubtful, or the cost of taking the actions necessary to recover the debts is greater than the amount to be recovered. Providing for the designation of a county write-off coordinator, providing for concurrence of auditors, and annual reporting to the Board of County Commissioners by the County Administrator regarding the amounts written off.

Resolution No. 24-29 adopted, amending the Uniform Write-off Policy to allow for the selection of the Inspector General or an external auditor for the County Write-Off Process and requiring the County Administrator to report approved Write-Offs to the Board of County Commissioners within 90 days of approval as opposed to the current fixed dates of January 1 and July 1.

**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

### Parks and Conservation Resources

- 30.** Exercise the option to purchase real property with the Blanche K. "Pip" Whitesell Revocable Trust Agreement.

Approval granted to exercise the option to purchase 15.10 acres of real property pursuant to the Option Contract for Sale and Purchase with the Blanche K. "Pip" Whitesell Revocable Trust Agreement and to execute the written notification to the Seller indicating the County is exercising its purchase option.

Commissioner Justice remarked that, with this purchase, Pinellas County will have acquired 226 acres of green space.

**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

Safety and Emergency Services

31. Application to receive E911 trust fund monies from the State of Florida for Next Generation 9-1-1 core services.

Application approved certifying that monies received from the state will be used to upgrade the existing 9-1-1 call routing and delivery network to meet state and national requirements.

**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

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

32. Agreement with Azteca Systems Holdings LLC d/b/a Azteca Systems LLC for Azteca CityWorks Online Enterprise License.

(Contract No. 24-0349-A) Agreement approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,532,713.93 for a term of 98 months. This contract replaces a prior contract.

**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

CareerSource Pinellas

33. Request for a new Local Workforce Development Area Designation of CareerSource Hillsborough/Pinellas under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Designation request approved for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 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

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

**34.** County Attorney Reports - None

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**35.** County Administrator ReportsIntroductions

Mr. Burton introduced newly hired Assistant to the County Administrator Matt Spoor and Interim Animal Services Director Jennifer Renner, noting that Mr. Spoor will be working on legislative affairs and performance management initiatives.

Care About Me (CAM)

Mr. Burton invited Human Services Director Karen Yatchum to the podium; whereupon, referring to a PowerPoint presentation, she indicated that the Coordinated Access Model, branded as Care About Me (CAM), is ready to launch and thanked the members for their continued support during the process. She noted that CAM addresses a need for streamlined access and improved system metrics for behavioral health care; and that the website and branded materials for CAM are designed to normalize behavioral healthcare and help reduce the stigma associated with accessing these services.

Ms. Yatchum provided background information and discussed the efforts of the County and community partners to design, plan, test, and implement CAM in preparation for its launch. She discussed the purpose of CAM and the process for residents to access mental health, substance use, and addiction services, highlighting that over 201 residents have been served during the testing phase; whereupon, she shared a success story and some quotes from referring partners.

Mr. Burton provided brief comments, commending the efforts of County staff and community partner, Unite Us, to create a model for the rest of the country to follow. Ms. Yatchum responded to queries by the members; whereupon, Chair Peters and Commissioner Eggers expressed appreciation to those whose efforts contributed to CAM.

Tree Removal

Mr. Burton discussed a meeting that was held with Duke Energy regarding tree removal wherein Duke agreed to work more closely with County staff and to conduct better public outreach; and that even though Duke has indicated that property owners are notified before a tree is removed, the Commissioners have heard otherwise.

Mr. Burton provided additional information from the meeting, including that Duke claims that its vegetation management policy has not changed; and that its policy for not grinding tree stumps after removal is being revisited; whereupon, he indicated that staff is taking appropriate measures to enforce permit requirements due to extensive damage to County rights-of-way. Mr. Burton highlighted the importance of better communication and coordination with residents, noted the potential for Duke to place money into a tree bank fund to replace trees that are removed, and related that Duke representatives have offered to attend a future County Commission meeting.

Brief discussion ensued wherein Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy and Mr. Burton responded to comments and queries by the members; whereupon, Mr. Burton indicated that staff will continue to monitor the situation, provide updates, and work to arrange an appearance by Duke representatives at an upcoming work session.

#### Historic District in St. Petersburg

Mr. Burton informed the members that he was recently notified that a historic district is being proposed in St. Petersburg, which would affect several County buildings; and that if the members wish to take action, ballots would be due in St. Petersburg by 5:00 P.M. today; whereupon, he recommended that no action be taken, which would indicate a vote in disfavor.

Following comments by Commissioner Flowers expressing disappointment in the lack of communication regarding the proposal, Commissioner Justice related that a private organization, not the City of St. Petersburg, prepared the application; whereupon, brief discussion ensued regarding the historic designation process.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

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

Following a ballot vote, Estelle DeMuesy was appointed to fill a term expiring on December 31, 2026.

- 37.** 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 Latvala

- 34th Annual Pinellas County Fallen Officer Memorial
- Clearwater Police Department annual Fallen Officer Memorial Service
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Q&A
- Resiliency Summit luncheon
- Upcoming Hillsborough/Pinellas Workforce Development Consortium meeting

Commissioner Eggers

- 34th Annual Pinellas County Fallen Officer Memorial
- Clearwater Police Department annual Fallen Officer Memorial Service
- Meetings of the Committee of the Whole in St. Petersburg focusing on Historic Gas Plant Development
- Future presentation from AmSkills
- Tampa Bay Water
- Purdue University policies
- Clearwater Honor Fest 2024
- Charter Review Commission (CRC)
- Raymond H. Neri Community Park groundbreaking event

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Chair Peters provided an update from a recent meeting with Purdue University, indicating that they do not yet have a policy which applies to shelters or retail pet stores; and that she believes that nationwide acceptance of Purdue's policy for breeders may allow the university to shift its focus to shelters and retail pet stores.

Commissioner Long

In response to comments made by Commissioner Eggers regarding potentially funding next year's Clearwater Honor Fest, Commissioner Long expressed that she would not be in favor of allocating funds to the celebration of an individual city to avoid setting a precedent.

Commissioner Flowers

- Upcoming Hillsborough/Pinellas Workforce Development Consortium meeting
- Pinellas County CareerSource
- Pinellas Education Foundation Board of Directors meeting
- Lakewood High School graduation
- Lakewood High School honoring Hall of Fame inductees
- Academy Prep Fabulous Females event
- Beautification project on 22nd Avenue South in St. Petersburg
- Florida Association of Counties Executive Committee meeting
- AKA AKAdemy dinner to honor graduating seniors
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Speaking opportunity at the Bayside High School graduation

- Reverend Louis M. Murphy, Sr. celebrating 25 years as the Pastor of Mount Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
- Memorial Day events

#### Commissioner Justice

- 34th Annual Pinellas County Fallen Officer Memorial
- Clearwater Police Department's annual Fallen Officer Memorial Service
- 60th Annual St. Petersburg Police Officer of the Year event honoring Detective Shawn Schwartz
- Hurricane Expo at the Centre in Palm Harbor
- Hospital Week
- Raymond H. Neri Community Park groundbreaking event

#### Commissioner Scott

- 100-year anniversary of the Clearwater Gas System
- Hero to a Child breakfast
- Fire Operations 101
- Meeting with the Florida Orchestra
- Pinellas Historic Preservation Summit
- Habitat for Humanity leadership luncheon
- Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program
- Tampa Bay Water
- Parrot Head Festival

#### Chair Peters

- Tourist Development Council
- "Besties" award ceremony
- National Alliance on Mental Illness walk
- Pinellas Citizen University
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce upcoming annual tourism luncheon
- Heritage Oaks groundbreaking event
- Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board
- Happy Birthday to Commissioner Long's Executive Aide Tony Stillo and Commissioner Eggers
- Pinellas County Hurricane Preparedness Day event in Tarpon Springs
- Memorial Day weekend

Chair Peters expressed appreciation to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies for their presence at BCC meetings.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Eggers discussed remaining action items for the CRC's upcoming meetings and efforts to communicate with the public; whereupon, Attorney White provided brief comments.

**Meeting Recessed: 4:31 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 6:01 P.M.**

## **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.**

### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**38. Case No. LDR-24-01 (First Public Hearing)**

An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 138 - Zoning, related to definitions and the standards for accessory dwelling units. (Legislative)

First public hearing held. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Planning Division Manager Glenn Bailey referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), indicating that they are smaller, independent dwelling units on the same lot as primary single-family detached homes; that ADUs contain their own kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping area and can be attached or unconnected to the primary home; and that ADUs may also be referred to as a garage or in-law apartment, granny flat, carriage house, backyard cottage, or guest house. He indicated that ADUs can provide affordable housing options; that they can be useful with multigenerational living arrangements; and that they can be a potential source of rental income for the property owner.

Mr. Bailey indicated that ADUs have been allowed in unincorporated areas of the county for decades, noting a major Code update in 2019 to provide increased flexibility. He related that the intent of the proposed Code amendment is to further enhance flexibility, include additional clarifications and incentives, and provide increased opportunity for new ADUs and affordable housing options.

Mr. Bailey provided detailed background information regarding the current ADU allowances

and discussed the proposed changes to the Code; whereupon, he responded to queries and comments by the members.

Mr. Bailey related that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; that the changes have been reviewed by both internal and external stakeholders and vetted by Forward Pinellas for consistency with Countywide rules; and that the Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request.

**39. Resolution and ordinance approving the eight-year extension of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area and Redevelopment Trust Fund.**

Resolution No. 24-30 adopted, extending the existence of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area to October 6, 2032, pursuant to Florida Statutes 163.3755 and 163.361; and Ordinance No. 24-17 adopted amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-66, providing for an eight-year extension of the corresponding Redevelopment Trust Fund. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Scott and Chair Peters, Housing and Community Development Strategic Initiatives Manager Rebecca Stonefield, with input from Mr. Burton, related that no additional extensions would be available; and that the ordinance includes an option for the Board to review progress, funds spent, and work left to be completed at a midterm, which would be in four years.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, 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

**40. Ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the administration of state statute FS.553.899 Mandatory structural inspections for condominium and cooperative buildings. (Companion to Item No. 41)**

Ordinance No. 24-18 adopted, approving an update to the Building Services fee schedule to include Milestone Report fees for administering Florida Statute 553.899. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Building and Development Review Services Director Kevin McAndrew provided clarifying information related to staff's role and fees associated with administering the program.

**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



- 41. Milestone fee schedule to support an ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the administration of state statute FS.553.899 Mandatory structural inspections for condominium and cooperative buildings. (Regular Agenda Item that is companion to Item No. 40)

Resolution No. 24-31 approved, updating the Building Services fee schedule to include Milestone Report fees for administering Florida Statute 553.899 by resolution.

**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

- 42. Amendment by resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets realigning reserves and funds and recognizing unanticipated receipt of funds for requesting departments. (Companion to Item No. 43)

Resolution No. 24-32 adopted recognizing and appropriating unanticipated revenue and realigning funds as outlined in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

**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. Change Order No. 1 to Waterfront Property Services, LLC d/b/a Gator Dredging Inc. for the Grand Canal Maintenance Dredging project. (Regular Agenda Item that is companion to Item No. 42)

(Contract No. 23-1177-ITB-C) Change order approved, increasing the agreement amount by \$4,484,150.00, for a revised not-to-exceed total of \$5,878,451.00.

**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

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:24 P.M.**



*Kathleen Peters*  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Dee Lynn Lewis*  
Deputy Clerk