

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Pinellas County Cooperative Extension
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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 9, 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 Reverend J.C. Pritchett, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, St. Petersburg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [21-077A](#) Black History Month Proclamation:
St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section of The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
 - Ethel Peeples Robinson, PresidentNAACP St. Petersburg Branch # 5130
 - Esther Eugene, PresidentClearwater Upper Pinellas County NAACP
 - Zeb Atkinson, PresidentAdvantage Village Academy
 - Toriano Parker, President

2. [21-013A](#) Engineers Week Proclamation:
 - John Carpenter, PE, Engineer 2, Public Works
 - Jenelle Ostrowski, PE, Engineer 3, Utilities

3. [21-014A](#) Partner Presentation:
 - Chris J. Knox, PE, ENV SP, President of Florida Engineering Society - Pinellas Chapter, Project Manager/Senior Drainage Engineer Cardno

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

4. [21-071A](#) Case No. CW 21-01 - City of Tarpon Springs
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 2.82 acres more or less, located at 324 East Pine Street, 424 North Ring Avenue, and 395 North Grosse Avenue.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 21-01, a proposal by the City of Tarpon Springs to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 2.82 acres more or less, located at 324 East Pine Street, 424 North Ring Avenue, and 395 North Grosse Avenue.

* The subject property currently houses the Tarpon Springs City Hall and the Performing Arts Center.

* The proposed amendment will bring the property into conformity with the Countywide Plan Map category consistent with the existing uses.

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

5. [21-072A](#) Case No. CW 21-03 - City of Tarpon Springs
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Resort to Residential Low Medium, regarding 8.61 acres more or less, located approximately 400 feet southwest of the intersection of Anclote Road and Marina Drive.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 21-03, a proposal by the City of Tarpon Springs to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Resort to Residential Low Medium, regarding 8.61 acres more or less, located approximately 400 feet southwest of the intersection of Anclote Road and Marina Drive.

* The amendment includes 19 lots on Marina Drive, which are part of an existing single-family detached residential subdivision.

* The Countywide Plan Map designates this subdivision as Resort, and the amendment area is inconsistent with the current use of the subject properties as single-family residential homes.

* The neighborhood association initiated this map amendment after they were informed of this inconsistency.

* The proposed category of Residential Low Medium is consistent with the existing single-family residential neighborhood.

* The subdivision is located in the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA); however, the amendment will reduce the allowable residential density thereby negating any impacts to the CHHA.

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

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

6. [21-007A](#) Local State of Emergency.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

7. [21-006A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 8 through 13

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

8. [21-114A](#) Minutes of the hybrid in-person and virtual regular meeting held November 17, 2020.
9. [21-115A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from January 3 through January 16, 2021.

Reports received for filing:

10. [21-116A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-27 dated December 31, 2020 - Inspector General's Observation of the Office of Technology and Innovation's Annual Physical Inventory of Fixed Assets.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

11. [21-117A](#) City of Pinellas Park notice of public hearing held January 14, 2021, regarding proposed Resolution No. 21-01, vacating certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

12. [20-1973A](#) Award of bid to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc. for the 49th Street at 38th Avenue North Intersection Improvements project.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc. (Suncoast) for the 49th Street at 38th Avenue North Intersection Improvements Project (Project).

* The Project consists of intersection improvements that include road reconstruction, turn lane improvements, milling and resurfacing, stormwater improvements, sidewalk, curb and mast arms to replace existing concrete strain poles.

* Six bids were received with Suncoast recommended for award as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,176,249.90.

* All work will be completed with three hundred consecutive calendar days.

* The Project is budgeted/funded 100% by Multimodal Impact Fees.

* The Small Business Enterprise goal is thirteen percent for this contract.

Contract No. 21-0043-CP(PLU); PID No. 000958A; in the amount of \$1,176,249.90; all work will be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days. Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

13. [21-118A](#) Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Tracy Weber v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-005834-CI-19 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommendation: Receive and file notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Tracy Weber v. Pinellas County.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

14. [20-2281A](#) Resolution granting status to Florida Digital Amateur Radio Network for donation of surplus personal property.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution granting status to the Florida Digital Amateur Radio Network (F-DARN) for donation of surplus personal property.

* F-DARN is a not-for-profit organization formed after Hurricane Irma to address a deficit in emergency communications in the healthcare sector.

* F-DARN provides emergency communications to the healthcare sector through donations and federal grants.

* F-DARN is requesting the ability to obtain surplus equipment from the County.

15. [20-2400A](#) Honorary and Philanthropic Naming Rights Policy.

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on the Honorary and Philanthropic Naming Rights Policy and whether to consider renaming requests recently received.

* On December 3, 2020 the County received a letter from the Fred G. Minnis, Sr. Bar Association requesting that we honor the "life, legacy and impact of Attorney Fred G. Minnis, Sr. by naming a Pinellas County Courthouse or the Pinellas County Law Library in his honor."

* On January 6, 2021 the County received a letter from the Honorable Chris Sprowls, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, requesting that we rename the Pinellas County Justice Center "after our late State Attorney Bernie McCabe."

* Both requests meet the requirements of the Honorary and Philanthropic Naming Rights Policy.

* If the County Commission approves consideration of either or both requests, staff requests direction on empaneling a naming rights committee to make a recommendation to the Commission.

* The committee will meet to discuss the proposals and solicit public input for their deliberations.

* The committee will make a recommendation to the County Commission, who will make a final determination.

* On January 26, 2021 the County received another request from Mr. Louis Claudio seeking to rename Philippe Park for the Tocobaga Indigenous People.

* Mr. Claudio's request was heard multiple times and recommendation made by the Parks Advisory Board in response to same between 2015-2017.

* In 2017, the County modified the Philippe Park entrance sign to add "Historic Site of the Tocobaga Capital City." County Administration intends no further action.

* The County may use the existing policy and procedures for removing and renaming, but there are concerns for doing so in the absence of criteria.

Emergency Management

16. [20-2216A](#) Memorandum of Understanding with the Pinellas County School Board to provide Capital Improvement Program funding for the hurricane shelter retrofitting of pre-identified Pinellas County Schools.

Recommendation: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pinellas County School Board for funding enhancements and retrofits to increase hurricane shelter capacity and capability.

- * Awards funds in the amount of \$1,568,373.00 to the Pinellas County School Board.
- * No additional funds needed for this agreement.

Current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds were approved with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Adopted Budget under Emergency Sheltering Project Number 004180A. The total FY21 CIP funds allocated to this project are \$1,785,000.00. The current project plan estimates are \$1,568,373.00. This will also expand our capacity for pet sheltering.

Human Services

17. [20-2240A](#) Subrecipient Funding Agreement with Operation PAR, Inc. for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program grant.

Recommendation: Approval of the Subrecipient Funding Agreement with Operation PAR, Inc. (PAR) under the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP) grant.

- * COSSAP grant funding will allow PAR to provide oversight and direct client services including counseling, Medication Assisted Treatment, and Residential Treatment Services to identified overdose survivors, as well as Naloxone to law enforcement, first responders, individuals, and family members.
- * COSSAP will further support the initiative between Pinellas County Human Services and Safety and Emergency Services to enhance the current overdose response by increasing connections and engagements in community substance use treatment services and support, as well as support the ongoing review and analysis of data to identify trends.
- * An amount not to exceed \$1,194,663.00 is provided by the BJA COSSAP Award #2020-AR-BX-0055 to support this Agreement, for an approximate annual expenditure of \$398,221.00. The COSSAP grant was awarded to Pinellas County in October 2020.
- * No match is required

Public Works

18. [20-2385A](#) Grant agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for funding in support of the Philippe Park Seawall Enhancement project through the National Coastal Resilience Fund.

Recommendation: Approval of the grant agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for funding in support of the Philippe Park Seawall Enhancement project through the National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF).

* Project focus is baseline water quality and wave energy monitoring, site assessment, and preliminary design of approximately 2,850 linear feet of seawall enhancement/living shoreline options at Philippe Park.

* The grant provides funding of \$130,000.00 from NFWF NCRF, with a proposed matching contribution from County of \$196,000.00 for a total project of \$326,000.

* The County's matching contribution is comprised of a \$144,000.00 cash match from an existing agreement with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, a \$9,000.00 cash match from County capital funding and \$43,000.00 in-kind services from the Public Works Department.

NFWF NCRF Agreement No. 0318.20.068852; grant funding in the amount of \$130,000.00; grant period is January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022. Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

19. [21-024A](#) Resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance the demolition, rehabilitation, and construction of Jordan Park Apartments.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) of Pinellas County in a principal amount not to exceed \$38.0M for the benefit of Jordan Park, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, or its affiliate, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

* The project includes the demolition of 31 units, substantial rehabilitation of 206 existing family units and new construction of 60 units of senior housing located at 1245 Jordan Park Street, St. Petersburg.

* All units are public housing; residents pay 30.0% of their income toward rent. Proposed residents will be qualified as follows: 15.0% at 30.0% Area Median Income (AMI) or below and 85.0% at 60.0% AMI or below. All units will have Section Eight /Project-Based Vouchers, and all residents will pay 30.0% of their income toward rent with the remainder subsidized with voucher income.

* The transaction will feature a full site renovation of the existing 206 units of approximately \$81,000 per unit. This renovation will include site work and both exterior and interior building improvements.

* The transaction will also include the new construction of 60 units of senior housing to replace existing 31 units being demolished.

* All current residents to be relocated either temporarily (rehabilitated units) or permanently (31 senior units being demolished), with all qualified residents having the option to return to Jordan Park after completion.

* Anticipated 14-month construction phase for new construction senior building; 16-18-month construction phase for rehabilitation of family units.

* The total project cost estimated is \$71,579,641.00.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

20. [21-008A](#) County Attorney Reports:
- Redistricting Update

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21. [21-009A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

22. [21-011A](#) County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and Other New Business.

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 both pvalenti@co.pinellas.fl.us and to jlorick@co.pinellas.fl.us 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 https://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.