

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

2:00 P.M.

**Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting
Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.**

Board of County Commissioners

*Janet C. Long, Chair
Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Charlie Justice
Chris Latvala
Brian Scott*

ROLL CALL - 2:03 P.M.

Present: 6 - Vice-Chair Kathleen Peters, Dave Eggers, Rene Flowers, Charlie Justice, Chris Latvala, and Brian Scott

Absent: 1 - Chair Janet C. Long

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

INVOCATION by Reverend Kenneth F. Irby, Historic Bethel AME Church, St. Petersburg.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation:**

- Tom Scofield, Principal Planner, Housing and Community Development
- Brian Smith, Board Member, Historic Preservation Board

Acting Chair Peters read a proclamation recognizing May 2023 as National Historic Preservation Month; whereupon, Messrs. Scofield and Smith provided brief comments and thanked the Board for its support.

2. Memorial Day Proclamation:

- Reverend Robert Swick, Chairman/CEO, Veterans Alliance of Clearwater

Acting Chair Peters invited Reverend Robert Swick to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing servicemen and women for their bravery and sacrifice to protect the nation's freedom. Thereupon, Reverend Swick thanked the County and the Chair for their support.

3. National Public Works Week Proclamation:**Public Works**

- Kaehalani Dobson, Environmental Specialist 1
- Kathy Fernandez, Project Coordinator/Project Manager
- Thomas Murray, Survey & Mapping Technician 2
- DJ McDuffy, Operations Manager Assistant
- Gerrell Sterling, Office Specialist 2
- Delvan Gibson, Construction Management Inspector 2
- Paul Haywood, Operations Field Coordinator Sr

Acting Chair Peters read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 21 through 27, 2023 as National Public Works Week and acknowledging the substantial contributions of the County's Public Works employees.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

- Tom Germond, Largo
- Amy Tougaw, Clearwater Beach (submitted documents)
- Kris King, Largo
- David Tyndall, Palm Harbor
- Frank Cisneros, Tampa
- Susan Holl, St. Petersburg
- Renee Rivard, St. Petersburg
- David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)
- Greg Pound, Largo

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 11 (Item No. 8 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 11, 2023.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

6. Vouchers and bills paid from April 16 through April 29, 2023.

Period April 16 - 22, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$16,177,413.50

Payroll - None

Period April 23 - 29, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$28,621,606.24

Payroll - \$4,251,208.19

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

7. Dock Fee Report for the month of April 2023.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

9. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 9653-23 and 9656-23 adopted April 4, 2023, regarding the annexation of certain properties.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

10. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending April 30th, 2023.

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

8. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2023-07 dated April 25, 2023 - Audit of Fleet Management Billing Process.

Commissioner Eggers remarked on the audit and efforts of the Division of the Inspector General to ensure that County government is held accountable to residents.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

12. First Amendment to the purchase authorization agreement with Duval Ford for vehicle and equipment replacement.

Amendment to Contract No. 22-0072-PB approved increasing the amount by \$459,031.38 for a revised not-to-exceed expenditure of \$3,099,921.98 and a total revised contract value of \$6,122,611.01.

Mr. Burton noted that the amendment reflects higher prices from the original bid awarded by the BCC in December of 2021. In response to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Latvala, Administrative Services Director Joe Lauro provided clarifying comments and related that one of the vehicles being replaced will be sold via auction in July, which should partly offset the price increase; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers noted that non-profit agencies benefit from buying used County vehicles at auctions.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

13. Third Amendment to the Agreement with Robin Collier d/b/a Sprinklomatic Fire Protection Systems, Inc. for requirements of fire protection systems maintenance and repairs.

Amendment to Contract No. 178-0431-B approved increasing the amount by \$250,000.00 for a revised total of \$1,496,800.00, with an estimated average annual expenditure of \$299,360.00 through December 6, 2023.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

County Administrator

14. Resolution approving an updated list of Code Inspector job titles, as defined in Florida Statutes.

Resolution No. 23-37 adopted identifying the positions of current and former designated Code Inspectors who are entitled to an exemption under Florida's public records law.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

Housing & Community Development

15. Resolutions approving ad valorem tax exemptions for improvements made to four historic properties in the City of St. Petersburg.

Resolutions Nos. 23-38, 23-39, 23-40, and 23-41 adopted approving the tax exemptions for increases in the value of improvements after rehabilitation to four historic properties in the City of St. Petersburg for a period of 10 years.

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 - Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

Human Services

16. Behavioral Health Receiving System Plan and Behavioral Health Transportation Plan to support and facilitate access to the behavioral health receiving system for mental health and substance use.

The Behavioral Health Receiving System Plan and Behavioral Health Transportation Plan approved and documented as the County's designated receiving system and transportation plan, respectively, and the latter is renewed through 2026.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

Utilities

- 17. Resilient Florida Grant Program Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for reliability improvements at four County Utilities Department facilities.

FDEP Grant Agreement No. 22FRP10 approved in the total amount of \$10,165,237.00 through September 30, 2026. County match of at least 66.2% or \$6,729,387.00 is required.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

CareerSource Pinellas

- 18. Extension of Designation as Direct Provider of Workforce Services as requested by WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas.

Extension of Designation request approved effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 19. County Attorney Reports. - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 20. County Administrator Reports.

Mr. Burton indicated that some North County libraries requested to have a representative on the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative; and that he recommends to appoint Assistant to the County Administrator Nancy McKibben to serve in that role.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, to appoint Nancy McKibben to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

COUNTY COMMISSION

21. Appointments/Reappointments to the County Council for Persons with Disabilities (Individual Appointments/Reappointments by Commissioners Flowers, Latvala, and Long).

Commissioner Peters requested for Kerry Carlisle to be added to the reappointments; whereupon, Deborah Figgs-Sanders and Ms. Carlisle were reappointed, and Doreen Caudell and Kimberly Rankine appointed for two-year terms ending on May 22, 2025.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

22. 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

- Congratulations to Calvary Christian High School on winning the Class 3A-District 13 baseball final
- The Council of North County Neighborhoods meeting
- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas annual luncheon
- Recent local events and meetings

Commissioner Eggers

- Annual Pinellas County Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial
- Joint Board of County Commissioners Regional Roundtable meeting
- Acknowledging Public Works staff for their great work
- Recent and upcoming local events and meetings

Commissioner Scott

- Annual Pinellas County Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial
- Joint Board of County Commissioners Regional Roundtable meeting
- The Council of North County Neighborhoods meeting
- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas annual luncheon
- Forward Pinellas
- Recent local events and meetings

Commissioner Flowers

- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas annual luncheon
- Congratulations to Pinellas County Schools graduates
- CareerSource Pinellas Board
- Recent and upcoming local events and meetings

Commissioner Justice

- Joint Board of County Commissioners Regional Roundtable meeting
- Recent local events and meetings

Commissioner Peters

- Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board
- Recent local events and meetings

Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge lighting

Acting Chair Peters presented the following proposed additions to the previously-approved resolution for lighting the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge:

- Sickle Cell Awareness Day, June 19
- World Fragile X Awareness Day, July 22
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, September 12 - 18
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, September 1
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Week, September 19 - 25
- Breast Cancer Awareness Week, October 1 - 7
- Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, October 13
- International Phelan-McDermid Awareness Day, October 22

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 - Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

Meeting Recessed: 3:31 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:00 P.M.

6:00 PM

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

23. Declare a portion of County-owned property as public right-of-way, declare a separate portion as surplus and grant the authorization to exchange it for property owned by the City of Largo, and execute a license agreement between the County and the City of Largo.

Resolution No. 23-43 adopted declaring a portion of County-owned property as public right-of-way, and Resolution No. 23-42 adopted declaring a separate portion as surplus and authorizing its exchange, pursuant to Section 125.37, Florida Statutes. License agreement approved allowing the City of Largo Fire Station #39 to remain operational during the construction of a new fire station on County property.

In response to a query by Commissioner Justice, Deputy Director of Administrative Services Diana Sweeney related that there will be a memorandum of understanding to convert the property currently occupied by Fire Station #39 into affordable housing following the exchange. Upon call by the Chair for public comment, James Masterton, Largo, appeared in opposition and presented a document with six signatures opposing the land exchange, citing noise concerns.

Responding to a query by Acting Chair Peters, Mr. Burton commented on the fire protection provided by the fire station to the surrounding area and noted that since the County is built out, it is hard to find a location where the station would not impact the surrounding neighborhood. Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte provided clarifying comments regarding staff's work with the community to address concerns and pointed out that the station will move just a block away from its current location; whereupon, Ms. Sweeney related that staff could provide feedback to the City of Largo regarding potential noise buffers near the new fire station.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

24. Resolution and ordinance adopting the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area Plan, creating a redevelopment trust fund for a period of 20 years, and establishing the County's Tax Increment Financing contribution rates.

Resolution No. 23-44 and Ordinance No. 23-5 adopted. No correspondence has been received by the Clerk.

Planning Division Manager Evan Johnson referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Clearwater North Greenwood CRA Plan and Redevelopment Trust Fund* and provided information regarding the existing land use and assets in the proposed redevelopment area, public engagement activities, the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) process, and elements of the CRA policy framework. He noted that the CRA approval term is 20 years, at which point it can be extended; that the County's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) contributions can be reduced or eliminated at the CRA's midpoint performance assessment; and that new annual reporting requirements will apply to the CRA due to legislation passed in 2019.

Mr. Johnson discussed CRA assessment steps and TIF projections and funding recommendations, highlighting that this type of CRA would be eligible for the maximum County TIF commitment of 95% due to the City of Clearwater's commitments to County priorities, primarily affordable housing; and that the total TIF projection over 20 years is approximately \$30 million, of which around \$13 million would be from the County; whereupon, he presented staff's recommended action to adopt the resolution and ordinance and noted that the resolution would include the adoption of the CRA Plan and the creation of a Citizen Advisory Committee, which would include two members appointed by the BCC and three members appointed by the City.

In response to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Scott, Mr. Johnson provided clarifying comments regarding the Citizen Advisory Committee and the City's plan for the utilization of TIF funds, indicating that the Plan contains detailed summaries of the projects that TIF would be spent on; and that community sentiment towards the Plan has been positive. Responding to a query by Commissioner Justice, City of Clearwater Planning Manager Jayme Lopko, with input from Mr. Johnson, related that only \$4 million of TIF expenditures is proposed to go towards CRA administration because the City has other monies to maintain staff.

Thereupon, Clearwater City Councilmember Kathleen Beckman thanked the Board for its support in the matter and remarked on the efforts of the Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition to acquire the CRA designation.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chair Long

ADJOURNMENT 6:28 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

Chair

By _____
Deputy Clerk