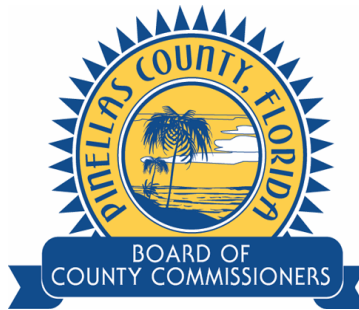


# **Pinellas County**

*333 Chestnut Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Work Session/Agenda Briefing**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

**ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.**

**Present:** Janet C. Long, Chair; Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair; Dave Eggers, René Flowers, Charlie Justice, Chris Latvala, and Brian Scott

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Shirley Westfall, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**1. Utilities Rate Study**

Report and discussion regarding water, sewer, and reclaimed water rate study related to revenue sufficiency, cost allocation, rates, customer affordability, and options for water and sewer annual rate adjustment. Staff was directed to further explore Option B as a potential water and sewer annual rate adjustment.

Staff Presenter: Megan Ross, Utilities Director

Partner Presenter: Andrew Burnham, Vice President, Stantec

Document displayed: *Pinellas County Utilities Water, Sewer, and Reclaimed Water Rate Study*

**2. Housing Affordability Initiatives Update**

Report and discussion regarding the housing strategy, including affordable housing development incentives, bonus densities, project status, and housing options.

Staff Presenters: Evan Johnson, Planning Division Manager, Housing and Community Development; and Rebecca Stonefield, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Housing and Community Development

Partner Presenter: Alan Steinbeck, Vice President, Pritchett Steinbeck Group, Inc.

Document displayed: *Housing Affordability Initiatives Update*

**3. FY24 - FY29 Budget Forecast**

Report and discussion regarding local economic outlook, potential impacts to the budget forecast, and reviews of each specific budget fund forecast.

Staff Presenter: James Abernathy, Operating Budget Manager, Office of Management and Budget

Document displayed: *Budget Forecast: FY24 - FY29*

4. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the proposed agenda of the March 28, 2023 meeting, Mr. Burton and his staff, along with Attorney White, provided information on the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

The Commissioners discussed various issues and directed staff to follow up on some of the following topics:

- Policy on Affordable Housing
- Waiving Tourist Development Tax during a declared state of emergency
- Making a decision regarding rabbit sale in pet stores
- CareerSource letter

**ADJOURNMENT - 12:38 P.M.**