

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN PALM HARBOR STREETSCAPE AND PARKING STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTING STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND PARKINNG STRATEGIES; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners established the Downtown Palm Harbor Historic District; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Downtown Historic Palm Harbor Master Plan (Master Plan); and

WHEREAS, after adoption of the Master Plan, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners established the Old Palm Harbor-Downtown (OPH-D) Zoning District to implement provisions of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the County began a public engagement process to support an update to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving considerable input from area residents and stakeholders, a set of ten new recommendations (a.k.a., targeted efforts) were established to guide the update of the Master Plan and implementation thereto; and

WHEREAS two of the ten targeted efforts include ‘exploring opportunities to improve the pedestrian experience in the downtown with additional amenities such as lighting, landscaping, wayfinding signage, benches and bike racks’; and ‘exploring solutions to address parking issues, considering both daily parking needs as well as needs for larger community events’; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted an updated Master Plan for Downtown Palm Harbor incorporating the ten associated targeted efforts and expanding the associated Activity Center-Neighborhood (AC-N) Future Land Use Map (FLUM) category designation; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2021, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Downtown Palm Harbor Form Based Code (DPH-FBC) to serve as the regulatory zoning code to implement the Master Plan and associated AC-N; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the DPH-FBC, County staff, local residents, business owners, and the Ad Hoc Downtown Palm Harbor Advisory Committee worked with a consultant team beginning in April of 2022 to develop an actionable plan to develop streetscape concept plans for streets and intersections; prepare wayfinding recommendations to help visitors find destinations of interest in the vicinity as well as public parking areas; and conduct a district-wide parking assessment that will address parking supply and demand along with recommendations related to parking improvements and management in the greater Downtown Palm Harbor area; and

WHEREAS the result of this effort was the draft Downtown Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Downtown Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan was presented to the Ad Hoc Downtown Palm Harbor Advisory Committee, the community, and local stakeholders in August 2022; and

WHEREAS County staff and the consultant team have refined the draft Downtown Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan based on comments from the community, the Ad Hoc Downtown Palm Harbor Advisory Committee, local stakeholders, and applicable County departments and the final plan has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- Section 1. The above “Whereas” clauses are hereby incorporated as findings.
- Section 2. The Downtown Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan is hereby adopted.
- Section 3. That projects identified in the Downtown Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan shall be reviewed annually for incorporation into the County’s Six-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements and CIP portfolio review process.
- Section 4. That any future amendments to the Downtown Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan be submitted to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for consideration and approval.
- Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Derrill McAteer
Office of the County Attorney