

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street,
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Thursday, August 29, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Palm Room

Board of County Commissioners

Kathleen Peters, Chair

Brian Scott, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

René Flowers

Charlie Justice

Chris Latvala

Janet C. Long

ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.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; Don Crowell, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Katie Poviones, Senior Board Records Specialist, Deputy Clerk

1. New County Government Building Update

Report and discussion regarding preliminary analysis, process mapping, site development and layout, and proposed redevelopment of the downtown Clearwater County offices.

Commissioner Long arrived at 9:35 A.M.

Partner presenters: Lee Ann Korst and Robert Shaw, CBRE Group, Inc.; Michelle Ferguson, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.; and Robert A. Peck, Gensler
Document displayed: *Board of County Commissioner Work Session*

2. Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Workplan and Lealman Exchange Update

Report and discussion regarding current Workplan objectives and programs and the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Lealman Workplan, including changes to the current Workplan, new projects and programs, and an operational overview of the Lealman Exchange.

Staff presenter: Amy Davis, County Administration

Partner presenter: Amy Cianci, St. Petersburg Foundation

Documents displayed: *FY24 Lealman CRA Work Plan Highlights, FY25 Proposed Work Plan, Year Two Update/Year Three Lealman Exchange Strategic Plan, and Lealman Exchange Collective Impact*

3. Budget Discussion

Report and discussion regarding Unincorporated Seminole Sports District and Forward Pinellas millage rates, regional metropolitan planning organization merger and potential impacts, lifeguard staffing issues, changes to the proposed budget, the budget process, and various factors affecting the budget.

Mr. Rose indicated that he is seeking input and consensus from the Board regarding multiple items. The members provided feedback related to the Forward Pinellas millage rate; whereupon, Chair Peters directed staff to proceed with the recommendations

expressed by the members.

Staff presenters: Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget; Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas; and Paul Cozzie and Spencer Curtis, Parks and Conservation Resources
Document displayed: *FY25 Budget Workshop*

Meeting recessed: 12:22 P.M.

Meeting reconvened: 12:30 P.M.

4. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the September 5 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and staff, along with Attorney Crowell, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:42 P.M.