

Pinellas County

315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

2:00 P.M.

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

Board of County Commissioners

Charlie Justice, Chairman

Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

Rene Flowers

Pat Gerard

Kathleen Peters

Karen Williams Seel

ROLL CALL - 2:00 P.M.

Present: 5 - Chairman Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair Janet C. Long, Dave Eggers, Rene Flowers, and Pat Gerard

Absent: 2 - Kathleen Peters, and Karen Williams Seel

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Recorders Manager; and Jenny Masinovsky, Senior Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Reverend Monsignor Robert Morris, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Clearwater.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Tony Ringelspaugh, Palm Harbor

William Jensen, Palm Harbor

Greg Pound, Largo

Mack Johnson, Largo

David Ballard Geddis Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 12 (Item No. 11 addressed under Regular Agenda)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Long, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 25, 2022.

Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

3. Vouchers and bills paid from June 19 through July 16, 2022.

Period June 19 - 25, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$15,245,916.47

Payroll - \$4,298,125.85

Period June 26 - July 2, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$31,252,405.96

Payroll - None

Period July 3 - 9, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$47,208,035.07

Payroll - \$4,011,205.93

Period July 10 - 16, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$12,975,846.09

Payroll - None

Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

4. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2022-10 dated July 8, 2022 - Follow-up Audit of Building and Development Review Services - Phase II.
Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

5. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2022-11 dated July 14, 2022 - Unannounced Audit of the Utilities North General Maintenance Division Petty Cash Fund.
Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

6. Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended June 30, 2022.
Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

7. Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of April 1, through June 30, 2022.
Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

County Administrator

8. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending July 29, 2022.
Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

9. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2022.
Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 10. Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Sheriff's Office

- 12. Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending June 30, 2022.

Approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Human Resources

- 11. Ranking of firms and agreements with the three highest ranked firms for requirements of direct hire staffing services.

(Contract No. 22-0193-P) Ranking of firms and agreements with the following highest-ranked firms approved in the not-to-exceed annual amount of \$796,250.00, for a five-year contract upset limit of \$3,981,250.00, combined for the three firms:

- 22nd Century Technologies, Inc.
- Instant Serve, LLC
- LanceSoft, Inc.

Mr. Burton related that the contract resulted from a bid that was developed by Human Resources to employ search firms to assist the County departments with hard-to-fill positions, such as in the areas of Information Technology and engineering; and that it is separate from an upcoming temporary services contract; whereupon, he responded to queries by the members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chair Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

13. Fiscal Year 2023 Elite Event funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council.

Recommendations approved to fund the following Fiscal Year 2023 Elite Events for a cumulative total amount not to exceed \$1,385,000.00, as delineated in the Staff Report:

Pelican Women’s Championship	Clearwater Beach Day & ReliaQuest Bowl
Valspar Championship	P1 Offshore St. Pete Grand Prix
Publix Rock ‘n’ Roll Running Series Clearwater	Clearwater Jazz Holiday
Hooters Clearwater Offshore Nationals	St. Pete Pride Parade
Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival	St. Pete BikeFest
29th Annual Fall King of the Beach	St. Pete Run Fest
14th Annual Sanding Ovations	Gasparilla Bowl
John’s Pass Seafood Festival	Festivals of Speed
Dunedin Highland Games & Festival	30th Annual Spring King of the Beach
St. Pete Tacos and Tequila Festival	St. Pete Pier Fall Festival
Holiday Lights in the Gardens	St. Pete Bacon & BBQ Festival
Localtopia	Banyan Music Festival
The Fourth on the St. Pete Pier	Fall Beach Bash
Sunshine City Smokeout	NYE on the Pier
Shamrock Fest	Tall Ships St. Petersburg 2023

Mr. Burton introduced the item, noting that there are 30 funding recommendations totaling slightly over \$1.3 million for consideration by the Board; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers expressed concerns regarding the lack of a funding recommendation for the MLK Dream Big Parade and requested that the Elite Event budget be reviewed to find a way to fund it.

Visit St. Pete/Clearwater President (VSPC) and CEO Steve Hayes provided an overview of the process and criteria utilized to determine which events are recommended to the BCC for funding; whereupon, he indicated that the MLK Dream Big Parade's projected marketing and sponsorship value contributed to a low score for the event; and that a meeting was held with the organizers on July 11 to generate ideas for supporting the event in different ways and to assist with them being proactive in the areas of marketing and sponsorships going forward.

Commissioner Flowers discussed challenges which may have contributed to a lack of information in the application for funding and provided highlights of various activities which are held in the week prior to the Parade as the culminating event.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Hayes indicated that the organization’s request was for \$75,000.00 on this year’s application.

Chairman Justice noted that the TDC discussed this particular event and could have opted to waive funding requirements or make an exception, but felt that VSPC staff was committed to working with the organization to identify another funding avenue; whereupon, he indicated that the Board has the same options. Commissioner Long expressed caution regarding the usage of making exceptions, since it could potentially open the door for more such requests, and also remarked that there are groups and organizations which have developed the culture of our communities for decades.

In response to queries and comments by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Hayes related that 18 events, at a total of nearly \$1 million dollars, were funded in the last fiscal year; that there are two additional events which were not approved for this year's funding, but which had not previously applied for funding; and that the MLK Dream Big Parade was approved for funding under the process utilized last year; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers remarked that based on the previous evaluation and approval, there are grounds for the approval this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Long, to approve the funding recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2023 Elite Events and for additional funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the MLK Dream Big Parade event. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Emergency Management

14. Memorandum of Understanding with the Pinellas County School Board for shelter retrofit improvements at Clearwater High School.

Memorandum of Understanding approved in an amount not to exceed \$2,780,000.00 from Capital Improvement Program funds, under Project No. 004180A, Emergency Sheltering. Mr. Burton noted that the approval of this Memorandum of Understanding will allow for minor modifications in areas which are used for hurricane sheltering.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Long, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Parks and Conservation Resources

15. Annual agreement with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services by Environmental Lands Unit Deputies.

Contract approved in the amount of \$332,342.00 for Fiscal Year 2023.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

16. Bridge Investment Program grant application with the Federal Highway Administration for design fees for the replacement of the Dunedin Causeway Bridges.

(County PID No. 000423A) County Administrator granted authority to sign the application in order to meet the submittal deadline for a grant funding request of \$4,500,000.00. County to provide an anticipated match of \$1,600,000.00 for a total project cost of approximately \$6,100,000.00.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

17. Bridge Investment Program grant application with the Federal Highway Administration for the replacement of Beckett Bridge in the City of Tarpon Springs.

(County PID No. 001037A) County Administrator granted authority to sign the application in order to meet the submittal deadline for a grant funding request of \$18,900,000.00. County to provide an anticipated match of \$2,100,000.00 for a total project cost of approximately \$21,000,000.00.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Safety and Emergency Services

18. Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, and the County for provision of fire protection services to forest and wildlands within Pinellas County.

Amendment to the agreement approved, decreasing the annual cost share to the County to \$2,063.88.

Mr. Burton indicated that the decrease is due to a reduction in protected acreage due to land development.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Utilities

19. Wastewater Grant Program application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, under the Protecting Florida Together Program, for the County's Septic to Sewer Program.

(County PID No. 005565A) County Administrator granted the authority to sign the application in order to meet the submittal deadline for a grant funding request of \$10,000,000.00. County to provide a match of \$10,000,000.00 for a total project cost of \$20,000,000.00.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ATTORNEY

20. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Vassan Properties, LLC - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate lien.

Attorney White indicated that she is not requesting action from the Board at this time; that the property owner has begun to address some of the issues regarding his property; that Code Enforcement will be monitoring steps being taken to bring the property into compliance; and that if there is a cessation in these efforts, she will return to the Board to request authority to move forward with an injunction, as opposed to foreclosure.

21. County Attorney Reports - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

22. County Administrator Reports - None.

COUNTY COMMISSION

23. County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and other New Business:
- Skyway Lighting Resolutions (Commissioner Justice)

The Commissioners reported on the activities of their assigned boards and committees and discussed various issues.

Commissioner Eggers

- Tampa Bay Water

Commissioner Flowers

- CareerSource Pinellas

Commissioner Long

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

Commissioner Long indicated that PSTA will be receiving \$20 million in federal funding for building a transit center in downtown Clearwater and inquired as to whether the Commission would consider being a funding partner, and Commissioner Gerard remarked that she would support negotiations with PSTA; whereupon, Mr. Burton related that he has a meeting scheduled with them the following week.

In response to a query by Commissioner Gerard, Mr. Burton, with input by Attorney White, provided information related to State law regarding vessels, which are being anchored and inhabited, and challenges with mooring fields; whereupon, Mr. Burton indicated that he will reengage a committee, which will include representatives from coastal areas such as Madeira Beach and St. Petersburg, to discuss this matter and will report back to the Board.

Meeting Recessed: 2:50 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:00 P.M

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

- 24.** Resolution and ordinance approving a one-year extension of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area and Redevelopment Trust Fund.

Resolution No. 22-63 adopted extending the existence of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) to October 6, 2023, pursuant to Florida Statutes 163.3755 and 163.361; and Ordinance No. 22-28 adopted amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-66 providing for a one-year extension of the corresponding Redevelopment Trust Fund. No correspondence has been received.

Upon the Chairman's call for public comment, Safety Harbor City Manager Matthew Spoor appeared and thanked the Commission for their 30-year partnership on the CRA. He noted that the City supports the one-year extension to the CRA, as well as an eventual 10-year extension request.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

- 25.** Case No. ZON-22-03 (Mathew T. and Christine Peeters)

A request for a change of Zoning from R-4, One, Two, and Three Family Residential to GO, General Office on approximately 0.31 acre located at 8226 46th Avenue North in west Lealman. (Quasi-Judicial)

Resolution No. 22-64 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

26. Case No. FLU-22-03 (Superior Uniform Group, Inc.)

A request for a change of Land Use from Residential/Office General (5.5 acres) and Preservation (7.6 acres) to Employment (5.5 acres) and Preservation (7.6 acres) on approximately 13.1 acres located at 10055 Seminole Boulevard in unincorporated Seminole through Robert Pergolizzi, AICP, PTP, Gulf Coast Consulting, Inc., Representative. (Companion to Item No. 27)

Ordinance No. 22-29 adopted approving the land use change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

27. Case No. ZON-22-04 (Superior Uniform Group, Inc.)

A request for a change of Zoning from GO, General Office (13.1 acres) to E-1, Employment-1 (5.5 acres) and PC, Preservation/Conservation (7.6 acres) on approximately 13.1 acres located at 10055 Seminole Boulevard in unincorporated Seminole through Robert Pergolizzi, AICP, PTP, Gulf Coast Consulting, Inc., Representative. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing) (Companion to Item No. 26)

Resolution No. 22-65 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chair Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

28. Case No. ZON-22-06 (Pinellas County) (first public hearing)

A request for a change of Zoning from Residential Planned Development (4.14 acres) and Preservation/Conservation (7.86 acres) to Facility-Based Recreation (12 acres) on approximately 12 acres located on the south side of Duval Park Boulevard approximately 400 feet east of 44th Way North in Lealman. (Quasi-Judicial).

First public hearing held. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. Second public hearing to be held on October 25, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved; whereupon, Zoning Manager Glenn Bailey related that the State law requires two public hearings for County-initiated zoning cases involving properties over 10 acres; and that because this is the first public hearing, the Board is only required to take public comment.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:08 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk