

# **Pinellas County**

*333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room  
Clearwater, FL 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, July 30, 2024**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting**

**Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Kathleen Peters, Chair*

*Brian Scott, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*René Flowers*

*Charlie Justice*

*Chris Latvala*

*Janet C. Long*

**ROLL CALL - 1:59 P.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; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Katie Poviones, Senior Board Records Specialist, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION by Commissioner Scott****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Peters indicated that Commissioner Eggers has requested to participate virtually; and that his request meets criteria in accordance with statute and the Commission's policy; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers made a motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Latvala and carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Purple Heart Day Proclamation:
  - Robert Groover, President, Florida Veterans Coalition
  - Robert Swick, Vice President, Florida Veterans Coalition

Chair Peters invited Messrs. Groover and Swick to join her at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing August 7, 2024, as Purple Heart Day; whereupon, Mr. Burton introduced Veteran Services Division Director Michael Swonger.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

2. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Sharon Calvert, Tierra Verde (submitted documents)  
Don Cocker, Seminole  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)  
Toni Gross, Oldsmar  
Greg Pound, Largo  
Mack Johnson, Largo

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 19**

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

## CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 11, 2024.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

4. Vouchers and bills paid from June 16 through June 29, 2024.

Period - June 16 - June 22, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$15,502,408.29

Payroll - \$4,881,988.70

Period - June 23 - June 29, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$34,426,044.77

Payroll - None

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

5. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9759-24 adopted on June 6, 2024, annexing certain properties.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

6. Notice of St. Petersburg City Council Public Hearing, rescheduled to July 18, 2024, regarding proposed amendments to the Intown Redevelopment Plan.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

7. Notice of City of Pinellas Park Public Hearing to be held August 8, 2024, regarding Ordinance No. 4265, annexing certain property.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

8. Notice of City of Pinellas Park Public Hearing to be held August 8, 2024, regarding Ordinance No. 4267, annexing certain property.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Administrative Services

9. Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### County Administrator

10. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending June 30, 2024.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

11. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2024.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### Public Works

12. Award of bid to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc. for American Rescue Plan Act Sidewalk, Americans with Disabilities Act, Drainage, and Paving - Package 2.

Contract No. 24-0644-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$9,963,481.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 550 consecutive calendar days.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

13. Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater Starkey Facility M10 Modification (Rebid).

Contract No. 24-0692-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$6,727,660.00 on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 548 consecutive calendar days.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

14. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Largo for the construction of a new reclaimed water main along the Whitney Road at Wolford Road Intersection Improvement Project from Sapphire

Lane to Hidden Springs Place.

(Project No. 002109A) Agreement approved.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### Utilities

- 15.** Award of bid to Rowland DE, LLC for the Annual Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Extensions Fiscal Year 2024-2026.

Contract No. 24-0384-ITB-C awarded to Rowland DE, LLC in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$10,209,703.75 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar days.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

- 16.** Award of bid to Sherman Mechanical Contractors LLC for HVAC preventative maintenance, repairs, and equipment replacements.

Contract No. 24-0365-ITB-C awarded to Sherman Mechanical Contractors LLC for a 36-month expenditure not to exceed \$7,407,720.00 (estimated annual expenditure, \$2,469,240.00) on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 17.** 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.**

### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

#### Sheriff's Office

- 18.** Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending June 30, 2024.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

- 19.** Receipt and file report of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending June 30, 2024.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

- 20.** Pinellas County approval of the documents to support funding for the design and construction, and subsequent management of a new stadium in St. Petersburg to be the new home of the Tampa Bay Rays Major League Baseball franchise and adoption of the Tourist Development Tax Revenue Bond Resolution (Master Bond Resolution). (Regular Agenda Item that is companion to Item No.46)

Resolution No. 24-42 adopted and documents approved. Authority delegated to the Chair, or the Vice-Chair in their absence, to execute all necessary documents in a closing with the City of St. Petersburg and representatives of StadCo and TeamCo.

Mr. Burton introduced the item, indicating that it encompasses a series of agreements that constitute the Tampa Bay Rays stadium redevelopment deal; whereupon, at the request of Commissioner Flowers, he referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Tourist Development Tax Financial Outlook* and discussed a 30-year pro forma budget prepared by the Office of Management and Budget, highlighting that it provides a conservative outlook of the revenue and expenditure expectations associated with the County's Tourist Development Tax (TDT); and that the County can afford to fund beach renourishment independently, as well as provide funding for the proposed deal without jeopardizing TDT funds.

In response to queries by Commissioners Latvala and Scott, Mr. Burton, with input from Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy, provided information regarding the County's eligibility for state and federal reimbursement if it were to independently fund beach renourishment projects.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, the following individuals appeared:

Pete Boland, St. Petersburg  
Jason Spears, St. Petersburg  
Oretha Pope, St. Petersburg  
Chris Steinocher, St. Petersburg  
Christie Bruner, St. Petersburg  
Matt Lettelleir, St. Petersburg  
Bob Warchola, Tierra Verde  
Robin Miller, St. Pete Beach  
Joseph W. J. Robinson, Seminole (submitted documents)  
Peter Kent, St. Petersburg (spoke on behalf of others)

Robin Davidov, St. Petersburg  
Ash Alonzo, St. Petersburg  
Mary Catok, St. Petersburg  
Tom Tito, St. Petersburg  
Tomeka Oliver, St. Petersburg  
George Baxter, St. Petersburg  
William S. Kilgore, St. Petersburg  
Lama Alhasan, St. Petersburg

Thereupon, Inner Circle Sports Banker David Abrams, City of St. Petersburg Development Administrator James Corbett, and staff responded to queries by the members regarding numerous topics, including the following:

- Allowable uses of the TDT
- The scope of the Board's vote relative to this item
- Shifting costs and risks to the Tampa Bay Rays in lieu of revenue sharing
- Details of the Team Non-relocation Agreement
- Implications of potential changes to allowable uses of the TDT
- Method for appraising the price of the land

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, to approve the request; whereupon, Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell requested that the motion include authority for the County Attorney to make non-substantive changes to the documents prior to execution. Commissioner Flowers clarified that her motion includes scrivener's errors and non-substantive changes, and Commissioner Long concurred.

Commissioner Latvala expressed concern regarding the County's proposed up-front contribution of \$312.5 million and noted that he hopes that a new deal could be drafted which would provide better protections to the County and to taxpayers in the City of St. Petersburg; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers discussed his concerns and suggested that the Tampa Bay Rays return to the Board in 30 days with a deal that includes less debt for the County and the City of St. Petersburg, noting that he believes that the Rays should be paying for a more significant portion of the new stadium.

Thereupon, Commissioners Flowers, Long, Justice, and Scott expressed their support for the proposed deal.

Commissioner Long provided brief comments regarding the Rays' contributions to the community; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Burton confirmed that the proposed development would generate over \$1 billion in tax revenue for the respective taxing bodies; and that costs for construction of the development will be paid predominantly by the developer.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved, including scrivener's errors and non-substantive changes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Eggers, and Commissioner Latvala

Later in the meeting, Attorney Crowell distributed a document titled *Certificate as to Public Meetings and No Conflict of Interest* relating to the Master Bond Resolution; whereupon, he requested that the Commissioners sign the document.

**Meeting Recessed: 4:54 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 5:34 P.M.**

- 21.** Municipal Services Taxing Unit Special Projects Funding for the Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole Family Fun Fishing Trailer.

Funding request approved in the one-time amount of \$9,834.98.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### Airport

- 22.** Resolution authorizing continuation of a \$4.50 Passenger Facility Charge and to amend past applications at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Resolution No. 24-43 adopted authorizing the Airport to submit Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application No. 8 to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to allow continued collection of PFC fees to fund FAA projects. Total revenue to be collected in the new application is \$15,906,436.00. Amendments to past applications approved as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### Construction Services

- 23.** First Amendment to the Agreement with Creative Contractors, Inc., for Construction Manager at Risk services pertaining to the Jail Security and Entry Center Project setting the Guaranteed Maximum Price.



(Contract No. 21-704-NC) Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$23,331,153.00, for a revised total amount of \$23,376,153.00, providing for Phase Two Construction, and extending the contract by 26 months.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### Human Services

**24.** Agreement with the Sixth Judicial Circuit for the Drug Court Expansion Program.

Agreement approved providing funding in the annual amount of \$454,328.00, including a reimbursement of \$29,928.00 to the County, for the Division Z Drug Court Expansion Program. Agreement is effective for three years beginning July 30, 2024.

Upon the Chair's call for individuals wishing to be heard, David Ballard Geddis Jr., Palm Harbor, appeared and expressed his concerns.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

**25.** Funding recommendations for the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Grant funding recommendations by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board, execution of grant documents, and ratification of the Certificate of Participation with the Chair's signature, approved as outlined in the Staff Report. Funding amount not to exceed \$270,837.00 to support eight projects in Pinellas County; no local match required.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### Parks and Conservation Resources

**26.** Ad Hoc Naming Rights Committee recommendation and accompanying resolution to rename the Pinellas Trail West Bay Overpass as the Albert L. "Bert" Valery III Overpass.

Resolution No. 24-44 approved supporting the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board's recommendation to rename the Pinellas Trail West Bay Overpass in honor of Albert L. "Bert" Valery III.

Mr. Burton indicated that Mr. Valery was killed while riding a bicycle on the Belleair Causeway; and that the accident was widely credited as the catalyst behind his parents' advocacy for the formation of the County's bicycle advisory committee and the creation of the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail.

Upon the Chair's call for citizens wishing to be heard, Bert Valery, Indian Rocks Beach, appeared and provided brief comments.

Commissioner Justice commended the Valery family and others who worked to turn a tragedy into something positive for the community.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### Public Works

- 27.** Award of bid to Bandes Construction Company, Inc. for Dansville Community Park -American Rescue Plan Act.

Contract 24-0768-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$3,494,521.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 28.** Award of bid to Erickson & Lindstrom Construction Co. for the High Point Community Park - American Rescue Plan Act (Rebid).

Contract 24-0722-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$5,551,475.15 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 510 consecutive calendar days.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 29.** Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the American Rescue Plan Act Whitney Road and Wolford Road Intersection and Roadway Improvements.

Contract 24-0698-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$13,190,311.90 on the basis of being

the only responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar days.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 30.** Resolution requesting inclusion of County Beach Erosion Control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Long-Range Budget Plan with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, authorize staff to electronically submit a grant application approving the County Local Government funding request to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Beach Management Funding Assistance Program.

(PID 002573A) Resolution No. 24-45 adopted, and staff authorized to submit a grant application. Grant request is for \$1,659,035.50, with a required County match of \$1,659,035.50.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 31.** Agreement with Econolite Control Products, Inc. for traffic cobalt controllers.

Contract No. 24-0621-N approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$318,720.00 for 12 months.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 32.** Maintenance Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park for platted right-of-way located at 10951 Belcher Road South.

Maintenance agreement approved.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 33.** Safe Streets and Roads for all funding grant application with the United States Department of Transportation for a Pinellas Advanced Technology for Traveler Information Project.

Submission of grant application approved. Total project estimate is \$12,500,000.00

(anticipated grant funding, \$10,000,000.00; County match, \$2,500,000.00).

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### Solid Waste

- 34.** Annual certificate of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

Certificate approved for the assessment roll period through December 31, 2024. The assessment fee is \$20.00 per month per unit through December 31, 2024. Chairman authorized to certify the roll to the Tax Collector prior to September 15, 2024.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

#### Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency

- 35.** First Amendment to the Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. to support projects that further the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area's economic development by promoting homeownership, decreasing vacancy rates, and increasing the supply of affordable housing.

(Contract No. 22-0058-LI) Amendment approved as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

### COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 36.** Proposed settlement in the case of Ron W. Acoff v. Pinellas County; United States District Court Case No. 8:23-cv-1542-JSM-UAM.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated July 30, 2024.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

**37. County Attorney Reports - None**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**38. County Administrator Reports**

Mr. Burton provided information regarding upcoming Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act hearings for requests by the Illinois Finance Authority and BayCare Health System, Inc.

COUNTY COMMISSION

**39. Appointment to the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).**

Tony Coryn appointed for a three-year term beginning on the date of appointment.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

**40. Appointments to the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area Citizen Advisory Committee. (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).**

Bryan Voliton and Patrick McKenney appointed for two-year terms, with initial terms expiring September 30, 2025.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

**41. Appointments to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).**

Miles Croom and Cynthia Grizzle reappointed for two-year terms, beginning August 1, 2024.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

**42. County Commission New Business:**

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

Resolution No. 24-41 adopted supporting the State of Florida's honorary designation of the portions of the Gandy Bridge on U.S. Highway 92 located within the geographical boundaries of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties as the AWF3 Mohammed "Mo" Haitham Memorial Way.

Earlier in the meeting, Chair Peters invited Petty Officer Haitham's mother, Evelyn Brady, Senior Legislative Aide to Senator Darryl Rouson Nick Carper, and Legislative Aide to Senator Darryl Rouson Andrew Pink, to join her at the podium and read a resolution honoring Petty Officer Haitham; whereupon, Ms. Brady and Mr. Carper provided brief comments, with Mr. Carper conveying Senator Rouson's support for the resolution.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Scott, to adopt the resolution and forward it to the Florida Department of Transportation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

The Commissioners provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and discussed various issues, as follows:

Commissioner Justice

- Condolences to the family of former Gulfport Mayor Mike Yates

Commissioner Latvala

- Hillsborough/Pinellas Workforce Development Consortium

Chair Peters

- Tourist Development Council
- Happy Birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard

Commissioner Eggers

- City of Dunedin and City of Oldsmar Purple Heart celebrations
- Tour of Wendover Art Group
- Expansion of Bayside Health Clinic
- Funeral for Homeless Empowerment Program Executive Vice President Zachary White

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

- 43.** Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan and authorizing actions related to the administration and operation of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

Resolution No. 24-46 adopted approving the Action Plan and authorizing its submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Actions authorized as set forth in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 44.** Case No. LDR-24-01 (Second Public Hearing)  
An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 138 - Zoning, related to definitions and the standards for accessory dwelling units. (Legislative)

Ordinance No. 24-22 adopted approving Case No. LDR-24-01, amending Chapter 138 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code and providing revised definitions and standards for accessory dwelling units. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 45.** Ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, related to ad valorem tax exemption, amending Chapter 118 of the Pinellas County Code to create a new Article VIII, Additional Homestead Exemption for Qualifying Living Quarters of Parents or Grandparents. (Legislative)

Ordinance No. 24-23 adopted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 46.** Resolution amending the St. Petersburg Intown Redevelopment Plan and the associated Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the City of St. Petersburg; and Ordinance amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-61 related to the City of St. Petersburg Redevelopment Trust Fund for the Intown Redevelopment Plan. (Companion to Item No. 20)

Resolution No. 24-47 adopted and associated Interlocal Agreement approved. Ordinance No. 24-24 adopted amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-61. One phone call and 115 emails in opposition and ten emails in support have been received.

In response to a comment and a query by Chair Peters, Mr. Burton explained that the proposed amendments to the Intown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) would expand the allowable uses of CRA funds and enable the utilization of residual funds for the stadium project; and that, based on the concerns expressed by the Board at a previous work session, the Tampa Bay Rays have agreed to limit the utilization of residual CRA funds to traditional CRA uses, such as site preparation and remediation, infrastructure, sustainability, and resiliency efforts; whereupon, he indicated that, pending the item's approval, he would bring forward an agreement which will define the limitations and direction of the uses of the funds.

In response to the Chair's call for public comment, Dylan Dames, St. Petersburg, appeared and expressed his concerns.

Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell requested that, if a motion is made, it include approval for the County Attorney to make non-substantive changes to the documents prior to execution.

Responding to comments by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Burton confirmed that the City of St. Petersburg is requesting a ten-year extension of its portion of the Intown CRA Plan.

Commissioner Scott made a motion that the item be approved and that authority be given to the County Attorney's Office to make non-substantive changes to the documents prior to execution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long.

Commissioner Eggers expressed concern regarding the use of residual CRA funds from the County for anything related to infrastructure, stressing that the County agreed to provide Tourist Development Tax funds. Mr. Burton clarified that the use of CRA funds for expanded uses, including resiliency efforts and a sustainable power source, is part of the support operations for the stadium project, but not the stadium itself; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers related that he will not support the item.



In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Flowers and Scott, Mr. Burton confirmed that taxes are not being increased; that the City of St. Petersburg could use taxes from its portion of the Intown CRA towards the stadium project; that only the City of St. Petersburg's portion of the Intown CRA would be extended for ten years; and that this would not have any fiscal impact on the County because its commitment would remain capped at \$108 million, as agreed to in 2015; whereupon, he indicated that, upon expiration of the County's portion of the Intown CRA, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds upwards of \$8 million would be returned to County tax rolls.

Thereupon, Commissioner Eggers provided brief comments regarding financial impacts to the County related to residual funds.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved and that authority be given to the County Attorney's Office to make non-substantive changes to the documents prior to execution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Eggers, and Commissioner Latvala

Later in the meeting, Attorney White requested that the Board vote on the proposed ordinance separately.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Eggers, and Commissioner Latvala

- 47. Ordinance amending Sections 118-176, 118-177, and 118-180 relating to an additional homestead exemption for persons 65 and older.

Item deferred to the August 13 meeting.

In response to a query by Commissioner Justice, Mr. Burton confirmed that the item has been properly noticed for the August 13 meeting.

Chair Peters expressed appreciation to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies and sergeant for their presence at today's BCC meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:21 P.M.**

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Dee Lynn Keiro*  
Deputy Clerk



*Kathleen Peters*  
Chair