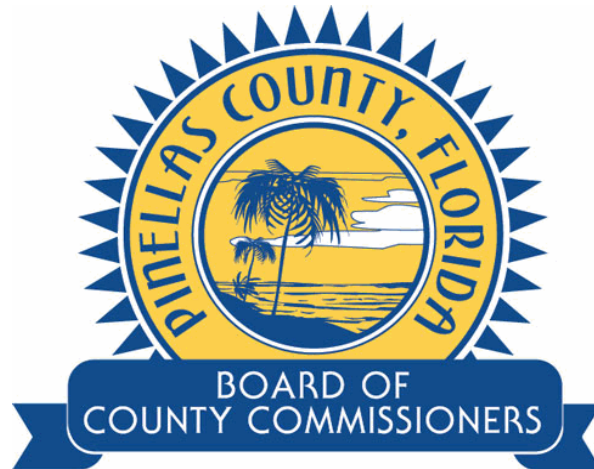


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Brian Scott, Chair
Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Chris Latvala
Vince Nowicki
Kathleen Peters
Chris Scherer

Barry A. Burton, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney
Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. [24-2188A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA- Items 2 through 12

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

2. [25-0047A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from December 15, 2024 through January 4, 2025.

Reports received for filing:

3. [25-0048A](#) Dock Fee Report for the month of November 2024.
4. [25-0049A](#) Dock Fee Report for the month of December 2024.
5. [25-0050A](#) Quarterly Report of Docks & Dredge/Fill Permits issued from October 1 through December 31, 2024.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

6. [24-2207A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending December 31st, 2024.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.

7. [24-2216A](#) Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending December 31, 2024.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator.

Utilities

8. [24-2241A](#) Award of bid and agreement with QRC Inc. for a 2-year work order contract for annual water and reclaimed water repairs and extensions.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid and agreement with QRC Inc. for annual water and reclaimed water repairs and extensions.

- This is a 2-year work order contract for the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of water and reclaimed water pipes, manholes, and other infrastructure, including emergency repairs on an as-needed basis.
- This contract will replace Contract No. 22-0397-CP(PLU), Annual Potable Water and Reclaimed Water Repair Services, in the original award amount of \$5,135,600.00, which expired in November 2024.
- As a two-step bid process, four bidders were qualified to submit pricing; only one priced submittal was received by QRC, Inc. in the amount of \$5,750,840.00. The other qualified firms did not provide pricing, stating their workload was “too heavy.”
- This contract includes a 12% small business enterprise commitment from QRC Inc.
- Funding is derived from the Utilities water and sewer funds.

Bid No. 24-1061-ITB-C, award in the amount of \$5,750,840.00 for 2 years; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

9. [25-0003A](#) Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the construction of the North County Reclaim Water Booster Station (Phase 1).

Recommendation: Approval of award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the construction of Phase 1 of the North County Reclaim Water Booster Station Improvement Project.

- This contract will provide required construction services to complete Phase 1 of the North County Reclaim Water Booster Station, which includes all the suction and discharge piping connected to the proposed booster station (the proposed booster station is to be constructed in Phase 2).
- Two bids were received with an award recommendation to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. in the amount of \$1,653,000.00 as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, with all work to be completed within 270 consecutive calendar days.
- The Small Business Enterprise commitment for this project is 10%.
- Funding is budgeted under the North County In-line Reclaimed Water Booster Station Project (006174A), included in the Capital Improvement Plan funded by the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund. Total available funding is the amount of the full project allocation as represented in the approved Capital Improvement Plan. Available funding in excess of the recommended not-to-exceed amount is available for other project costs. In the event that future fiscal year funding is not available for this project, the County maintains the authority to terminate this agreement.

Contract 25-0017-ITB-C in the amount of \$1,653,000.00 with all work to be completed within 270 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

10. [24-2278A](#) Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Sheriff's Office

11. [24-2274A](#) Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending December 31, 2024.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts - payments to the Sheriff for October 1 through December 31, 2024.

12. [24-2275A](#) Receipt and file report of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2024.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from October 1 to December 31, 2024.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Economic Development

13. [24-2221A](#) Four applications for funding under the Penny for Pinellas Employment Sites Program.

Recommendation: Approval and funding of the four projects presented below following the successful completion of due diligence to comply with program guidelines as determined by the County Administrator.

It is further recommended that the Board of County Commissioners delegate authority to the County Administrator to negotiate and execute all agreements and documentation associated with the Employment Sites Program project funding.

- BP Land Holdings West, LLC in the amount of \$3,750,000.00 to fund fill dirt and off-set costs of construction for the speculative industrial facility.
- St. Joseph's Holdings LLC, in the amount of \$400,000.00 to assist in redeveloping a portion of their existing facility and build out a second location to accommodate manufacturing and distribution for Yo Mama's Foods.
- Monin, in the amount of \$4,409,097.00 to fund demolition of a structure, removal of an existing stormwater vault system and the addition of a new stormwater vault system along with necessary fill dirt for the new addition.
- Pharmetric Laboratory, in the amount of \$1,645,000.00 to fund the retrofits required to convert the non-sterile space into a sterile manufacturing space.
- The total funding request for the stated projects is \$10,204,097.00. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program plan under the Economic Development Capital Projects (project 004149A). This project is funded by Local Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas) as part of the 8.3% countywide investment for Economic Development and Housing, half of which, or 4.15%, is set aside for Economic Capital Projects specifically.

Housing & Community Development

14. [24-2167A](#) Affordable Housing Program project funding recommendation for Olea on 126 by Lincoln Avenue Communities.

Recommendation: Recommend approval of affordable housing funding for the Olea on 126 projects by Lincoln Avenue Communities. It is further recommended that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate and approve terms, conditions, and the final funding amount not to exceed the Board of County Commissioners approved amount.

- The funding recommendation for Olea on 126 by Lincoln Avenue Communities is \$7,920,000.00 of Penny funding for construction costs of workforce housing.
- Olea on 126 is a new construction project of 144 multi-family affordable apartment units located at 6727 126th Avenue North in Largo that will serve households as follows: (36) units set-aside for 40% of area median income (AMI) or below, (72) units for 60% AMI or below, and (36) units for 80% AMI or below.
- The Land Use Restriction Agreement associated with the construction funding will ensure a 30-year affordability period.
- The total development cost is estimated to be \$54,578,440.00. Other sources of funding include Permanent Debt Financing (\$14,500,000.00), Tax Credit Equity (\$22,176,880.00), Cash Reinvestments (\$3,912,600.00), Deferred Developer Fee (\$5,676,416.00), and the City of Largo Fee Waiver (\$392,544.00).
- The development will not be eligible for the annual Multifamily Property Tax Exemption as the units will be subject to an agreement with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
- Next steps: County staff will complete additional due diligence activities.
- The total funding request for this project is \$7,920,000.00. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program plan under the Penny IV Affordable Housing Program (Project 004150A). This project is funded by Local Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas) as part of the 8.3% countywide investment for Economic Development and Housing, half of which, or 4.15%, is set aside for housing specifically. Approval of the project funding recommendation will increase the total amount of Penny IV affordable housing funds committed to \$78,470,000.00.

Human Services

15. [24-2082A](#) Funding recommendations and agreements with nonprofit entities for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund.

Recommendation: Approval of funding recommendations from the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) and execution of four agreements with nonprofit entities for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund (Trust Fund).

- On August 28, 2024, the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) approved the recommendation of four projects for funding. The Trust Fund will provide \$32,148.90 to support nonprofit organizations that provide alcohol and/or drug use treatment prevention programs located within Pinellas County.
- The four agreements for approval are: Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. (Gulf Coast JFCS) Visitor Management System (\$8,000.00), Operation PAR, Inc. (PAR) PAR Village Residential Furniture (\$9,021.99), Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services, Inc. (PEMHS) d/b/a ELEOS: Digital Empowerment for Crisis Response: Desktop Computers (\$5,203.86), and Westcare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc. (WestCare) Davis Bradley Community Involvement Center Oven (\$9,923.05).
- Annual funding for the Trust Fund is provided through assessment and court fees for alcohol and drug-related charges.
- Funding in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 has been included in the Human Services approved Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund appropriation as provided by the Trust Fund; no match is required.

16. [24-2174A](#) Grant Funding Agreement with Boley Centers, Inc., for the Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Grant Program.

Recommendation: Approval of the grant agreement with Boley Centers, Inc., (Boley) for the Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH) Grant Program funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

- This agreement allocates TIEH Grant Program funds to Boley to expand service capacity, including case management, peer recovery support, evidence based mental health and substance abuse treatment services, and/or housing navigation to individuals who have, or are currently at risk of experiencing homelessness and have serious mental illness, substance abuse disorder, and/or co-occurring disorder.
- The County will partner with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office - Pinellas Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter, Boley Centers, and Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services d/b/a Eleos to serve 320 clients over the five-year grant period.
- This agreement provides Boley an annual allocation of \$459,000.00 per year, for up to five years, totaling \$2,299,995.00 of SAMHSA grant funds for the period of 9/30/2024 - 9/29/2029.
- The Board of County Commissioners previously approved a Notice of Award for the SAMHSA TIEH Grant Program on October 15, 2024, item #24-1489A.
- Funding for this grant was not anticipated in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, and a budget amendment will likely be proposed in the future to recognize the unanticipated grant revenue and to appropriate the expenditures for this program. No grant match is required.

Management and Budget

17. [25-0018A](#) Eligible write-offs for accounting purposes - Fiscal Year 2024.

Recommendation: Approval of eligible write-offs for accounting purposes - Fiscal Year 2024.

- Write-offs for approval were eligible as of September 30, 2024.
- Total eligible write-offs are from multiple funds and departments under the County Administrator and collectively total \$4,410,567.32. Of this amount, \$4,239,157.66, or 96.1%, are for Emergency Medical Services charges under Safety and Emergency Services, generally for medical transport services. Other departments include Airport (\$6,227.00), Animal Services (\$41.00), Building Development Review Services (\$168.20), Business Technology Services (\$118.76), Department of Administrative Services (\$1,746.26), Emergency Management (\$17.90), Human Resources (\$7,406.86), Public Works (\$20,000.02), and Utilities (\$135,683.66).
- Staff in the various departments will continue to take steps to collect this debt, even after it is written off the County's books. Approval of eligible write-offs is for accounting purposes and does not eliminate the uncollectable debt.
- Resolution 24-29 (RES 24-29) provides authority for eligible write-offs to be approved for accounting purposes by the Board of County Commissioners.

18. [24-2246A](#) Ranking of firms and approval of eleven agreements for comprehensive disaster recovery management consulting services.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms of eleven agreements with the below firms for comprehensive disaster recovery management consulting services:

Metric Consulting LLC, GrantWorks, Inc., DCMS LLC, CDR Maguire, Inc., ICF Incorporated, LLC, Tetra Tech, Inc., Witt O'Brien's, LLC, IEM International, Inc., Integrated Solutions Consulting, Hagerty Consulting, Inc., and Tidal Basin Government Consulting LLC.

- Award to eleven vendors for comprehensive disaster recovery management consulting services. This contract was drafted to include requirements from all municipalities within geographical Pinellas County; each municipality shall contract separately for services.
- This contract allows vendors to strategically manage project development and administration of Federal and State Disaster Programs related to declared emergencies on behalf of the County. Firms utilized by the County will be rotated based upon the scope of work and area of expertise needed at the time of engagement.
- Funding for use of the contract is anticipated to be partially offset by reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Specific funding for these contracts is not budgeted until the time of disaster events. A portion of the costs incurred will likely be offset with reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of Florida, or other government entities.

Contract No. 24-0957-P, contingency amount to be determined based as per above, for a sixty-month term; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Public Works

19. [24-2209A](#) Second Amendment to the agreement with Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC for coastal management environmental consulting services.

Recommendation: Approval of the Second Amendment to the agreement with Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC for coastal management environmental consulting services.

- The purpose of this contract is to provide for professional engineering services on an as needed basis to assist Public Works with implementation of the County's Coastal Management Program.
- This Second Amendment provides an increase of \$1,000,000.00 to the agreement providing for contract funding that was depleted because of Hurricane Helene and Milton post-storm beach assessments.
- This contract was awarded by the Board of County Commissioners on February 28, 2023, with a total upset limit of \$1,250,000.00 over the 5-year term.
- The First Amendment was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 23, 2024, for an increase of \$1,000,000.00.
- With both amendments, the new not to exceed amount is \$3,250,000.00 for the balance of the 5 years until 2028.
- Funding is derived from various federal grant programs, state grants, or county operating budgets.

Contract No. 22-0612-CN increase in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for a revised total contract not to exceed \$3,250,000.00 over the five-year term; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

20. [24-2242A](#) Third Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement No. 210023162.01 with the Gulf Consortium for Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project, funded by the Restore Act Spill Impact Component.

Recommendation:

Approval of the Third Amendment with the Gulf Consortium for Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project, funded by the Restore Act Spill Impact Component.

- Amendment No. 3 revises the scope of work to include Construction, Engineering and Inspections, and Engineering Services during construction.
- Amendment No. 3 provides additional funding in the amount of \$3,479,961.00 for a new total sub-award of \$5,533,448.00.
- Amendment No. 3 also extends the Agreement term to October 31, 2026.
- The original award was approved in September 2021 in the amount of \$2,053,487.00.
 - Amendment No.1 in February 2022 was no-cost and updated contract language.
 - Amendment No. 2 in February 2023 was for a no-cost extension of time for performance to December 31, 2024.
- This grant award will be receipted to Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project 005015A, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, the Resilient Florida Grant Program, the Restore Act federal grants, and future anticipated grants.

Financial Assistance Award FAIN No. GNSSP21FL0023; Subrecipient Agreement No. 210023162.01; Agreement term ends October 31, 2026; provides additional funding in the amount of \$3,479,961.00 for a new total sub-award of \$5,533,448.00.

21. [24-1469A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Construction Administration, and Inspection Professional Services - Federal Funds - Mobile Home Community's - Project 1.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Construction Administration and Inspection Professional Services - Federal Funds - Mobile Home Community's (MHC's) - Project 1.

- This contract is for professional engineering services to upgrade outdated and problematic wastewater systems within fourteen MHC's.
- Two firms submitted proposals and were evaluated with a recommendation to award to top-ranked firm Mead & Hunt, Inc., in the amount of \$723,785.00 in accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), per Florida Statute 287.055.
- This agreement will be effective for six hundred and ninety-eight days after receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the County.
- Grant funding is through the Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act).
- Funding is budgeted under the Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project (005015A).

Contract No. 24-0545-RFP-CCNA in the total not to exceed amount of \$723,785.00, effective for six hundred and ninety-eight days from the Notice to Proceed; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

22. [24-1473A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Construction Administration, and Inspection Professional Services - Federal Funds - Mobile Home Community's - Project 2.

Recommendation:

Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Construction Administration and Inspection Professional Services - Federal Funds - Mobile Home Community's (MHC's) - Project 2.

- This contract is for professional engineering services to upgrade outdated and problematic wastewater systems within fourteen MHC's.
- Two firms submitted proposals and were evaluated with a recommendation to award to top-ranked firm Mead & Hunt, Inc. in the amount of \$577,155.00 in accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), per Florida Statute 287.055.
- This agreement will be effective for six hundred and ninety-eight days after receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the County.
- Funding is through Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act), budgeted under the Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project (005015A) in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Contract No. 24-0573-RFP-CCNA in the total not to exceed amount of \$577,155.00, effective for six hundred and ninety-eight days from the Notice to Proceed; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

23. [24-1516A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Construction Administration, and Inspection Professional Services - Federal Funds - Mobile Home Community's - Project 3.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Construction Administration and Inspection Professional Services - Federal Funds - Mobile Home Community's (MHC's) - Project 3.

- This contract is for professional engineering services to upgrade outdated and problematic wastewater systems within fourteen MHC's.
- Two firms submitted proposals and were evaluated with a recommendation to award to top-ranked firm Mead & Hunt, Inc. in the amount of \$413,880.00 in accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), per Florida Statute 287.055.
- This agreement will be effective for six hundred and ninety-eight days after receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the County.
- Funding is through Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act), budgeted under the Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project (005015A) in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Contract No. 24-0576-RFP-CCNA in the total not to exceed amount of \$413,880.00, effective for six hundred and ninety-eight days from the Notice to Proceed; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

24. [24-2279A](#) Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Sha'Von Hinson; County Court Case No. 24-011144-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Recommendation: Ratification of the Chair's approval of authority to initiate litigation against Sha'Von Hinson.

25. [24-2189A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

26. [24-2190A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

27. [24-2191A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

28. [24-2226A](#) Case No. LDR-24-05
An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 138 - Zoning. (Legislative)

Recommendation: Approval of Case No. LDR-24-05: An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 138 - Zoning.

- This is the second of two required public hearings.
- First public hearing held on December 17, 2024. No one from the public appeared in support or opposition.
- This ordinance is part of the overall Building and Development Review Services Department system improvements.
- The proposed amendments will provide additional clarification and flexibility, enhance efficiency, and address internal consistency issues.
- The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the ordinance (vote 6-0). No one from the public appeared in support or opposition.
- This ordinance amendment, by itself, does not have a fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

29. [24-2198A](#) Case No. ZON-24-06 (D&D Strategic Holdings, LLC)
A request for a zoning change from GO, General Office, to C-2, General Commercial and Services on approximately 0.25 acre located at 2300 State Road 580 in unincorporated Dunedin. (Quasi-Judicial)

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. ZON-24-06 is recommended for approval.

A resolution approving the application of D&D Strategic Holdings, LLC for a zoning change from General Office to General Commercial and Services.

- The applicant is seeking a zoning change on a 0.25-acre portion of a 1.55-acre site, and the proposed use is an accessory warehouse building for the existing retail business located on site.
- The remaining 1.3-acres of the site is zoned C-2.
- The entire 1.55-acre site has the Commercial General Future Land Use classification.
- The subject property is located along an established commercial corridor.
- The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request (vote 7-0). No one appeared in opposition, and no correspondence has been received.

30. [24-2245A](#) Ordinance and resolution authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to request the Pinellas County Tax Collector use the Uniform Method for collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for servicing of a Downtown Palm Harbor Street Lighting District.

Recommendation:

Adoption of an ordinance and resolution authorizing the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to request the Pinellas County Tax Collector use the Uniform Method for collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for servicing of a Downtown Palm Harbor Street Lighting District (SLD).

- Ninety-five LED “Dark Sky” compliant streetlights with new underground conductors and conduits will be installed and connected per national standards.
- Estimated monthly cost for maintenance and energy for the 42 -parcel district is approximately \$3,850.00.00 monthly and \$46,200.00 annually.
- Total approximate assessment for the forty-two parcels will be \$1,100.00 annually or \$92.00 monthly.
- Determined collection and enforcement of street lighting assessments best accomplished through the Uniform Method pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.
- Section 197.3632, (3)(a), Florida Statutes states a resolution be adopted at a public hearing prior to March 1, 2025, if the property appraiser, tax collector, and local government agree. The Property Appraiser and Tax Collector has granted this extension.
- The Board must approve the ordinance prior to adoption of the resolution.
- Upon a favorable vote, the Board will issue authority to advertise two items including creation of the SLD and intent to use the Uniform Collection Method. A public hearing date will be set.

31. [24-2256A](#) Ordinance updating the Pinellas County Code regarding Water and Navigation Regulations by amending Sections 58-501 to 58-550.

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and adopt a proposed Ordinance. Following public comment, amend Pinellas County Code Sections 58-501 to 58-550 to include:

- Codifying the transition of intake duties for dock and dredge and fill permit applications from the Clerk of Court to Public Works / Water and Navigation staff, including the collection of fees.
- Providing staff with the ability to expedite dredge and fill permit applications (including seawalls) and waive fees following natural disaster determinations.
- Providing for appeals of staff determinations and variances to dock and dredge and fill permits to be heard by an existing special magistrate process instead of the Board of County Commissioners (Board) and Board of Adjustments and updating related notice requirements for consistency with other codes.
- Extending licensing requirement already in place for dock contractors to dredge and fill (including seawall) contractors.
- No direct financial impact associated with adopting this Ordinance.

32. [24-2255A](#) Proposed Countywide Ordinance for Dune Protection.**Recommendation:**

Conduct a public hearing and adopt a proposed countywide ordinance creating Chapter 58 (Environment), Article XVIII (Coastal Protection), Division 1 (Dunes), establishing provisions for the following:

- Protects the integrity of dunes along Pinellas County barrier islands by preventing traversing the dunes outside of certain exemptions and as such,
 - May provide additional assurances for property owners to consider signing easements for beach nourishments based on the protection of dune areas.
- Prohibits any activity on a dune that requires a permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection under F.S. § 161.053 (Coastal Construction and Excavation).
- Recognizes that dune protection is not a special power under the County Charter so any effective municipal ordinance that conflicts will prevail over this ordinance.
- Provides for fines and civil penalties within existing county environmental compliance programs.
- Includes the statutorily required Business Impact Estimate noting no direct financial impact is associated with this ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT