

From city residents, taxpayers and city-county voters
Time to seek the assistance of the ACLU and the FL FAF

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Tampa Bay Times February 8, 2026 Letter to the Editor

Rays tell Hillsborough they'll cover at least 50% of Tampa stadium cost | Feb. 3

Not again Regarding the Tampa Bay Rays' proposed stadium deal in Tampa, I have a modest suggestion: If you can afford to own a Major League Baseball team, **you can afford to build a place for it to play.** The new ownership group wants applause for offering to cover "at least" half the cost of a new stadium while helpfully suggesting new taxes for the rest. How generous. Apparently, the definition of "investment" has changed to mean "risk-free, publicly subsidized profit center." I don't care how cleverly the proposal is packaged or how many funding mechanisms are floated. Heck, I'm still paying for Raymond James Stadium through the half-cent Community Investment Tax. Now I'm supposed to sign up for **another long-term subsidy so millionaire and billionaire owners can increase franchise value?** Hard pass. Stadium deals are always sold as once-in-a-generation opportunities, yet somehow the public is left holding the bill, while the team keeps the revenue, the leverage, and the option to leave anyway. Given the political makeup of our local elected officials, the outcome may be predictable. That doesn't make it any less absurd. This is simple: If the Rays are a sound investment, their owners should invest in them. **Let the fat cats build their own stadium. David Burg, Tampa**

Reading the following you may learn why Albert Einstein said
"Earth is the Insane Asylum of the Universe"

Topic for discussion: Professional Sports (and YOUR TAXES)

Def

Professional sports refer to organized athletic competitions where participants are paid for their performances. This contrasts with amateur sports, where athletes typically do not receive compensation for their participation. The rise of professional sports is closely

 New York Times
<https://www.nytimes.com › opinion › sports-gambling-major-leagues.html>

Opinion | Gambling Is Killing Sports - The New York Times

Sports Gambling: The Problem and Potential Solutions – Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy

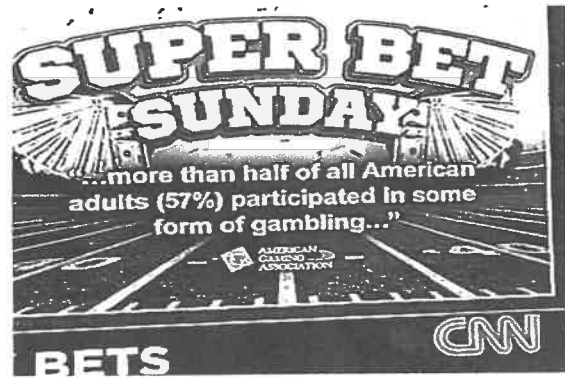
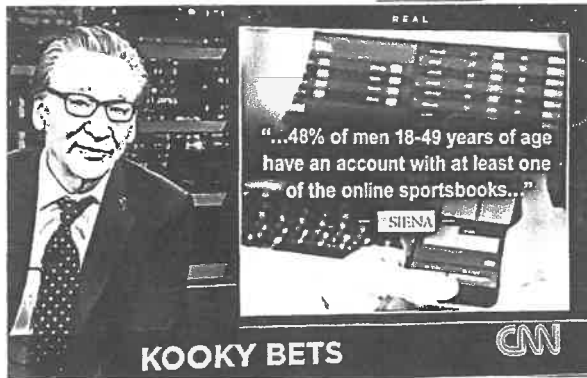
A national plague, an addiction out of control ruining people lives. Moreover, the millions/billions being approved by politicians to subsidize Pro Sports teams with billionaire owner is a natural disgrace.

Anyone, to include our politicians if having any common sense/wisdom/compassion would know those tax dollars should rather be used for the many NEEDS, and to end/lessen all the poverty, of everyday families and seniors, the working class that are struggling

Less than a decade ago, sports gambling was effectively outlawed throughout much of the United States. Now, it is legal in the vast majority of states, and has grown into an *all-consuming* part of the culture and identity of American athletics. Television programs on broadcast networks like ESPN highlight betting lines, with commentators proposing attractive wagers

Video New Rule: Super Bet Sunday | Real Time with Bill Maher (HBO)

YouTube Real Time with Bill Maher



And this – have a look

Stadiums: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO) - YouTube

John Oliver Explains Why Funding Of Sports Stadiums Makes No Sense at All - TPM – Talking Points Memo

Jul 13, 2015 · Cities spend massive amounts of public money on privately-owned stadiums. Cities issue tax-exempt municipal bonds that

And this for discussion:

Genesis 6:11-14, Genesis 6:17-18 NIV - Now the earth was corrupt in God's - Bible Gateway

The Bible story of Sodom and Gomorrah is one of the most compelling and cautionary stories in the Book of Genesis. These ancient cities, known for their rampant wickedness, were destroyed by divine judgment, leaving a lasting impact on religious and cultural discussions about sin and morality.

- In 1992, the US Congress passed the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA). It mandated states not to legalize sports betting apart from parimutuel horse racing, dog racing and jai alai.
 - Then Gambling became legal in Las Vegas in 1931 when Nevada legalized casino gambling.
 - Thereafter it spread all over the USA. The **get rich quick disease** caused countless divorces, suicides and many other * social ills. * def
- A social ill refers to a **societal problem or dysfunction** that negatively impacts a large number of individuals and has adverse consequences for society as a whole. Examples of social ills include **poverty, gender inequity, and unemployment**.

Many people would say, if you like 'real' sports

- ✓ Go to a k-12 school game and watch the kids play for THE SPORT

Others would say, stop paying your hard-earned money using your credit cards going to those profession sport games where the come and go contacted millionaire paid players are PLAYING FOR THE MONEY - NOT FOR YOU OR YOU HOMETOWN. Stop paying the outrageous prices for those tickets and

The **prices of hot dogs and beer at sports games** can vary significantly by venue and league. Here are some key points: **NFL Stadiums: The average cost for a beer and hot dog is around \$15.02 across all NFL stadiums.** The Cost of a Beer and Hot Dog at NFL Stadiums Is Skyrocketing — With Prices Going as High as \$19

- STOP HELPING TO MAKE THE TEAM Billionaire Owners EVEN RICHER.
- Stio ties of the spin of using millions/billions of the people taxes for stadium as many **independent studies** have said the alleged economic impact to the community is **minimal, at best. And this: Matthew 5-3 / What Does the Bible Say About Jesus And The Poor?**

The bottom line is:

Tell your local to state Politicians TO STOP embracing and approving *your* various public taxes to subsidize those Pro sports teams.....(AND STOP taking wanting the Pro Sports campaign money) if not VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE, or some have said: RECALL THEM.

- Also DEMAND YOU LOCAL TO STATE POCIANS TO OFFER A VOTE to taxpayers to allow them to decide if they, we, the people, want or do not want our taxes to be approved to those Pro sports teams wanting a new stadium to renovate. It's been out of control for a **long long time** and the time has come to say **Enough is Enough.....WE HAVE OTHER NEEDS for everyday families, seniors and hard working people, e.g. to fund and have affordable health care, to lower our cost of living, to end/address all the poverty that prevails, and so on**

Footnote: The Curse of poverty has no justification in our age...The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty.

If our economic system is to survive, there has to be a better distribution of wealth ... we can't have a system where some people live in superfluous, inordinate wealth, while others live in abject deadening poverty.

here is nothing new about poverty. What is new, however, is that we have the resources to get rid of it. **MLK**

The question is, what don't some people or inept politicians understand what MLK said?

Pinellas County nonpartisan Taxpayers Alliance 'News & Views' Newsletter
(Now affiliated with The Independent Journalism Free Press)

This informative issue for city-county taxpayers of February 7, 2026
Today's News & Views is provided to have informed citizens, taxpayers and voters

This issue focused on the City of Clearwater FL 1 of 3

Note: This overview has been sent to the Florida ACLU to review and the apparent city ignoring/suppressing the peoples Rights under the U.S. 1st Amendment and Florida Constitution.

In the United States, the right to free speech is a fundamental aspect of the First Amendment, which protects individuals from government interference in their ability to express opinions and ideas. This

*What provoked us to look back with our recollections, observations living and reporting on the city of Clearwater FL. Note some of those of the TBTA editorial board who have contributed to this overview have first arrived in the C of C some 50 years ago.

A. * This TBT's story appearing in today's paper

***BY COLBI EDMONDS TIMES STAFF WRITER**

Clearwater officials have temporarily lifted restrictions on public comment, opening the floor for speakers to share their thoughts on issues of their choosing. The Clearwater City Council unanimously voted Thursday to reinstate public Since July 2024, members of the public could not speak about non agenda items at Clearwater City Council meetings. The council on Thursday temporarily reversed that decisioncomment on items not on their agenda for the next three months. The comment period is limited to either 30 minutes or 10 speakers, each allotted three minutes. Council members did not have any debate Thursday evening, but in recent meetings have discussed the issue at length. The city has struggled to maintain decorum the past few years, as people increasingly use antagonizing language and behavior during public comment. "I do appreciate the concern for the safety of the members of the council, as well as the public, but I think it's an opportunity that the residents of Clearwater need," said Vice President of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Patrick Raftery, who regularly attends council meetings but was not speaking on behalf of the organization. In 2023, former Mayor Brian Aungst Sr. proposed that the city adopt decorum rules for City Council meetings. He said repeated appearances from a Clearwater resident and a YouTube activist were impeding city business.

The City Council approved changes to the rules of conduct during meetings and prohibited a number of behaviors, including obscene gestures, name-calling, interrupting speakers and refusing to leave the lectern. But some members of the public ignored the rules, which they said violated their First Amendment right to free speech. Michael Taylor, a Port St. Lucie resident, attended meetings throughout 2024, where he extended his middle finger, yelled curse words and refused to leave — all for his YouTube channel. And during a March 2024 City Council meeting, Clearwater police arrested resident Daniel Holuba for refusing to leave after he was told he violated city rules. In July 2024, the City Council voted to suspend public comment on nonagenda items after disruptions like these, which Mayor Bruce Rector said created "a circus" at meetings. Residents and staff had also said they felt unsafe, and the online videos incited threats of violence against city officials. Taylor was charged with stalking City Manager Jennifer Poirrier and of violating public records laws by posting her personal address online. Poirrier declined to comment, citing ongoing litigation. "My grievance is that this board has restricted the First Amendment rights of nearly everybody," Holuba said Thursday. "The constitution needs to be restored now." The city held two town hall meetings last year, as options for people to address the council members, but they were unsuccessful. When the city initially suspended public comment, Council member Ryan Cotton, saying he was concerned about limiting free speech, was the singular "no" vote. He broached the topic late last year. "Clearwater is strongest when its citizens are engaged," Cotton wrote in an email Friday. "My role, and the role of this council, is to keep the doors open, the microphones on, and the conversation ongoing." The resolution City Council approved Thursday is in place until May 8. The council can then decide whether to keep or amend it. Contact Colbi Edmonds at cedmonds@tampabay.com

Preface. It would take volumes to express our history that we experienced and reported on for the last 50 years. As such what is presented is a very short summary of our recollections:

- Some of us, then Northerners remember coming to Clearwater on a vacation in the 70's Our first stop was Clearwater Beach. Not as 'fancy as it is now', yet we loved it with the soft white sand!
- Driving along the Gulf Road there we could see the Gulf in many places. Nowadays, sad, many big Hugh hotels line the area.
- Prices (e.g. hotel/motel rates, restaurant menu items/drinks , parking fees, etc. , adjusted , we reasonable for everyday citizens and or tourist. We cant remember is we were forced to pay an extra bed tax at that time. Also we did not have to pay a county \$5.00 per day parking charge to go to the county parks, one is on Sand Key.
- We can remember the very old Bridge from CB to Sand Key and had to drive on it very slow! Think it was 25-cents fee { but not sure)
- Cost of living for everyday residents/families, home prices, rents, etc was low, nowadays very high.

- We remember driving through the Clearwater minority area aka as the Greenwood Black Area. We wondered why the city and politicians taking the people taxes had neglected this area .

As of 2023, the **poverty rate in Clearwater, Florida** is **13.6%**, which is higher than the state average of 12.3%.

Additionally, 11.1% of high school graduates and 10.0% of non-high school graduates live in poverty.

[City-Data.com](#)

The **poverty rate in Clearwater, Florida, is approximately 15.38%** as of 2026. This rate reflects the income level below which a household is considered to be living in poverty. [def.gov](#)

- Over the years we interviewed many residents there and heard year after year comments like:
- ✓ We are invisible! We pay taxes also **and are ignored**. They don't want a black or minority person on the city council; it's always white VIP connected men, or some white women on the city council.
- ✓ For decades their collective priority is to use city-county taxes for their love of the MLB Phillies and fund the stadium for them, hosting them for a few spring training games. We have NOT benefited in anyway with this or other Pro sports MLB teams here on in Pinellas County. They lie about an ROI aka "*economic benefit*" for the community. It is the BIG LIE, and it continues. Worse some city politicians want even more county bed tax money to accommodate the Phillies and of course city taxes make up the additional costs
- ✓ The other BID LIE is the city-county BCC members rather focus on **Record Tourism** which HAS NOT HAD a ROI in the black community **or in fact the city-county**. The poverty (city-county) overall taxes/fees, cost of living, rents, etc etc has not been lowered because of their constant shameful BIG LIE(S).
- ✓ We remember the CB Roundabout and the opposition of it. **Confusing then as it is today** with signage posted everywhere drivers [and esp. first-time tourist) don't have time to observe with all the confusion and traffic.
- ✓ Heard: best TBT's staff writer covering Clearwater: **Tracey McManus Tampa Bay Times**
- ✓ Best TV station exposing the worse about Clearwater: WFLA their series **YOU PAID FOR IT. You Paid For It | WFLA** / e.g. **Clearwater fire department payroll mistakes cost taxpayers a bundle / You Paid For it: Globetrotting by Pinellas County Commissioners**
- ✓ This insanity: Once proposed:
Clearwater wants overhead cable system of gondolas from the mainland to Clearwater Beach
- ✓ Clearwater to put up [\$72K] fences at the downtown main library to keep out the homeless. Now that a humanitarian way (to use the people taxes) to address those that are homeless, many veterans having PDS.
- ✓ **Clearwater Sugar Sand Festival Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival** The cost for **non-wealthy city families/seniors** is shameful. \$14 each and for kids older then 3, The math: a city family of four, \$14 per X 4 is \$56.00 (taxes and parking costs/ high food prices, etc ?) **OMG and local taxpayers paying the same as out-of-town tourist? R U kidding.**
- ✓ This and more history in the Public Record or city council tapes of meetings- have a look

Back to today's story. **BY COLBI EDMONDS TIMES STAFF WRITER**

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Let's start with his honor Brian Aungst.

- For over 30 years, and living in Clearwater, coving the C of C meetings, what has been observed more often then not?
- So many time the elected mayors have been rude to nice speaking city residents. In recollection, August (all on tape) after a nice speaking citizen was concerned with some unwise spending, Brian , theater ,in a hostile manner scolded the man saying in effect.....*people like you come here and talk complaints, let we have the facts, you don't!*
- **Another time he again lost it on TV about a clearwater cabins groupand later did apologize.**
- **Mayor Hibbard, again like others knowing more then fitness**
- **George Cretekos. Wow, what a politician! His claim to fame is lying about the HUGE economy impact of having the Phillies being hosted in Clearwater for a few spring training games and bringing in tens and tens millions of ROI benefiting all the citywide residents. That was the BIG LIE ever said, and it continues, said in Clearwater and WE HAVE THE FACTS , independent studies etc. TO PROVE/dispute their big lie.**

- **What has all the past mayor have in common, and the current one? They all love FS 125.0104 which the 6% extra bed tax aka TD Tax, taken from tourists, many being their relatives coming to visit them staying in any one of the following: Tourist Development Taxes - Pinellas County Tax Collector Note local residents pay that tax also if on a **Staycation**.**
- **Tons of city taxes over the years for downtown and the ROI?** 3 of 3
- **What does their love for FS do? Chapter 125 Section 0104 - 2019 Florida Statutes - The Florida Senate**
- ✓ **Eg it helps to promote the profits of those big and smaller businesses; big hotels engaged in tourism via using those public taxes for. That right using the peoples taxes to benefit the private sector for profits businesses!**

1. "Promotion" means marketing or advertising designed to increase tourist-related business activities. And using those taxes for this
3. "Retained spring training franchise" means a spring training franchise
- (5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.—
 - (a) All tax revenues received pursuant to this section by a county imposing the tourist development tax shall be used by that county for the following purposes only:
 1. To acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more:
 - a. **Publicly owned and operated convention centers, sports stadiums, sports arenas,**
 4. To fund convention bureaus, tourist bureaus, tourist information centers, and news bureaus as county agencies or by contract with the chambers of commerce or similar associations in the county, which may include any indirect administrative costs for services performed by the county on behalf of the promotion agency;

In summary:

Does anyone one with any common sense have to wonder why informed citizens/taxpayers are fed up and upset when speaking to those ego-driven self-serving politicians?

Of course the at the end of the day, our US Constitution, that many died to protect and preserve, guarantees the Right of free speech, even at the Clearwater city hall.

Of said it works every way"

Many politicians want citizens, the public, to come to the podium, or emails etc, to express their love for them. To say what a great job they are doing, they love, welcome and encourage the flattery said to them. That is no secret and ongoing.

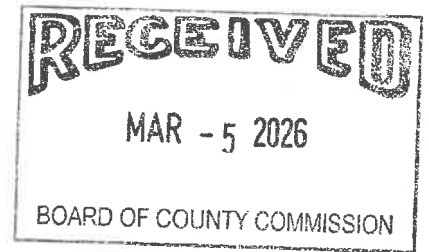
Free speech also gives the right to citizens to complain, to use perhaps some words the politicians don't like....and then say ok, we will now revise the speaking rules, not for them but for us. The history in Clearwater is clear. Many politicians have willfully provoked citizens to become upset. It's all on the Public Record. Now again they want to silence peaceful yet sometimes emotional laypersons free speech.

Our **Founding Fathers** has great heated debates and often bitter words said in their deliberations. This is what democracy looks like, then and now. And we, the people, and with the ACLU, and our attorneys will once again have to remind the city of Clearwater pompous ego-driven politicians of our constitution Rights/freedoms. ...and while many informed citizens will later want to vote them out of office? Many Politicians forget, we the people pay them to serve us as **Public Servants** and as competent fiduciaries. We don't have nor want **Kings nor having a Autocracy - Wikipedia** to rule us.

Or said in Clearwater with the city government past and present (come and go) inept ego-driven politicians while the waste our taxes on **non-essentials: The more things change, the more they are the same.** ...or just gets worse.

CC: Press and TV stations, cba, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition, Sand Key Civic Assoc, Pinellas county BCC members, FL DOGE, Clearwater HOA's, Chambers of commerce in Clearwater, FL1346 S Ft Harrison Ave, Clearwater, FL 33756, CPCC Largo, Downtown Clearwater Merchants Assoc 1006 DREW STREET, CLEARWATER, FL, 33755/ area colleges, NAACP, etc

A 3rd Attempt



Good evening Commissioners [Name], [Name], and [Name]
Thank you for giving me a few minutes to speak.

Life has a way of teaching us lessons we never signed up for. Some lessons come gently. Others arrive like a storm.
What I went through here was one of those storms.
The kind that breaks you open before it shows you anything useful.
And yet, I stand here today to say something simple:

Thank you.

Not because the experience was easy.
Not because it was fair.
But because inside that unethical hardship was a lesson I couldn't have learned any other way.

When everything fell apart, I found myself standing at a crossroads with no healthcare and no support from you.
And in that place of confusion, pain and visual scars as daily reminders of our time together,
I did something simple but life-changing:
I returned to the Church and renewed my Faith.

Not out of fear.
Not out of obligation.
But because I needed to remember who I was before the storm – and who God still knew me to be.
That return didn't erase the hurt. It didn't magically fix everything. But it gave me enough strength to start healing.
Enough clarity to see myself honestly again. Enough courage to stand back up and tell you my story with my voice this time.

And that's why I'm here today.
Not to revisit the past.
Not to reopen old wounds.
But to speak from a place of peace, and to honor the truth of what I've walked through.

So thank you – not for the pain, but for the perspective.
Thank you for the lesson hidden inside the struggle.
It helped shape me into someone who can stand here today with honesty, dignity, and faith.
And I'm grateful for that."

And speaking honestly... I want to share something small, but meaningful.
Years ago, my manager once asked me,
'Why do you care about your name so much?
I told him,
"Because my name is attached to dozens of old tickets" – and every one of those

tickets represents a person waiting for help.
Those silent pleas mattered to me. They still do.

In my Zootopia story I left for each of you to read, I talked about needing approval to fix simple problems – approval for a \$30 part, or approval to recycle a perfectly good piece of returned gear.
Every time, I just wanted to help the person in front of me.
That's who I was then, and that's still who I am now.

So when I say thank you, I'm not thanking the storm.
I'm thanking the perspective it forced me to find.
I'm thanking the clarity that came after the breaking.
And I'm thanking the gospel for giving me enough strength to stand here with dignity and peace.
And commissioners... don't worry – I'm not asking for approval for any \$30 parts tonight.
Just your time, and I'm grateful you gave it."



CITY OF CLEARWATER

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February 17, 2026

RE: NOTICE OF FLEXIBLE STANDARD APPLICATION AT 27 MANGO ST (FLS2026-01006)

To Surrounding Property Owners:

On March 5, 2026, the Development Review Committee (DRC) (comprised of the City's professional staff) will meet with the applicant for the following proposal to determine whether the above referenced application demonstrates compliance with the City's Community Development Code. While this is a public meeting, it is not a public hearing.

Applicant Information / Proposal:

Address: 27 MANGO ST

Request: Flexible Standard Development to construct a detached dwelling in the Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) District as a Residential Infill Project located at 27 Mango Street. The building will not exceed 30 feet in height and includes two off-street parking spaces. Requested is flexibility from front setback requirements. (Community Development Code Section 2-203.D).

Applicant(s): SHAUN ANDERSON
600 CLEVELAND STREET, SUITE 216, CLEARWATER, FL 33755
shaun@shelbyconst.com

Case Number: FLS2026-01006

Assigned Planner: Thea French, 727-444-8771, thea.french@myclearwater.com

Development Review Committee (DRC) Meeting Information: Meeting starts at 9 am

Meeting Date: 03/05/2026

Time: See agenda for specific time for the case (posted Monday before meeting)

Location: Municipal Services Building, Rm. 262, 100 S. Myrtle Ave - Main Conference Room, Clearwater.

Agenda: Online at: <https://www.myclearwater.com/DRC>

How to Participate

View Application: Available online at: epermit.myclearwater.com (Search by Case Number).

Contact Planner: Submit written comments or other competent substantial evidence to be considered in the review of the application (information on appeals below)

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Please note that the applicant may submit additional or new information regarding this application; however, no further notice will be provided to you should the application be amended. Appeals of a Flexible Standard Development application may be initiated by the applicant or any property owner within the required notice area who presented competent substantial evidence as part of the review. The appeal must be filed within seven days of the date the Development Order is issued. The filing of an application/notice of appeal shall stay the effect of the decision pending the final determination of the case.

Thank you for your interest in the City of Clearwater's development review process.

Respectfully,

Thea French
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Planning and Development Department



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CITY OF CLEARWATER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING ATLAS AMENDMENTS

NOTE: All persons wishing to address an item need to be present at the BEGINNING of the Community Development Board meeting. Those cases that are not contested by the applicant, staff, neighboring property owners, etc. will be placed on a consent agenda and approved by a single vote at the beginning of the meeting.

The City of Clearwater, Florida, proposes to adopt the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 9864-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF NURSERY ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 186 FEET EAST OF ROSETREE COURT, WHOSE POST OFFICE ADDRESS IS 2446 NURSERY ROAD, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33764, FROM RESIDENTIAL URBAN (RU), TO RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Schedule of Public Hearings:

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 before the Community Development Board, at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7, 2026 before the City Council (1st Reading), at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21, 2026 before the City Council (2nd Reading), at 6:00 p.m.

All public hearings on the ordinances will be held in City Council Chambers, Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater, Florida. **(Lantern Senior Care LLC) LUP2025-11004** Assigned Planner **Adrian Young (727) 444-8320**.

Interested parties may appear and be heard at the hearing or file written notice of approval or objection with the Planning and Development Director or City Clerk prior to the hearing. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board or Council, with respect to any matter considered at such hearings, will need to request a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based per Florida Statute 286.0105. Community Development Code Sec 4-206 states that party status shall be granted by the Board in quasi-judicial cases if the person requesting such status demonstrates that s/he is substantially affected. Party status entitles parties to personally testify, present evidence, argument and witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, appeal the decision and speak on reconsideration requests, and needs to be requested and obtained during the case discussion before the CDB.

An oath will be administered swearing in all persons giving testimony in quasi-judicial public hearing cases. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please wait to be recognized, then state and spell your name and provide your address. Persons without party status speaking before the CDB shall be limited to three minutes unless an individual is representing a group in which case the Chairperson may authorize a reasonable amount of time up to 10 minutes. The Community Development Board will review the case and make a recommendation to the City Council for final disposition.

Five days prior to the CDB meeting, staff reports and recommendations on the above requests will be available for review by interested parties between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays, at the City of Clearwater, Planning and Development Department, 100 S. Myrtle Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756. Please contact the Planning Department 562-4567 to discuss any questions or concerns about the project and/or to better understand the proposal.

Lauren Matzke, AICP
Planning and Development Director

Rosemarie Call, MPA, CMC
City Clerk

City of Clearwater
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A COPY OF THIS AD IN LARGE PRINT IS AVAILABLE IN OFFICIAL RECORDS & LEGISLATIVE SERVICES. ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING SHOULD CALL (727) 562-4093 WITH THEIR REQUEST.

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**CITY OF CLEARWATER
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The **Community Development Board** of the City of Clearwater, Florida, will hold public hearings on **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Clearwater Main Library, 100 N Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, Florida, to **consider the following request(s)**:

NOTE: All persons wishing to address an item need to be present at the BEGINNING of the meeting. Those cases that are not contested by the applicant or staff will be placed on a consent agenda and approved by a single vote at the beginning of the meeting unless a Board member or member of the public requests the item to be removed and placed on the regular agenda.

Decade Properties Inc. is requesting Flexible Development approval for an existing 4,776 square foot commercial dock (10 slips for public use) and marina facility (18 slips for private use), accessory to existing 60-unit overnight accommodations in the Tourist (T) District and the South Beach/ Clearwater Pass District of Beach by Design for the property located at 850 Bayway Boulevard. The building does not exceed 80 feet in height and includes 84 off-street parking spaces. Requested is flexibility for a commercial dock and marina facility. (Community Development Code Sections 2-803.G, 2-803.K, 3-601.C.2-3 and Section 3-603).

Parcel Number: 17-29-15-05058-004-0130
Case Number: FLD2025-12029
Assigned Planner: Ava Schmidt, (727) 444-8028

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Dear Executive Director,

I am following up on my earlier invitation to the Visit to the Netherlands 2026, taking place from 21 to 24 September 2026 and organized by the Smart City Mobility Council.

This free program is specifically for public-sector transportation and transit leaders: elected officials shaping mobility policy; transit executives and senior staff; and transportation, public works, traffic, and mobility leaders responsible for improving safety, transit performance, traffic flow, and operating efficiency. If that is not your area of responsibility, this program is probably not intended for you.

Registrations already include Council Members, state transportation leaders, federal transportation officials, transit executives, and senior practitioners from agencies across California, Texas, Washington, Ohio, Colorado, North Carolina, Oregon, and beyond. Interest is strong, capacity is limited, and we expect to go over capacity, and not everyone who registers will be able to participate.

I wanted to follow up with a clearer overview of what this visit is intended to be about and what participants should expect to get out of it. This also addresses one of the questions we have received: whether a similar opportunity may be brought to the U.S. later this year.

This is not a general study tour, a conference-style listening exercise, or a series of abstract presentations about how things work in Europe. It is a working program for U.S. public-sector transportation leaders who want to better understand how the Netherlands has, over more than 50 years, brought policy, governance, design, operations, and technology together to deliver world-renowned mobility outcomes in practice.

The program is intentionally structured to bring four perspectives together: policy leadership, to clarify objectives, governance, and tradeoffs; practitioners, to show how day-to-day decisions are actually made; research and academia, to ground choices in evidence and applied methods; and solution providers, to show what is technically possible and what it takes to deploy and operate successfully.

For elected officials and policy leaders, the visit is intended to provide a clearer understanding of how long-term policy direction, funding alignment, governance reform, and institutional discipline can materially improve safety, access, livability, and economic performance.

For transit executives and senior transit staff, it is intended to show how Dutch regions moved from an operator-centered approach to an outcomes-led approach, including how performance expectations are set, how governance and contracts are aligned, and how operational choices can improve reliability, access, safety, and cost effectiveness.

For transportation, public works, and traffic leaders, it is intended to provide a practical view of how multimodal networks are managed under real spatial and political constraints: not by endlessly building out, but by making better decisions across corridors and networks, coordinating agencies more effectively, and using policy-driven, data-informed operations to improve performance across modes.

Across the week, participants will see how the Netherlands approached national mobility reform, multi-modal network optimization, federated traffic management, transit outcome management, downtown and station-area transformation, cycling as a system lever, outcomes-first urban planning, digital-twin decision support, applied urban mobility labs, and real-world traffic management in a dense multimodal city.

The purpose is not to suggest that the U.S. should copy the Netherlands. It is to help participants understand what is transferable: how to ask better questions, what high performance looks like in practice, what enabling conditions are required, and which policy, operational, and organizational levers can realistically be adapted in their own jurisdiction.

Participants should come away with a stronger operating perspective, a more concrete understanding of what is possible, and proven ideas they can translate into policy choices, operational priorities, and near-term implementation steps in their own work.

By way of brief background, my name is Paul Hoekstra. I moved from the Netherlands to the United States in 1996 and, after many years focused on operational excellence in high-tech environments, transitioned into transportation and transit about eight years ago. Since then, I have been working with public agencies to help improve transit performance, traffic flow, safety, and operating efficiency.

The event itself is free. Participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and incidentals. If this would be valuable for you, I encourage you to **register by 16 March** using the link below.

Several people have also asked whether we could bring a similar Dutch mobility program to the United States. We are therefore considering a separate two- or three-day Dutch Mobility Master Classes program in the U.S. in early November. Unlike the Visit to the Netherlands, a U.S.-based event would require a participation fee. Based on feedback received so far, a fee in the range of \$1,000 to \$1,500 appears reasonable. If you would like to receive information on that as well, please select that option on the registration page.

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Kind regards,

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