

ORDINANCE 23- 9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 2, SECTION 441 OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE, AND DECLARING SAME TO BE NULL AND VOID AND OF NO EFFECT SUCH THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SHALL BE DISSOLVED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AREAS EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1998, the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Economic Development Council (“Economic Development Council”) was established in order to help promote agriculture, tourism, urban development, historic preservation, education, and health care industries, among others, throughout Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the original Economic Development Council consisted of nine (9) members who represented Pinellas County, the various municipalities therein, as well as local business and the economic development industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 and 2001 the membership of the Economic Development Council was increased by ordinance to fifteen (15) and seventeen (17), respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Council was dissolved and re-established as the Pinellas County Economic Development Council (“PCEDC”) in 2003 with a membership comprised of one hundred (100) members representing local businesses, business organizations, business trade associations and the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the newly formed PCEDC was nearly identical to that of the original Economic Development Council;

WHEREAS, over time, the administrative burden of electing and maintaining a board comprised of one hundred (100) members became more cumbersome than the benefits gained from holding the meetings, resulting in an extended suspension of all PCEDC meetings; and

WHEREAS, the input and insights from the PCEDC are of such benefit to the growth and economic development of Pinellas County that it is important that there is a continued method for receiving such valuable information; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Pinellas County to dissolve the current PCEDC and instead establish a more viable committee through other means.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 2-441 of the Pinellas County Code is hereby repealed and declared null and void and of no further effect and added to the Reserved sections of that Article.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any Section, Subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. Areas Embraced. This Ordinance shall be effective in the incorporated as well as unincorporated areas of the County.

SECTION 4. Inclusion in Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Pinellas County Code and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to section, article, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 5. Filing of Ordinance; Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the ordinance with the Department of State.

Commissioner _____ Scott _____ offered the foregoing Ordinance and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ Eggers _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Long, Eggers, Flowers, Justice, Latvala, and Scott.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Peters.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Cody J. Ward
Office of the County Attorney