

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Clearwater, FL 33756
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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Kathleen Peters, Chair
Brian Scott, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Charlie Justice
Chris Latvala
Janet C. Long

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

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION by Reverend Clarence Williams, Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, St. Petersburg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [24-0101A](#) National Community Development Month Proclamation:
 - Joe Riddle, Grant Program Manager, Housing and Community Development
 - Marcella Faucette, Community Development Specialist 3, Housing and Community Development
 - Andrea Ramirez, Community Development Specialist 2, Housing and Community Development

2. [24-0283A](#) Partner Presentation:
 - Sean King, Chief Strategy Officer, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

3. [24-0100A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4 through 12**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

4. [24-0442A](#) Minutes of the regular meeting held February 20, 2024.
5. [24-0444A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from February 4 through March 2, 2024.

Reports received for filing:

6. [24-0445A](#) Dock Fee Report for the month of February 2024.
7. [24-0446A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-02 dated February 29, 2024 - Inspector General's Follow-up Audit of the Observation of the Surplus 2022 Annual Physical Inventory of Fixed Assets.

8. [24-0447A](#) Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County (A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida) Independent Auditor's Reports, Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information, September 30, 2023.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

9. [24-0448A](#) Juvenile Welfare Board FY24 Q1 Financials.
10. [24-0450A](#) City of Tarpon Springs Ordinance 2023-25 adopted February 20, 2024, annexing certain real property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

11. [24-0103A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending February 29, 2024.

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

Utilities

12. [23-1983A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Quest Ecology, Inc. for ecological consultant services on the Cross Bar and Al Bar Ranch property located in Pasco County, FL.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Quest Ecology, Inc. (Quest) for ecological consultant services on the Cross Bar and Al Bar Ranch property located in Pasco County, FL.

- This contract is for ecological consultant services on the Cross Bar and Al Bar Ranch property, including tasks related to ecological management. Contractor responsibilities include evaluation of current Total Ecosystem Management Program (Forestry, Agriculture and Wildlife Management/Habitat Restoration) and the current conditions of the 12,381 acres of the Cross Bar and Al Bar Ranch property.
- This contract is effective for a period of five years from April 21, 2024, with a total not-to exceed contract value of \$1,322,000.00. There is provision for four five-year extensions. The contract value is comparable to the current cost per year.
- This contract replaces the current 12-month emergency contract currently held by Quest.
- Three firms submitted proposals; Quest was evaluated as the highest-ranked firm and is recommended for award by the Utilities Department.
- Quest Ecology is a County certified small business enterprise.
- Funding for this agreement is sufficiently included in the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Budget of Utilities in the Water Revenue and Operating Fund.

Contract No. 23-1050-RFP in the total not to exceed amount of \$1,322,000.00, effective for five years from April 21, 2024; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

13. [24-0195A](#) Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the Ozona Village Hall improvement project.

Recommendation: Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funding request, in the amount of \$18,782.50, for the Ozona Village Hall improvement project.

Additionally, delegate to the County Administrator the approval and execution of the Fiscal Year 2024 MSTU Funding Agreement, which will allow for a grant in the amount of \$18,782.50 to be advanced to the Ozona Village Improvement Society for flooring repairs and refurbishment and exterior painting of the historic Ozona Village Hall.

- The MSTU funding is being requested for flooring repairs, refurbishment, and exterior painting of the historic Ozona Village Hall.
- The Village Hall was constructed in 1899 with donated materials and labor to serve as a facility for community functions.
- Ozona Village Hall is owned and operated by the Ozona Village Improvement Society (OVIS) and is maintained through membership dues, business sponsorships, and hall rental fees.
- Ozona Village Hall was designated by the Board of County Commissioners as an Historic Local Landmark.
- These repairs are necessary to preserve the hall and to maintain its functionality.
- The project funding request is \$18,782.50. Any costs exceeding the maximum award will be paid for by OVIS utilizing reserve funds or donations.
- OVIS has provided the required quotes for the project which include sole source pricing for specialty siding replacement which is a requirement of the Historic Preservation Board in order to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- The request for funding in the amount \$18,782.50 is a one-time expenditure of budgeted MSTU Special Projects funds. Funding is included in the General Government MSTU cost center within the General Fund and is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2024 approved budget.

Human Services

14. [24-0233A](#) Grant award for continuation funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration for the Health Care for the Homeless program.

Recommendation: Approval of the continuation funding grant award of \$1,926,977.00 for the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

- Federal funding supports the County's HCH program for a budget period starting March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025.
- Federal funding supports the provision of medical, dental, and behavioral health care for individuals experiencing homelessness and receiving care at the Bayside Clinic and Mobile Medical Unit (MMU).
- Funding for the grant award is in the amount of \$1,926,977.00 with \$802,907.00 released in the Notice of Award (NOA) (H80CS00024-22-00) and \$160,581.00 released in the NOA (H80CS00024-22-01). These two NOAs represent funding for a total of 6 months of pro-rated Health Center Program continuation award funding based on your Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 continuation funding target. The balance of funding for your FY24 budget period will be provided in a subsequent action and based on the final FY24 Health Center Program appropriation.
- The HCH Co-Applicant Board maintains shared oversight and authority of the HCH program as defined in the Co-Applicant Agreement, last approved on March 9, 2021. The Co-Applicant Board accepted the grant award on February 13, 2024.
- In 2023, the County served 2,525 unduplicated homeless patients through the MMU, Bayside Health Clinic, and Street Medicine Program. This award will allow the County to continue providing primary medical care and prevention services to homeless residents. The funding will support clinical services for 2,831 unduplicated patients by December 31, 2024.
- No cash match required. This grant is included in the FY24 Adopted Budget and will be in the FY25 departmental budget request.

Public Works

15. [24-0305A](#) Specific Purpose Survey of maintained right-of-way of Fisher Road from north of Elcid Court to County Road 39.

Recommendation: Approval of the Specific Purpose Survey of maintained right-of-way of Fisher Road from north of Elcid Court to County Road 39 and authorize the Clerk of Circuit Court to record the maintained right-of-way map in the Maintained Right-of-Way Road Plat Book B.

- Approval of the survey and recording of the maintained right-of-way map will define right-of-way limits that have been vested in the County.
- When design of a roadway and drainage project for Fisher Road was recently initiated, survey found certain areas did not have written conveyances.
- Property owners affected by the maintained right-of-way map have been provided copies of maps for locations specific to their property, as well as notification of the Board meeting.
- The Specific Purpose Survey will be a mylar (hardcopy) signed by all parties.
- Authorize the signing and recording.

Safety and Emergency Services

16. [24-0020A](#) Agreement between Pinellas County and St. Petersburg College for improvement of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Training Center.

Recommendation: Approval of the Agreement between Pinellas County and St. Petersburg College for Improvement of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Center.

- This agreement is for immediate improvements to the County owned Fire and EMS Training Center located at 5005 126th Avenue North, Clearwater, Florida.
- The term of the agreement is through December 31, 2026, and all funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024. The County will reimburse the St. Petersburg College (SPC) in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00.
- The County and SPC have conducted an engineering study and a needs assessment of the current condition of the Fire and EMS training center. The Proposed Repairs were evaluated by Construction Consultants & Associates.
- The County and SPC entered into an agreement dated August 28, 2023, authorizing \$63,000.00 dollars of funding for the improvements which were not started/completed.
- Funding is budgeted under the Fire Training Facility enhancements project 006034A, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

Contract No. 23-0641-A; the County will reimburse SPC not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000.00 for repairs through December 31, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

17. [24-0418A](#) Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement to receive E911 trust fund monies from the State of Florida for Pinellas County's E911 training room redesign.

Recommendation: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the agreement certifying that monies received from the State of Florida will be used to purchase and install console furniture workstations for the E911 training room redesign.

- On January 24, 2024, Grantee's (Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners) award was reduced \$977.15 by the Emergency Communications Board for E911 State Grant Agreement No. S22-23-01-45.
- Amendment No. 1 corrects the reduced award amount to reflect the new amount of \$337,544.75.
- The Parties wish to amend the Grant Agreement to reflect the correct grant award amount to \$337,544.75.
- On March 28, 2023, Grantee (Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners) was awarded Grant funds of \$338,521.90 on a cost reimbursement basis. No matching funds are associated with this grant.
- Funding for this agreement is included in the current-year budget of Safety and Emergency Services in the E911 Communications Fund.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

18. [24-0297A](#) Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Med-Trans Corp. d/b/a AirStar 1 for provision of helicopter ambulance service in Pinellas County.

Recommendation: Approve and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Med-Trans Corp. d/b/a AirStar 1 for provision of helicopter ambulance service in Pinellas County.

- COPCNs are issued by the Boards of County Commissioners in all counties in Florida. The certificate allows Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider agencies to be licensed by the Florida Department of Health.
- The certificate process ensures there are coordinated and regulated EMS Systems at a County level. Certificates are issued on an annual basis to ensure continuous compliance to the various standards and requirements.
- There are currently four firms that provide helicopter services in Pinellas County per the attached provider agency listing. Med-Trans Corp. d/b/a AirStar 1 would be the fifth.
- If approved, the expiration date of this COPCN will be December 31, 2024.
- There is no fee associated with the issuance of this certificate. Staff administration of the certification process is included in the current operating budget for Safety and Emergency Services within the EMS Fund.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificate.

Human Resources

19. [24-0229A](#) Agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. for employee benefits consulting services.

Recommendation: Approval of the award, as requested by the Human Resources Department (Human Resources), with Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. (Gallagher) for employee benefits consulting services.

- Human Resources recommends award to Gallagher to provide consulting services associated with benefit programs and ongoing health and welfare services for employee and retiree group medical plans.
- The initial term of the agreement is for a period of five-years, with a total not to exceed expenditure of \$1,788,535.97.
- Project Based Services outlined in the payment schedule are optional and may be requested in the future. Funding for these projects will be added to the contract via amendment if needed.
- This serves to replace the current employee benefits consulting services contract that will be terminated early for convenience; the current contract no. 178-0396-P with Willis Towers Watson US LLC was set to expire on May 20, 2024.
- A request for negotiations was advertised from December 1, 2023, to December 21, 2023, with notification to numerous firms; two submittals were received with recommendation to commence negotiations with Gallagher.
- Appropriations of \$335,000.00 for this contract are included in the Fiscal Year 2024 adopted Budget for the Human Resources Employee Health Benefits fund.

Contract No. 24-0177-ITN in an annual expenditure of \$357,707.19 for a sixty-month expenditure not to exceed \$1,788,535.97; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

20. [24-0280A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Jad Joubran v. Beau Monde Inc. et al; HUD Case No. 04-23-5313-8; PC Case No. 23-039 - alleged housing discrimination.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation on behalf of Jad Joubran through outside counsel retained for these legal services.

21. [24-0354A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Bryan McGoldrick, DVM, et al. - action for monetary damages.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Bryan McGoldrick, DVM, et al. and associated businesses.

22. [24-0355A](#) Proposed settlement in the case of Giovanni Rojas v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 23-000704-CI - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommendation: Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Giovanni Rojas v. Pinellas County.

23. [24-0113A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

24. [24-0112A](#) County Administrator Reports

COUNTY COMMISSION

25. [23-1624A](#) Appointment to the Pinellas County Historical Commission (Individual appointment by Commissioner Justice).

Recommendation: Approve the appointment of Steven Elftmann to the Pinellas County Historical Commission to fill a vacancy set to expire on November 4, 2024. At the expiration of this current term, Mr. Elftmann would be eligible for reappointment. This is an individual commissioner appointment by Commissioner Charlie Justice.

- No ballot is necessary.

26. [24-0279A](#) Appointment to the Technical Management Committee.

Recommendation:

Approval of the appointment of Catherine Eichner to fill the vacant position of Robert Mills on the Technical Management Committee (TMC), as one of the two representatives for the County.

- On January 3, 2023, Robert Mills was promoted to director of the Office of Resiliency and Asset Management Department.
- Section 106.54 of the County Code requires the TMC be composed of 13 members, where the Board of County Commissioners has two appointments.
- This appointment has traditionally been a Solid Waste Department staff member. Catherine Eichner is currently the Infrastructure and Support Services Manager within the Solid Waste Department.
- Catherine Eichner has been employed at Solid Waste since January 2014 and demonstrates a wide breadth of solid waste knowledge including hazardous waste management, waste diversion, reduction, and disposal. She has a thorough understanding of the department's strategic and master plans.

27. [24-0124A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business:

- 1.) Skyway Bridge Lighting Resolution
- 2.) Tri-County Meeting Resolution

6:00 PM

PRESENTATIONS

28. [24-0284A](#) Clearwater For Youth Scholarship Presentation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

29. [24-0257A](#) Case No. ZON-23-10 (Storage at Anclote, LLC)
A request for a zoning change from R-A, Residential Agriculture to E-1, Employment-1 on approximately 0.37 acre located at the northeast corner of Anclote Road and North Bend Drive in unincorporated Tarpon Springs. (Quasi-Judicial)

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. ZON-23-10 is recommended for approval:

A resolution approving the application of Storage at Anclote, LLC for a zoning change from Residential Agriculture (R-A) to Employment-1 (E-1).

- The applicant is seeking a zoning change on a 0.37-acre parcel and the proposed use is boat storage.
- The request would align the zoning district with the Employment Future Land Use Map (FLUM) category.
- The subject property is surrounded by a broad range of nonresidential uses.
- The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request (vote 6-0). No one appeared in opposition and no correspondence has been received.

30. [24-0294A](#) Case No. FLU-23-06 (Team Savage, Inc. and G4 Landwerks, LLC)
A request for a Future Land Use Map amendment from Preservation and Residential Low to Residential/Office/Retail on approximately 1.7 acres located at 29703 U.S Highway 19 North in unincorporated Clearwater. (Companion to Item No. 31)

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. FLU-23-06 is recommended for approval:

An ordinance approving the application of Team Savage, Inc. and G4 Landwerks, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment from Preservation (P) to Residential/Office/Retail (R/O/R) (0.4 acre) and Residential Low (RL) to R/O/R (1.3 acres).

- The applicant is seeking a FLUM amendment on 1.7 acres of a total 3.7-acre subject property consisting of six parcels in unincorporated Clearwater.
- The current use of the property is for recreational/boat sales and service, as is the intended future use of the property.
- The applicant held a neighborhood meeting on February 1, 2024, to listen to community concerns. Approximately 30 citizens attended.
- The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request (vote 6-0). One person appeared in opposition citing privacy concerns and traffic impacts. Four letters in opposition have been received.
- The applicant is also seeking a Zoning Atlas amendment including a Conditional Overlay under a separate case number.

31. [24-0275A](#) Case No. ZON-23-07 (Team Savage, Inc. and Landwerks, LLC)
A request for a zoning change from RMH, Residential Mobile/Manufactured Home and CP, Commercial Parkway to CP-CO, Commercial Parkway - Conditional Overlay on approximately 3.7 acres located at 29703 U.S Highway 19 North in unincorporated Clearwater. (Quasi-Judicial) (Companion to Item No. 30)

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. ZON-23-07 is recommended for approval:

A resolution approving the application of Team Savage, Inc. and Landwerks, LLC for a zoning change from Residential Mobile/Manufactured Home (RMH) (1.6 acres) and Commercial Parkway (CP) (2.1 acres) to Commercial Parkway-Conditional Overlay (CP-CO).

- The applicant is seeking a zoning change on a 3.7-acre subject property consisting of six parcels and the current use is recreational/boat sales and service, as is the intended future use of the property.
- The applicant held a neighborhood meeting on February 1, 2024, to listen to community concerns. Approximately 30 citizens attended.
- The Local Planning Agency (LPA) recommended approval of the request (vote 6-0). One person appeared in opposition citing privacy concerns and traffic impacts. Four letters in opposition have been received.
- The applicant has agreed to the following conditions as part of the Conditional Overlay:
 - Limiting the use to motor vehicle sales, recreational vehicle/boat sales, and vehicle storage, maintenance, and repair.
 - Requiring a minimum eight-foot-wide landscape buffer adjacent to all residential zoned property. (Applicant increased buffer width from 5 feet to 8 feet at the LPA meeting to address neighbor concerns).
 - Requiring a minimum 20-foot building setback from all residential zoned property. (Applicant added this condition at the LPA meeting to address neighbor concerns).
 - Limiting the maximum building height to 45 feet.
 - Prohibiting recreational vehicle/boat inventory parking within 30 feet of the easternmost property line. (Applicant added this condition at the LPA meeting to address neighbor concerns).

32. [24-0295A](#) Case No. CP-23-01 (Pinellas County/Housing and Community Development Department) (re-adoption public hearing)
A request to amend the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Category Descriptions and Rules, Part 1-FLUM Category Descriptions to add the Mixed Use Corridor-Supporting-Neighborhood Park, Mixed Use Corridor-Supporting-Local Trade, and Mixed Use Corridor-Primary-Commerce, Future Land Use Mixed Designations to facilitate implementation of the Lealman Form Based Code; and amending the unincorporated Pinellas County FLUM Legend.
(Companion to Item No. 33)

Recommendation:

- Conduct a public hearing for Case Number CP-23-01 (Ordinance). Based upon evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, this case is recommended for approval by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) after conducting a public hearing.
- The Board unanimously adopted Case CP-23-01 on November 14, 2023. Its re-adoption is required due a transmittal error to the State Land Planning Agency.
 - There are no changes from the previously adopted case.
 - The proposed Ordinance will do the following:
 - Establish three new Mixed-Use Corridor (MUC) land use designations under the MUC classification.
 - Add the three new MUC land use designations to the unincorporated Pinellas County FLUM Legend.
 - Facilitate re-adoption of the associated FLUM amendment application (FLU-23-04) within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area.
 - The proposed amendments are a result of significant study and analysis along with community input and consultation with the Lealman Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).
 - State and regional review agencies have neither objected nor found adverse impacts to resources from the proposed amendments.
 - Forward Pinellas reviewed the proposed amendments and found them consistent with the Countywide Rules.
 - The Lealman CAC recommends approval.

33. [24-0296A](#) Case No. FLU-23-04 (Pinellas County/Housing and Community Development Department) (re-adoption public hearing)
A request for a land use change on approximately 168.63 acres from Commercial General, Employment, Residential Urban, Residential Medium, Residential/Office Limited, Residential/Office General, Institutional, and Transportation/Utility to Mixed Use Corridor-Supporting-Neighborhood Park (approximately 36.5 acres); from Commercial General, Residential Low, Residential Urban, Residential Low Medium, Residential Medium, and Residential/Office General to Mixed Use Corridor-Supporting-Local Trade, (approximately 38.71 acres); and from Commercial General, Employment, Residential Low, Residential Urban, Residential Low Medium, Residential Medium, and Residential/Office General to Mixed Use Corridor-Primary-Commerce (approximately 93.42 acres); comprising various parcels within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area. (Companion to Item No. 32)

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. FLU-23-04 is recommended for approval.

An ordinance approving the application of the County Housing and Community Development Department for a change in land use on approximately 168.63 acres comprising various parcels within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

- The Board unanimously adopted Case FLU-23-04 on November 14, 2023. Its re-adoption is required due to a transmittal error to the State Land Planning Agency.
- There are no changes from the previously adopted case.
- The applicant is seeking land use changes utilizing three new land use Mixed-Use Corridor designations proposed to be established per companion Case No. CP-23-01.
- The proposed land use changes are consistent with the adopted Lealman CRA Plan.
- State and regional review agencies have neither objected nor found adverse impacts to resources from the proposed amendments.
- Forward Pinellas reviewed the proposed amendments and found them consistent with the Countywide rules.
- The proposed amendments are a result of significant study and analysis along with community input and consultation with the Lealman Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).
- The Lealman CAC recommends approval.

34. [24-0261A](#) Case No. LDR-24-02 (first public hearing)
An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 134 - General and Administrative Provisions, Chapter 138 - Zoning, Chapter 142 - Airport Zoning, Chapter 154 - Site Development, Right-of-Way Improvements, Subdivisions, and Platting, and Chapter 158 - Floodplain Management. (Legislative)

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and take public comment on Case No. LDR-24-02: An ordinance amending Chapters 134, 138, 142, 154, and 158 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, providing revised authority and procedures for the Development Review Committee.

- This is the first of two required public hearings.
- This ordinance is part of the overall Building and Development Review Services system improvement.
- The Development Review Committee (DRC) is comprised of County staff from various departments that review and act on certain development proposals to ensure compliance with the Code and Comprehensive Plan. The DRC also provides recommendations on public hearing cases to higher review authorities.
- The proposed amendments are intended to facilitate efficiency, flexibility, and enhanced customer service. The changes to the DRC include:
 - a.) Streamlining and clearly identifying its purpose.
 - b.) Amending its composition to ensure representation of the appropriate technical knowledge.
 - c.) Clarifying its authority as a review and analysis body.
 - d.) Revise the review process and approving body for administrative adjustments, waivers, floodplain variances, and other minor reviews which currently reside with the DRC.
- The Local Planning Agency unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance (vote 6-0). No one appeared in support or opposition.

35. [24-0276A](#) Case No. LDR-24-03 (first public hearing)
An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Section 154-52 and the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual, updating parts A, B, and C of the manual for unincorporated areas. (Legislative)

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and take public comment on Case No. LDR-24-03: An ordinance amending the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual, updating parts A, B, and C of the manual for unincorporated areas and Section 154-52 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code.

- This is the first of two required public hearings.
- Since the Stormwater Manual update adopted November 1, 2021, private sector stakeholders have continued to request greater flexibility, relief for smaller scale land development projects, and improvements to overall “ease of use.”
- In response to stakeholder feedback, a peer review of the Stormwater Manual was performed by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) dated July 2023 which provided for a suite of recommended updates to the manual. The recommendations were categorized into “Immediate”, “Code Update” and “Further Research” implementation phases. Four of five “Immediate” items were put in-place, two through administrative policy updates in October 2023. Six of the ten “Code Update” items have been incorporated into this update. The balance of the items not included require further research. For reference purposes, an image of the VHB Recommendation Table is included within the powerpoint presentation.
- The proposed amendments provide for increased flexibility while incentivizing green infrastructure improvements. The updates provide for a small site exemption; modify standards for single family residences on large sites; expand and increase thresholds for administrative adjustments; modify standards for exfiltration systems and trench design; and methodology for stormwater runoff calculations.
- The Local Planning Agency unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance (vote 6-0). No one appeared in support or opposition.

36. [24-0326A](#) Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for unanticipated revenue for Capital Projects Fund and Surface Water Utility Fund, and unanticipated fund balance for the General Fund. Realign appropriations within the American Rescue Plan Act and Capital Projects Funds.

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and adopt the attached resolution recognizing and appropriating unanticipated revenue, unanticipated fund balance, and realigning of funds in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget as follows:

- Realign \$6,929,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, within the ARPA fund. Appropriate \$5,629,000.00 from Lealman Regional Stormwater Facility to Roosevelt Channel 5 Improvements at \$2,500,000.00 and 71st Street North at \$3,129,000.00, \$400,000.00 from Fueling System Retrofits to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Master Plan, \$750,000.00 from Toytown Remediation Phase 1 and \$150,000.00 from Professional Services, for a total of \$900,000.00 to Computer Aided Dispatch GIS Integration. As part of the FY25 Proposed Budget, \$7,500,000.00 will be proposed to be reallocated from future year ARPA allocation in Septic to Sewer to future year ARPA allocation in Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements (this \$7,500,000.00 proposal is not being made in FY24 in order to remain consistent with County ARPA reporting with the Federal Treasury Department).
- Recognize \$33,873,000.00 in unanticipated fund balance for the General Fund and appropriate to the Capital Projects and Surface Water Utility Funds.
- Appropriate \$4,953,000.00 from Capital Projects Future Year Reserves to Redington Rescue Fire Station.
- Make legislative findings that the identified ARPA projects continue to be appropriate within their respective expenditure categories in response to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

Special Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in this meeting are asked to contact Pinellas County's Office of Human Rights by e-mailing such requests to accommodations@pinellas.gov at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882.

Public Participation Procedures

Persons wishing to comment regarding a specific agenda item should do so:

In person - by preregistering at <https://comment.pinellas.gov> or by filling out a comment card with the County staff person in the meeting room; or,

Virtually - in advance in accordance with the instructions in the notice of this meeting, or on the virtual platform or phone after preregistering.

Members of the public wishing to make comments on the virtual platform or by phone must preregister by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting. At the scheduled section of the meeting when the item is before the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the Chairman or Clerk will call on each individual, one by one, to be heard. Each individual may speak for up to three minutes as may be modified by the Chairman. Comments or behavior that violate Pinellas County Commission Public Participation and Decorum Rules will be disconnected. Members of the public who cannot attend at the time an agenda item is before the Board may offer comments during the Citizens to Be Heard section near the beginning of the meeting. More information is available at <https://pinellas.gov/participating-in-a-BCC-meeting> or by calling (727) 464-4400.

Public Hearing Procedures

The procedure used by the Board in conducting Public Hearings is to have a staff presentation followed by the applicant presenting the specific proposal. The Board will then hear comments from the proponents, the opponents and a staff summary. The applicant will then be given an opportunity to close and the Board will decide on the matter. Public Hearings before the Board are governed by the provisions of Section 134 -14 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code as may be modified by Pinellas County Emergency Order. That code provides that at the conclusion of each person's presentation, any speaker may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of staff.

Specifically:

1. At the conclusion of the presentations by the applicant and any proponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from the applicant and/or the proponents.
2. At the conclusion of the presentation by the opponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from any opponent.

The applicant's closing comments will address testimony subsequent to his or her presentation. Continuing rebuttal of other than directly preceding testimony will not be allowed. Because much testimony has already been submitted in writing, the following guidelines accommodate efficient presentations:

1. The applicant should present his or her entire case, including rebuttal, in no more than 20 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak regarding a Public Hearing item may speak for up to three minutes each.
3. Persons wishing to attend virtually must preregister at <https://comment.pinellas.gov> by 5 p. m. the day before the meeting.

Appeals

Persons are advised that, if they decided to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

If a Board meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. has not concluded by noon, a recess will be taken from noon to 12:30 P.M., and the remainder of the meeting will continue at 12:30 P.M.

If a Board meeting beginning at 2:00 P.M. has not concluded by 5:30 P.M., a recess will be taken from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. The remainder of the afternoon agenda will resume at 6:00 P.M., followed by Public Hearings.