

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 16, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Charlie Justice, Chairman
Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel

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

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION by Reverend Monsignor Robert Morris, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Clearwater.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

1. [22-1097A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 12**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

2. [22-1342A](#) Minutes of the regular meeting held May 25, 2022.
3. [22-1343A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from June 19 through July 16, 2022.

Reports received for filing:

4. [22-1344A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2022-10 dated July 8, 2022 - Follow-up Audit of Building and Development Review Services - Phase II.
5. [22-1346A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2022-11 dated July 14, 2022 - Unannounced Audit of the Utilities North General Maintenance Division Petty Cash Fund.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

6. [22-1347A](#) Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended June 30, 2022.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTSAdministrative Services

7. [22-1216A](#) Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of April 1, through June 30, 2022.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.

County Administrator

8. [22-1098A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending July 29, 2022.

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

9. [22-1208A](#) Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2022.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

10. [22-1329A](#) 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

Human Resources

11. [22-1118A](#) Ranking of firms and agreements with the three highest ranked firms for requirements of direct hire staffing services.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and execution of the agreements with the three highest ranked firms to provide for direct hire staffing services.

- 1.) 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. (22nd Century)
- 2.) Instant Serve, LLC (Instant Serve)
- 3.) LanceSoft, Inc. (LanceSoft)

* These agreements provide direct hire staffing services for vacant, hard to fill and executive level positions.

* Firms will locate and source candidates, on an as needed basis, outside of the County's applicant tracking system and existing pipeline by leveraging their own tools, resources, and referrals. Referred candidates must pass all pre-employment requirements and be hired for the County to pay the firm a commission/fee for the referral.

* Firms' commission, payable only in the event the candidate is hired, is based on the candidates first year of salary and is all-inclusive of sourcing, recruiting, travel, and related services.

* Twenty-eight firms submitted proposals; 22nd Century, Instant Serve, and LanceSoft were the three top ranked firms and are recommended for award.

* This is a new contract and has a term of five years with a total upset limit of \$3,981,250.00 combined for all three firms.

* Funding will be derived from each requisitioning department/agency when services are required.

Contract No. 22-0193-P(LN); in the not-to-exceed annual amount of \$796,250.00 for a five-year contract upset limit of \$3,981,250.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Sheriff's Office

12. [22-1272A](#) Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending June 30, 2022.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts - payments to the Sheriff for April 1 through June 30, 2022.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

13. [22-1129A](#) Fiscal Year 2023 Elite Event funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council.

Recommendation: Approval of the Tourist Development Council's (TDC) funding recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Elite Events.

* This program provides funding for eligible major events that meet the criteria in the Elite Event Funding Program Guidelines, which requires Category 1-3 events to generate a large number of attendees or substantial room nights in the County, Category 4 events to generate at least 7,500 attendees and Category 5 events to be a new event to Pinellas.

* This is the first-year staff evaluated Elite Event applications and submitted recommendations for funding to the TDC.

* TDC unanimously approved staff's recommendations to fund 30 FY23 Elite Events for a cumulative total not to exceed \$1,385,000.00. Staff will negotiate final funding amounts for each event to ensure a return on investment.

* As funding agreements are negotiated, consistent with Board approval and Board Delegated Authority, the County Administrator or the Director of Administrative Services will execute the agreements and they will appear as Delegated items on the Board meeting agenda.

Emergency Management

14. [22-0373A](#) Memorandum of Understanding with the Pinellas County School Board for shelter retrofit improvements at Clearwater High School.

Recommendation: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Pinellas County and the Pinellas County School Board (PCSB) for funding improvements and retrofits to increase hurricane shelter capacity and capability at Clearwater High School.

- * Execution of the agreement.
- * Awards Capital Improvement Program funds not to exceed the amount of \$2,780,000.00 to the PCSB under Project No. 004180A.
- * Funding for the purpose of hardening Clearwater High School with needed improvements to meet the prescribed minimum safety standards for hurricane shelter designation.
- * Improvements increase shelter capacity for Pinellas Citizens during weather-related events.
- * Updates will add an additional 969 shelter spaces at 20 square feet per person.

Parks and Conservation Resources

15. [22-1077A](#) Annual agreement with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services by Environmental Lands Unit Deputies.

Recommendation: Approval of the annual agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for law enforcement services by the Environmental Lands Unit from October 1, 2022 through October 1, 2023.

- * The contract provides for two assigned Environmental Land Unit (ELU) deputies to patrol County preserves and parks at a cost of \$332,342.00 per year including personnel, vehicle, operating and training expenses.
- * The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 expenditure of \$332,342.00 is an increase of 7.56% from FY22 (\$308,990.00).
- * ELU deputies are critical to deter poaching of wildlife and cultural artifacts from county environmental lands and assist park rangers upon reports of suspicious activities.
- * This partnership with PCSO has existed since FY01.
- * Costs for the services are appropriated within the PCSO budget with General Fund dollars (\$250,784.00) and Utilities contributing (\$81,558.00) for their portion of the Brooker Creek Reserve.

Public Works

16. [22-1230A](#) Bridge Investment Program grant application with the Federal Highway Administration for design fees for the replacement of the Dunedin Causeway Bridges.

Recommendation: Approval to grant the County Administrator authority to sign the Bridge Investment Program grant application with the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for design fees for the replacement of the Dunedin Causeway Bridges.

* Grant funding request is for design fees only for the replacement of the Dunedin Causeway Bridges

* Proposed new bridges will meet all current safety standards and provide enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

* Requested grant funding is \$4,500,000.00 (73.8%); anticipated County match is \$1,600,000.00 (26.2%).

* County match will be funded through the Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Program Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas).

* Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman to sign the letter of support.

* Request authority for the County Administrator to sign the application on behalf of the BCC.

* Application deadline is September 8, 2022.

PID 000423A; Total design cost is approximately \$6,100,000.00, with grant funding requested in the amount of \$4,500,000.00; Authorize the BCC Chairman to sign the related letter of support; Authorize the County Administrator to sign the grant application.

17. [22-1140A](#) Bridge Investment Program grant application with the Federal Highway Administration for the replacement of Beckett Bridge in the City of Tarpon Springs.

Recommendation: Approval to grant the County Administrator authority to sign the Bridge Investment Program grant application with the Federal Highway Administration for the replacement of Beckett Bridge in the City of Tarpon Springs.

* Existing Bridge has reduced capacity due to ongoing deterioration and is classified as structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

* Proposed new bridge will meet all current safety standards and provide enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

* Requested grant funding is \$18,900,000.00 (90%); anticipated County match is \$2,100,000.00 (10%).

* County match will be funded through the Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Program Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas).

* Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman to sign the letter of support.

* Request authority for the County Administrator to sign the application on behalf of the BCC.

* Application deadline is September 8, 2022.

County PID: 001037A; Total project cost approximately \$21,000,000.00, with anticipated grant funding received being \$18,900,000.00; Authorize the BCC Chairman to sign the related letter of support; Authorize the County Administrator to sign the grant application.

Safety and Emergency Services

18. [22-1178A](#) Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, and the County for provision of fire protection services to forest and wildlands within Pinellas County.

Recommendation: Approval of the Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, and the County for provision of fire protection services to forest and wildlands within Pinellas County.

* On July 20, 1988, the County entered into an agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, to provide fire protection services to forests and wildlands within Pinellas County. This Agreement was in adherence to Florida Statutes 125.27.

* In 1988, the protected acreage was assessed at 41,517 acres x \$.03 for an annual cost share of \$1,245.51.

* In 1994, the protected acreage was assessed at 35,517 acres x \$.03 for an annual cost share of \$1,065.51.

* In 2006, the method for determining protected acres was updated statewide. Areas that had previously been excluded were now part of the protected acres resulting in an increase of protected acreage within Pinellas County to 59,066 acres.

* In 2008, the rate per acre was increased from \$.03/acre to \$.07/acre. This resulted in an annual cost share for the County of \$4,134.62.

* This amendment would decrease the protected acreage from 59,066 acres to 29,484 acres resulting in an adjusted annual cost share of \$2,063.88. The current decrease in protected acreage is the result of land that has been developed and no longer requires wildland fire protection.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

19. [22-1337A](#) Wastewater Grant Program application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, under the Protecting Florida Together Program, for the County's Septic to Sewer Program.

Recommendation: Approval to grant the County Administrator the authority to sign the Wastewater Grant Program application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, under the Protecting Florida Together Program, for the County's Septic-to-Sewer Program.

* Septic tank systems have a negative impact on the environment and introduces increased nutrient loading in natural water bodies.

* The Septic-to-Sewer program will reduce contamination of groundwater, surface water, drinking water wells through addressing and remediating failing septic tank systems throughout the County.

* Requested grant funding is \$10,000,000.00; required County match is \$10,000,000.00.

* County match will be funded through the already budgeted and approved American Rescue Plan Act and State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

* Request the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman to approve the County Administrator to sign the application on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

* This is a multi-year reimbursement grant project that will likely impact Fiscal Year 2023 - 2027.

* Application deadline is August 15, 2022, and a draft application will be approved and finalized by the State on August 16, 2022, pending BCC approval.

County PID: 005565A. Total project cost is \$20,000,000.00; Grant funding amount is \$10,000,000.00; County match of \$10,000,000.00 is required; Authorize the County Administrator to sign the grant application.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

20. [22-1276A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Vassan Properties, LLC - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate lien.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Vassan Properties, LLC.

21. [22-1095A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

22. [22-1094A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

23. [22-1096A](#) County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely
Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations,
Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and other New Business:
- Skyway Lighting Resolutions (Commissioner Justice)

6:00PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

24. [22-1286A](#) Resolution and ordinance approving a one-year extension of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area and Redevelopment Trust Fund.

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing to approve a resolution and ordinance granting a one-year extension of the current Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and Redevelopment Trust Fund (Trust Fund). The action will also:

- * Prevent expiration of the CRA and Trust Fund on October 6, 2022.
- * Reduce the County's tax increment contribution from 95.0% to 50.0% to align it with the County's CRA Policy as it relates to Economic Development CRAs.
- * Allow additional time for the City to complete the update to the Redevelopment Plan which will be considered for approval by the Board of County Commissioners in 2023.

25. [22-1240A](#) Case No. ZON-22-03 (Mathew T. and Christine Peeters)
A request for a change of Zoning from R-4, One, Two, and Three Family Residential to GO, General Office on approximately 0.31 acre located at 8226 46th Avenue North in west Lealman. (Quasi-Judicial)

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. ZON-22-03 is recommended for approval:

A Resolution approving the application of Mathew T. and Christine Peeters for a change in zoning from One, Two, and Three Family Residential (R-4) to General Office (GO).

- * The applicant is seeking a zoning change on a 0.31-acre parcel.
- * The proposed GO zoning is consistent with the parcel's Residential/Office General Future Land Use Map category.
- * The subject property is located within an area containing a mix of uses and a variety of residential development types.
- * The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request (vote 7-0). No one appeared in opposition and no correspondence has been received.

26. [22-1242A](#) Case No. FLU-22-03 (Superior Uniform Group, Inc.)
A request for a change of Land Use from Residential/Office General (5.5 acres) and Preservation (7.6 acres) to Employment (5.5 acres) and Preservation (7.6 acres) on approximately 13.1 acres located at 10055 Seminole Boulevard in unincorporated Seminole through Robert Pergolizzi, AICP, PTP, Gulf Coast Consulting, Inc., Representative. (Companion to Item No. 27)

Recommendation: Based upon evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. FLU-22-03 is recommended for approval:

An Ordinance approving the application of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. for a Land Use change from Residential/Office General (R/GO) (5.5 acres) and Preservation (7.6 acres) to Employment (5.5 acres) and Preservation (7.6 acres) on approximately 13.1 acres located at 10055 Seminole Boulevard in unincorporated Seminole.

- * The applicant is seeking a land use change on a 13.1-acre parcel developed with a 60,000 square foot office building.
- * The request would designate the upland areas of the subject property as Employment and the environmentally sensitive wetlands as Preservation.
- * The proposed future use is light manufacturing/assembly/processing. No external changes to the existing building are proposed.
- * The applicant is also seeking a zoning atlas change under a separate case number.
- * The Local Planning Agency unanimously recommended approval of the request; vote 7-0. No one appeared in opposition and no correspondence has been received.

27. [22-1243A](#) Case No. ZON-22-04 (Superior Uniform Group, Inc.)
A request for a change of Zoning from GO, General Office (13.1 acres) to E-1, Employment-1 (5.5 acres) and PC, Preservation/Conservation (7.6 acres) on approximately 13.1 acres located at 10055 Seminole Boulevard in unincorporated Seminole through Robert Pergolizzi, AICP, PTP, Gulf Coast Consulting, Inc., Representative. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing) (Companion to Item No. 26)

Recommendation: Based upon evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. ZON-22-04 is recommended for approval:

A Resolution approving the application of Superior Uniform Group, Inc for a zoning change from General Office to Employment-1 (E-1) (5.5 acres) and Preservation/Conservation (PC) (7.6 acres) on approximately 13.1 acres located at 10055 Seminole Boulevard in unincorporated Seminole.

- * The applicant is seeking a zoning change on a 13.1-acre parcel developed with a 60,000 square foot office building.
- * The request would designate the upland areas of the subject property as E-1 and the environmentally sensitive wetlands as PC.
- * The proposed future use is light manufacturing/assembly/processing. No external changes to the existing building are proposed.
- * The applicant is also seeking a land use change under a separate case number.
- * The Local Planning Agency unanimously recommended approval of the request; vote 7-0. No one appeared in opposition and no correspondence has been received.

28. [22-1244A](#) Case No. ZON-22-06 (Pinellas County) (first public hearing)
A request for a change of Zoning from Residential Planned Development (4.14 acres) and Preservation/Conservation (7.86 acres) to Facility-Based Recreation (12 acres) on approximately 12 acres located on the south side of Duval Park Boulevard approximately 400 feet east of 44th Way North in Lealman. (Quasi-Judicial).

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. ZON-22-06 is recommended for approval following the required two public hearings by the Board:

A Resolution approving the application of the County for a change in zoning from Residential Planned Development and Preservation/Conservation (PC) to Facilities Based Recreation (FBR).

- * The applicant is seeking a zoning change on five separate parcels totaling 12 acres.
- * The proposed FBR zoning is consistent with the subject property's Residential Urban (RU) and Recreation/Open Space (R/OS) Future Land Use Map categories.
- * The requested zoning change is to facilitate planned improvements to Raymond H. Neri Community Park.
- * The Local Planning Agency unanimously recommended approval of the request (vote 7-0). Two persons appeared in favor and no correspondence has been received.
- * This is the first of two required public hearings. Florida Statutes require two public hearings for zoning cases initiated by the County that cover more than 10 acres.

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@pinellascounty.org 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 pinellascounty.org/comment 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 www.pinellascounty.org/BCC_Participation.htm 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 pinellascounty.org/comment 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.