

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756
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Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
9:30 A.M.

Pat Gerard, Chair
Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair
Charlie Justice
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel
Kenneth T. Welch

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

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION by Reverend Becky Robbins-Penniman, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard, Dunedin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [20-023A](#) National 2-1-1 Day Proclamation:
 - Micki Thompson, President/CEO, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc.
2. [20-050A](#) “I Am Pinellas” Employee Recognition Award:
 - Thomas “Scotty” Hargett, Fleet Mechanic, Fleet Management
3. [20-024A](#) Partner Presentation:
 - Gina Wilkins, CEO, The Kind Mouse

PUBLIC HEARINGS**AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS**Countywide Planning Authority

4. [20-008A](#) Case No. CW 20-01 - Pinellas County
 Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to
 Residential Medium, regarding 1.79 acres more or less, located at 11290
 Walsingham Road.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 20-01, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium, regarding 1.79 acres more or less, located at 11290 Walsingham Road.

* The proposed amendment would allow for an increase in the number of beds in the Assisted Living Facility from 54 to 80 beds.

* The additional beds will not require an expansion to the existing structure.

* The area surrounding the subject property includes low to medium density residential housing.

* The Residential Medium category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.

* The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

* Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, voted 11-0 to recommend approval of the proposal.

* The Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the case by a vote of 10-0.

5. [20-009A](#) Case No. CW 20-02 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.22 acre more or less, located on the west side of Alternate U.S. Highway 19, 180 feet north of Crystal Beach Avenue.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 20-02, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.22 acre more or less, located on the west side of Alternate U.S. Highway 19, 180 feet north of Crystal Beach Avenue.

- * The proposed amendment would allow for the inclusion of the 0.22-acre subject property into a commercial parcel to the east.
- * Both parcels are currently vacant.
- * Both parcels are owned by the same company.
- * The intent is to allow for future residential and commercial development on the combined parcels.
- * The surrounding land uses include residential and commercial uses.
- * The Retail and Services category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- * The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.
- * Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, voted 10-0 to recommend approval of the proposal.
- * The Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the case by a vote of 10-0.

6. [20-010A](#) Case No. CW 20-03 - City of Pinellas Park
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services, and Target Employment Center Overlay to Employment and Target Employment Center Overlay, regarding 0.45 acre more or less, located at 12551 U.S. Highway 19 North.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 20-03, a proposal by the City of Pinellas Park to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Retail and Services and Target Employment Center Overlay to Employment and Target Employment Center Overlay, regarding 0.45 acre more or less, located at 12551 U.S. Highway 19 North.

- * The proposed amendment would allow for the subject property to be redeveloped into an outdoor storage facility.
- * The parcel is currently vacant.
- * The site is surrounded by heavy commercial, light industrial, and some heavy industrial uses.
- * The Employment category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- * The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.
- * Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, voted 11-0 to recommend approval of the proposal.
- * The Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the case by a vote of 11-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

7. [20-026A](#) Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 8 through 19

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

8. [20-168A](#) Minutes of the regular meeting held January 14, 2020.
9. [20-169A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from December 29, 2019 through January 11, 2020.

Reports received for filing:

10. [20-170A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-02 dated January 22, 2020 - Audit of Traffic Management System Coordination.
11. [20-171A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-04 dated January 22, 2020 - Follow-Up Audit of Solid Waste Contract for Operation of the Waste-to-Energy Plant.
12. [20-172A](#) Dock Fee Report for the month of January 2020.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

13. [20-173A](#) City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9343-19 adopted December 19, 2019, annexing certain property.
14. [20-174A](#) City of Oldsmar Ordinance No. 2019-09 adopted January 7, 2020, annexing certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

15. [19-2372A](#) Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

Recommendation: Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of items on the attached lists of miscellaneous surplus items and various equipment.

Approval of the distribution of proceeds from the sale of such items to the fund that owned the item.

* This action declares the listed items as surplus and authorizes their donation to partner agencies or sale to the highest bidder.

* The usefulness of the identified surplus items (miscellaneous equipment) has been exhausted.

* The Public Defender has requested the donation of its surplus computers, monitors, copiers and projector screens to the Vincent House, one of the County's social action partners.

Convention and Visitors Bureau

16. [20-195A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Birdsall, Voss and Associates, Inc. for advertising and promotional services pertaining to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and execution of agreement with Birdsall, Voss and Associates, Inc. for advertising and promotional services pertaining to the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

* This Agreement provides advertising planning, media buying, and creative campaign development services for the CVB, d/b/a Visit St. Pete/Clearwater (VSPC).

* VSPC functions as the official tourism marketing and management organization for the entire County including its 24 municipalities.

* The St. Pete/Clearwater area is the leading destination on the Gulf Coast in the U.S., drawing more than 16.6 million visitors and 6.8 million room nights in Fiscal Year 2018.

* This item was postponed from previous Agenda meeting (January 28, 2020).

Contract No. 189-0284-P (JJ) in an annual amount of \$14,465,000.00 for a sixty-month contract value of \$72,325,000.00. Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

17. [20-092A](#) Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Jody Vance v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-008495-CI - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommendation: Receive and file notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Jody Vance v. Pinellas County.

18. [20-086A](#) Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Florence Santore v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-007702-CI-21 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommendation: Receive and file notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Florence Santore v. Pinellas County.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

19. [20-011A](#) Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by the City of Gulfport.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, accept the Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by the City of Gulfport.

- * The City of Gulfport is seeking to adjust the boundary lines between the Preservation and Residential Low Medium categories based on wetland determination by the city and due to approved fill activities on the site.
- * The adjustment involves approximately 0.25 acre located at 2205 Pasadena Place.
- * The Countywide Rules allow for these minor adjustments when the adjustment involves Preservation and/or Recreation/Open Space.
- * Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of this map adjustment.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

20. [19-2255A](#) Recommendation from the Tourist Development Council to fund renovations to the Florida Holocaust Museum through the Capital Project Funding Program.

Recommendation: Approval of the recommendation from the Tourist Development Council to fund up-to \$350,000.00 from the Capital Project Funding Program (CPFP) for renovations to the Florida Holocaust Museum (Holocaust Museum).

It is further recommended that staff be authorized to negotiate the terms and final funding amount for increased return on investment.

* The Holocaust Museum is one of three accredited museums of its kind in the U.S.

* This application was received on October 24, 2019, outside the established Fiscal Year 2019 CPFP application period and requires a waiver of the Guidelines as to the attendance and room night requirements.

* Improvements include a new lobby entrance to address security concerns and ADA access, as well as a separate entrance for school groups.

* CPFP reimbursements are paid after project completion.

* Next step: Board considers the negotiated funding agreement supported by marketing deliverables to ensure a return on investment.

Human Services

21. [19-2245A](#) Specific Performance Agreement with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc. for facility hardening through roof replacement.

Recommendation: Approval of the Specific Performance Agreement with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc. for facility hardening through roof replacement utilizing capital improvement funds from the "Penny for Pinellas" initiative.

* This Agreement provides funding for facility hardening through a full roof replacement for St. Vincent de Paul's (SVDP) Center of Hope homeless shelter in the city of St. Petersburg.

* SVDP will manage the design and construction process. Pinellas County Facilities and Real Property Division of the Administrative Services Department will coordinate with SVDP for review of the design, monthly project updates, and review and approval of the final construction work.

* Hardening of this facility will allow for sheltering in place during appropriate disaster events and will allow for continued services for vulnerable populations.

* SVDP is required to work with Pinellas County on disaster planning including maintaining a Continuity of Operations Plan that is to be submitted to the County annually.

* A Land Use Restriction is included in the agreement to maintain the property use through December 31, 2035.

* An amount not to exceed \$477,000.00 has been allocated between Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-2021 from the local government infrastructure sales surtax, commonly known as "Penny for Pinellas." FY20 includes \$71,550.00 to begin design and construction work and FY21 includes \$405,450.00 for reimbursement of completed roof replacement.

Public Works

22. [20-049A](#) Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Starkey Road corridor sidewalk from Ulmerton Road/State Road 688 to East Bay Drive/State Road 686.

Recommendation: Approval of the Local Agency Program Agreement and accompanying Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Starkey Road corridor sidewalk from Ulmerton Road/State Road 688 to East Bay Drive/State Road 686.

* FDOT to provide anticipated 100% funding for design of sidewalk project.

* Design to be completed by June 16, 2021.

* FDOT to provide an amount to be determined for project construction.

FDOT FPN No.: 437736 2 38 01, County PID No. 004229A, providing up to \$405,652.00 in federal funding for project engineering design. Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Supervisor of Elections

23. [20-038A](#) Fiscal Year 2020 Board Budget Amendment No. 1 to realign appropriation from the General Fund cost center to the Supervisor of Elections cost center within the General Fund.

Recommendation: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Board Budget Amendment No. 1 realigning appropriation from the General Government - Reserves for Contingencies to the Supervisor of Elections cost center within the General Fund.

* This amendment realigns a total of \$125,000.00 from the General Fund Reserves for Contingencies.

* Appropriation is needed for expenses associated with the addition of Republican nominees in the Presidential Preference Primary Election taking place in March 2020.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

24. [20-027A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

25. [20-028A](#) County Administrator Reports:
 - Annual Accomplishments Report

COUNTY COMMISSION

26. [20-131A](#) 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Recommendation: Approval of the 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities.

* The 2020 Federal Legislative Program illustrates the Board's federal priorities for the upcoming year.

* Priorities include:

1.) National Flood Insurance Program

* Support a long-term extension to the program that ensures financial sustainability, while not pricing out policy holders. This includes providing premium discounts for private and community-based mitigation efforts.

* Oppose the implementation of Risk 2.0 until further details of the program are released.

2.) Beach Nourishment

* Request the Army Corps of Engineers reevaluate its Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement policy, requiring beachfront property owner easements in perpetuity for areas landward of the Erosion Control Line where the Army Corps has historically placed sand.

* Support an additional \$1 million of funding for the feasibility study to assess coastal storm risk management to extend for 50 additional years the federal authorizations for the Treasure Island and Long Key Nourishment Projects currently set to expire in 2025 and 2030, respectfully.

* Support the continued funding for Pinellas County beach nourishment projects including Pass-a-Grille Beach, which is in an eroded state, not funded, and tentatively scheduled for nourishment in 2021.

3.) Transportation/Infrastructure

* Support reauthorization of a transportation package that includes funding for hardening and increased resiliency of infrastructure, local projects that combat coastal water level changes and increased storm surge, and Advanced Traffic Management Systems.

* Support strategies that address the Federal Highway Trust Fund's declining revenues in order to adequately fund future transportation needs.

4.) Offshore Oil Drilling

* Support an extension to the current moratorium on oil drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico within 125 miles of Florida, set to expire in 2022.

* Oppose expansion of additional Gulf of Mexico lease agreements in Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

**27. [20-140A](#) Appointment to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc.
(Individual Appointment by Commissioner Peters).**

Recommendation: Approve the appointment of Rob Copenhagen to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc., for a one-year term.

* Appointment of Rob Copenhagen to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc. by Commissioner Peters.

* The Application and resume are attached.

* No ballot is necessary.

28. [20-029A](#) County Commission New Business Items.

ADJOURNMENT

Special Accommodations

Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of Human Rights, by written or oral request, at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding at: 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 500, Clearwater, Florida, 33756, Phone: (727) 464-4880, TDD: (727) 464-4062.

Public Participation Procedures

Persons wishing to speak during the Citizens to be Heard portion of the agenda or regarding a specific agenda item must complete a Citizen Comment Card. Cards should be given to staff at the table located at the front of the Assembly Room. At the scheduled section of the meeting when the item is before the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the Chairman will call each individual, one by one, to the lectern to be heard. Each individual may speak for up to three minutes.

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 followed by comments from 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. 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 after completing a Public Hearing Comment Card and submitting it to staff at the table located at the front of the Assembly Room.
3. Representatives of groups consisting of five or more individuals who are present during the Public Hearing may speak on behalf of the group for up to 10 minutes at the Chairman's discretion. To do so, the other individuals in the group must have waived their time to the representative by providing their information on the Group Speaker List, located on the back of the Public Hearing Comment Card.

Appeals

Persons are advised that, if they decide 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.