

# **Pinellas County**

*333 Chestnut Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Work Session/Agenda Briefing**

**333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room, Clearwater**

## **Board of County Commissioners - Work Session**

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

**ROLL CALL - 9:31 A.M.**

**Present:** Janet C. Long, Chair; Dave Eggers, René Flowers, Charlie Justice, Chris Latvala, and Brian Scott

**Not Present:** Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Don Crowell, Chief Assistant County Attorney; and  
Teresa Ribble, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that Commissioner Eggers be approved as acting Chair, so that the meeting could begin in Chair Long's absence. No objections were noted.

Acting Chair Eggers called the meeting to order; whereupon, he indicated that Commissioner Flowers has requested to participate in the meeting virtually.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that Commissioner Flowers be allowed to participate virtually. The motion carried unanimously.

*Chair Long arrived at 9:33 A.M.*

**1. Managing the Growth of Emergency Services**

Report and discussion regarding growth management goals, strategies, and research findings and updates related to programs, outreach, and education efforts.

Staff presenter: James Fogarty, Bureau Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Document displayed: *Managing the Growth of Emergency Services*

**2. Pinellas County Reserves Update**

Prior to beginning the reserves update, Mr. Burke indicated that Chair Long had requested an update regarding the status of Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements; whereupon, a brief report and discussion ensued.

Pinellas County Reserves Update

Report and discussion regarding an overview of fund balances and reserves, including current financial reserves level, comparison with other Florida counties, and current and recommended policy.

Staff presenters: Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller and Chris Rose, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Document displayed: *Pinellas County Reserves and Fund Balance*

**3. Pinellas County Charter Review Commission 2023 - 2024**

Report and discussion regarding the history of the County's charter, purpose, member composition, timeline requirements, and proposed schedule for charter review.

Staff presenter: Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison

Document displayed: *Pinellas County Charter Review Commission 2023-2024*

**Meeting recessed: 11:01 A.M.**

**Meeting reconvened: 11:09 A.M.**

**4. Small Business Enterprise Update**

Report and discussion regarding an overview of the program, key initiatives, successes, a work plan, and next steps, including exploring online vendor opportunities, an upcoming campaign, and survey of the small business enterprise vendors.

Partner presenter: Corey J. McCaster, Director, Office of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Pinellas County Economic Development

Document displayed: *Small Business Enterprise Update*

**5. Towing Ordinance Review**

Report and discussion regarding a review and recommendations related to ordinance language updates and fee adjustments.

Staff presenter: Doug Templeton, Chief Investigator, Office of Consumer Protection

Document displayed: *Towing Ordinance Review*

**6. Agenda Briefing**

Referring to the proposed agenda of the April 25 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and his staff provided information on the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

Mr. Burton noted that a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the project at the Criminal Justice Center will be held on April 21; whereupon, he provided an overview regarding potential legislative changes related to the Florida Retirement System, and a brief discussion ensued.

Chair Long, with input by Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack, provided a brief update and information related to a proposed letter to the federal government regarding Sand Key beach renourishment.

At the request of Chair Long, Pinellas County Economic Development Director Dr. Cynthia Johnson provided highlights of the recent trip to London, England, by members of the Global Tampa Bay group.

**ADJOURNMENT - 12:04 P.M.**