

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Thursday, May 19, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Palm Room

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

Charlie Justice, Chairman

Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

Rene Flowers

Pat Gerard

Kathleen Peters

Karen Williams Seel

ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.

Present: Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair; Dave Eggers, René Flowers, Pat Gerard, Kathleen Peters, and Karen Williams Seel (late arrival)

Not Present: Charlie Justice, Chairman

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Teresa Ribble, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Vice-Chair Long announced that Chairman Justice would not be attending the meeting in person.

1. Utilities User Fees Study

Report and discussion regarding a study which assessed the costs of providing various utility services, reviewed current fees for existing services, proposed fees and charge recommendations for existing and new services, provided regional comparative data, and offered an anticipated implementation timeline.

Staff presenter: Hillary Weber, Deputy Director, Utilities Department

Partner presenter: Jeff Dykstra, Senior Manager, Stantec

Document displayed: *Pinellas County Utilities: User Fees Study*

2. Overall Tourism Update/Visit St. Pete Clearwater and Creative Pinellas

Report and discussion regarding an overview of County tourism for Spring 2022, national and international sentiment related to future travel, a summary of findings from three data driven studies, and a recap of the Unwind & Be Kind campaign, including its goal of preserving and sustaining the local environment.

Staff presenter: Steve Hayes, President and CEO, Visit St. Pete Clearwater

Document Displayed: *Tourism Update*

Report and discussion regarding methods of accessing the County's arts and culture opportunities, including through the Arts Navigator application; efforts to impact the community; receipt and disbursement of grants; and events at Pinewood Cultural Park and the Gallery.

Partner presenter: Barbara St. Clair, CEO, Creative Pinellas

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3. Agenda Briefing

Mr. Burton indicated that Supervisor of Elections' Julie Marcus is present to provide information related to Agenda Item No. 35, due to her inability to attend the May 24 BCC meeting; whereupon, she detailed adjustment of precinct lines based upon the recent redistricting process.

Referring to the proposed agenda of the May 24 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and his staff, along with Attorney White, provided information on the remaining agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 11:44 A.M.