# **Pinellas County**

333 Chestnut Street Clearwater, FL 33756



## **Minutes - Final**

Thursday, July 28, 2022 9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing
333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room, Clearwater

# **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 - 9:35 A.M.

Present: Charlie Justice, Chairman; Dave Eggers, René Flowers, Pat Gerard, and Karen Williams Seel

Not Present: Janet C. Long, Vice Chair; and Kathleen Peters

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Teresa Ribble,

Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

#### 1. Sustainability and Resiliency Action Plan

Report and discussion regarding the Action Plan, including organizational elements, a public survey, guiding principles, alignment of focus areas with current best practices and proposed new initiatives, an implementation timeline, and a newly-created online story map.

Staff presenter: Hank Hodde, Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator

Document displayed: Sustainability & Resiliency Action Plan

### 2. Ad Valorem Tax Exempt Program Update

Report and discussion regarding the Program's current application process, an overview of the current scoring system, and outcomes from an assessment of the scoring system, including recommendations.

Staff presenter: Cynthia Johnson, Pinellas County Economic Development Director

Partner presenter: Matt Lowell, Director, Ryan, LLC

Documents displayed: Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program and Pinellas County Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program Scoring System

#### 3. Cashless Payment Options

Report and discussion regarding County departments which are utilizing and/or transitioning to various payment options based on the specific needs of customers and the services provided and the current and future array of payment options offered by the Utilities Department.

Staff presenters: Aubrey Phillips, Strategic Performance Manager, Office of Management and Budget and Hillary Weber, Acting Director, Utilities Department Document displayed: *Contactless and Cashless Payment Transitions* 

#### 4. ARPA Funds

Report and discussion regarding the components of the project, including overview of two funding tracks, timeline, application process, eligibility, criteria, and formation of decision-making review committees.

Partner presenters: David Bender, Director of Grants and Operations and Rose Cervantes, Program Officer, ARPA, Pinellas Community Foundation

Document displayed: *ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund Project Design Overview* 

### 5. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the proposed agenda of the August 2 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and his staff, along with Attorney White, provided information on the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:01 P.M.