

Staff Report

File #: 20-1195A, Version: 1

Subject:

Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Weingarten Realty Investors v. Pike Electric, LLC and Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-002568-CI-13 - action to recover costs.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Weingarten Realty Investors v. Pike Electric, LLC and Pinellas County.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

The Plaintiff alleges that on or about February 27, 2020, Pike Electric, LLC, a contractor for Duke Energy, struck the County's utility pipe located near Largo Mall that services Plaintiff's mall tenants. Plaintiff asserts the County and Pike failed to repair the pipe after observing it in the field and, as a result, with the County's permission, Plaintiff repaired the pipe without renumeration from either defendant. Plaintiff seeks repayment.

The County Attorney's Office will bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

<u>Staff Member Responsible:</u> Jewel White, County Attorney Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

N/A

<u>Attachments:</u> N/A