

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 2024

6:00 PM

Main Library - Council Chambers

City Council

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Bruce Rector, Vice Mayor David Allbritton, Councilmember Ryan Cotton, Councilmember Michael Mannino and Councilmember Lina Teixeira

Also Present: Jennifer Poirrier – City Manager, Michael Delk – Assistant City Manager, Daniel Slaughter – Assistant City Manager, David Margolis – City Attorney, Rosemarie Call – City Clerk and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk.

To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

Unapproved

1. Call to Order – Mayor Rector

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special recognitions and Presentations (Proclamations, service awards, or other special recognitions. Presentations by governmental agencies or groups providing formal updates to Council will be limited to ten minutes.)

- 4.1 Florida League of Mayors Student Essay Contest - Scott Dudley, Executive Director
- 4.2 Homeownership Proclamation, June 2024 - Chuck Lane, Assistant Director Economic Development & Housing
- 4.3 PRIDE Proclamation, June 2024 - Tiffany Makras, Human Resources, Director
- 4.4 Juneteenth Proclamation, June 19, 2024

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted, less Items 6.2, 6.3, 6.10, and 6.11.

6.1 Approve naming the Southwest Baseball Field at the Countryside Recreation Complex the Larry Dowd Field, pursuant to Resolution 09-31 and as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. (consent)

6.2 Authorize a purchase order to Ten-8 Fire and Equipment, Inc of Bradenton, FL for one Osage Warrior Type I Rescue 2027 Ford F450 Extended Cab Chassis in the amount of \$352,078.00, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback, and 2.563(1)(d), Non-competitive purchase, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

6.3 Approve Work Order to AtkinsRealis USA, Inc., of Tampa, FL, for Fort Harrison Avenue Corridor Improvement (19-0036-EN) design and bidding of Phases II, III, and IV in the amount of \$5,828,509.10 pursuant to Request for Qualification (RFQ) 04-21 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

6.4 Approve the Second Amendment to Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Cooperative Funding Agreement for the Lower Spring Branch Improvements (14-0048-EN), extending the agreement through December 1, 2029, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.5 Authorize a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to Certus Builders, Inc., for the installation of roof top solar panels at the General Services Complex and Morningside Recreation Center in the cumulative amount of \$1,113,944.00 pursuant to RFQ 40-20, Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Continuing Contracts and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.6 Authorize an increase to purchase order with WEX Bank (WEX) of Portland, ME for fleet fuel card services in a cumulative not-to-exceed amount of \$348,000.00 bringing the total amount to \$668,000.00 pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinance Section 2.563 (1)(c) Piggyback and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same. (consent)

6.7 Authorize a purchase order to GSA Security, Inc. of Tampa, FL, for the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repairs of security cameras in the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00 through October 24, 2024, with two, one-year renewal options in an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00 each year pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.8 Approve a contract with Whitlock Consulting Group of Beaufort, SC, for project

management and professional services in support of Utility Billing system upgrades for the term of June 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the not to exceed amount of \$332,736.00 pursuant to RFP #20-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.9 Approve a purchase order to Accela, Inc of San Ramon, CA for renewal of license, maintenance and professional services for land management and permitting software services for an amount not to exceed \$1,903,783.11 for the term beginning May 31, 2024, through September 30, 2029, pursuant to City Code 2.563 (1)(d) Non-competitive purchases (Impractical) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.10 Approve an agreement with Century Link Communications, LLC dba Lumen Technologies Group (Lumen), of Bloomfield, CO for telecommunications and internet services in the amount of \$305,000.00 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(d), Non-competitive purchase, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
See below.

6.11 Approve a Purchase Agreement from Trident Pontoons, Inc., of Tavares, FL, for the purchase of two ferry vessels in the amount of \$930,086.00 pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) 32-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

6.12 Award a Construction Contract to Eau Gallie Electric, Inc. of Melbourne, FL, for the Northeast Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Distribution Controls (DC 1 and 2) and Motor Control Center (MCC 1) Replacement Project in the amount of \$3,687,200.00 pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.17-0028-UT; approve Supplemental Work Order 2 to McKim and Creed, Inc of Clearwater, FL for Construction Engineering Services in the amount of \$189,640.00, increasing the work order from \$221,650.50 to \$411,290.50, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.13 Move the September 5, 2024 council meeting to Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and the September 19, 2024 council meeting to Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (consent)

6.14 Schedule a special work session on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the preliminary budget. (consent)

6.15 Appoint Councilmember Teixeira to serve as the Clearwater representative on the Pinellas County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board and appoint a Councilmember Cotton to serve as the Alternate Board Member. (consent)

6.16 Appoint Charessa Doty to the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board, as

the citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing, to fill the remainder of an unexpired term through May 31, 2027. (consent)

- 6.17** Appoint Christine Bond to the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board, as the citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing, to fill the remainder of an unexpired term through May 31, 2027. (consent)

Councilmember Teixeira moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, less Items 6.2, 6.3, 6.10, and 6.11, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 6.2** Authorize a purchase order to Ten-8 Fire and Equipment, Inc of Bradenton, FL for one Osage Warrior Type I Rescue 2027 Ford F450 Extended Cab Chassis in the amount of \$352,078.00, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback, and 2.563(1)(d), Non-competitive purchase, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Clearwater Fire & Rescue (CFR) is requesting authorization to purchase an Osage Warrior Type I Rescue 2027 Ford F450 Extended Cab Chassis to replace G4479 at Fire Station 46 (FS46), in the amount of \$352,078.00. The purchase amount for the basic model is \$265,886.00, which is a piggyback from the Florida Sheriff's Association, Contract FSA23-VEF17.0, Fire & Rescue Vehicles, Boats & Equipment, valid through March 31, 2025, with added options totaling \$86,192.00 (\$90,452.00 less rebate of \$4,260.00 for Model Year discount). The added options are impractical to bid due to delay in receipt of vehicle, possible void of warranty for after-market equipment, manufacturer delay in receiving parts, etc. The basic model identified in the FSA contract does not provide for elements that fulfill Clearwater Fire & Rescue's mission and capabilities. The additional options selected are specific to CFR rescue companies for urban EMS response to include the heavier duty chassis, heavier duty drive train, and department specific compartmentation. The additional options for this basic model coincide with the current apparatus that city mechanics are familiar with and trained on. All optional pricing is vetted through the FSA contract and priced below Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) per section 2.13 of the contract agreement. The \$265,886.00 price provided by Ten-8 Fire & Equipment is based off a 2027 F450 4x2 extend cab chassis, which includes the "quoted chassis price only" of \$79,300.00; thereby, at time of build, a model year of 2028 or 2029 may be needed requiring additional funds. If needed, the additional funds will be within the City Manager's approval authorization.

CFR performs emergency medical services (EMS) under a contract with the Pinellas County EMS Authority. This purchase was budgeted in the fiscal year 2023/24 capital improvement budget in project 91236, Rescue Vehicle, to be

funded with Pinellas County EMS tax reimbursement.

Annual operating costs are included in the department's operating budget for operating and maintaining the vehicle. Garage charges on the new vehicle are expected to be less than the vehicle being retired.

Rescue Unit R46, G4479 at Fire Station 46, will be used as a reserve unit. There aren't any rescue units to surplus.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

A mid-year budget amendment will increase capital project 91236, Rescue Vehicle, by \$11,006 in County EMS Tax reimbursement revenues to provide additional funding needed for this purchase order.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Foster safe and healthy communities in Clearwater through first-class public safety and emergency response services.

One individual spoke in support.

Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to authorize a purchase order to Ten-8 Fire and Equipment, Inc of Bradenton, FL for one Osage Warrior Type I Rescue 2027 Ford F450 Extended Cab Chassis in the amount of \$352,078.00, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback, and 2.563(1)(d), Non-competitive purchase, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 6.3** Approve Work Order to AtkinsRealis USA, Inc., of Tampa, FL, for Fort Harrison Avenue Corridor Improvement (19-0036-EN) design and bidding of Phases II, III, and IV in the amount of \$5,828,509.10 pursuant to Request for Qualification (RFQ) 04-21 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

The potable water, wastewater collection, and stormwater systems along Fort Harrison are aging beyond their useful life and must be replaced. This project will replace those systems, including construction of a new reclaimed water main, followed by roadway reconstruction and potential implementation of mobility enhancements.

The project scope includes utility design (potable water, wastewater collection, stormwater, and reclaimed water), roadway design, intersection evaluations that may lead to temporary demonstration projects and associated public outreach, in addition to recommending means of incorporating green infrastructure and sustainability to align with Greenprint 2.0.

The Work Order for Phases II, III, and IV, in the amount of \$5,828,509.10 will consist of design drawings, specifications, cost estimates, permits, and bidding support for Phases II, III, and IV which begins near the intersection of Fort Harrison Avenue and Georgia Street to Belleair Road (approximately 2.2 mi). The estimated construction value for the corridor construction for Phases II, III and IV is approximately \$43.7 million.

February 3, 2022, City Council initial \$2,767,677.32 work order from AtkinsRealis USA, Inc (formally Atkins North America) for Phase I design drawings, specifications, cost estimates, permits, and bidding support for the northern portion of Fort Harrison Ave, from the “apex”, where Fort Harrison Avenue intersects Myrtle Avenue, south to Jones Street with an estimated construction cost of approximately \$20.5 million. The Fort Harrison Avenue Corridor Improvement (19-0036-EN) design fees total for Phase I through Phase IV is \$8,596,186.32.

A streamlined approach combining the phases for the Fort Harrison Corridor Improvements equate to significant savings for data collection specifically related to survey, subsurface utility exploration, and geotechnical investigations as they will have to mobilize only once instead of multiple times. It will also allow for a more cohesive design of the phases as the same consultant team and City team will be in place. Designing the project as one phase simplifies the maintenance of traffic design since no transitions will be required between phases. Lastly, combining phases allows the city to streamline the schedule and number of submittals, providing a significant cost savings. In total, combining the design of the remaining phases, results in an estimated +/- \$2M savings. AtkinsRealis will prepare the design drawings, specifications, cost estimates, permits, and provide bidding support for Phases II, III, and IV.

Design for Phases II, III, and IV is expected to take 2 years.

The total project budget for Fort Harrison is anticipated to be \$72,783,000. The following funding is identified in prior year balance and the approved 6-year Capital Improvement Program, totaling \$58,084,410:

General Fund	\$10,727,740
Stormwater Utility Fund	\$11,476,750
Water & Sewer Utility Fund	\$35,879,920

If approved at these design specifications, additional resources of \$14,698,590 will need to be allocated. The following amounts will be required by fund:

General Fund increase	\$ 2,803,700
Water & Sewer Utility Fund increase	\$11,894,890

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

3157541-530100-C2102 Roads	\$ 325,211.79
3197319-530100-C2102 Storm	\$1,259,219.74
3217321-530100-C2102 Water	\$1,974,494.75
3217321-530100-C2102 Sewer	\$1,428,130.19

3277327-530100-C2102 Sewer \$ 546,364.56

3217321-530100-C2102 RCW \$ 295,088.07

Funding is available in Capital Improvement Project C2102, Fort Harrison Reconstruction, to fund the work order.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

This item falls under objective 1.2 (maintaining public infrastructure) within High Performing Government, objective 3.3 promote marketing and outreach strategies that encourages stakeholders' engagement, and objective 4.4 develop accessible and active transportation network that enhances pedestrian safety.

Public Works Director Marcus Williamson said the demonstration projects determined that some of the concepts tested did not work well. As requested, staff is working from the south side to the north to reestablish those lanes. It will take approximately six to eight weeks to restripe the lanes to their original configuration.

One individual spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Mannino moved to approve Work Order to AtkinsRealis USA, Inc., of Tampa, FL, for Fort Harrison Avenue Corridor Improvement (19-0036-EN) design and bidding of Phases II, III, and IV in the amount of \$5,828,509.10 pursuant to Request for Qualification (RFQ) 04-21 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 6.10** Approve an agreement with Century Link Communications, LLC dba Lumen Technologies Group (Lumen), of Bloomfield, CO for telecommunications and internet services in the amount of \$305,000.00 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(d), Non-competitive purchase, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Lumen is the incumbent internet service provider (ISP) and telecommunications provider for the City's primary internet gateway and legacy phone system lines.

Lumen is one of 4 companies that provides telecommunications/internet services in support of operations and resiliency of service for access to critical cloud-based business systems (other providers are Spectrum, Crown Castle, and Frontier). Using all providers is necessary to provide diversification and redundancy for these services. Additional competition cannot be obtained. For these reasons, this purchase with Lumen is non-competitive.

Lumen currently provides ISP services at city offices and the Municipal Services Building under existing service orders. A new service order is being placed to

physically move the Municipal Services Building connection to the adjacent Police District 2 headquarters and increase bandwidth speeds to enhance their level of service and keep pace with increasing bandwidth requirements.

Lumen also currently provides PRI connections for the City's legacy phone system which is planned for decommissioning over the next 12 months.

For the term defined the charges are as follows:

Internet Services (data): \$105,000.00

Telecommunications Services (voice): \$200,000.00

This amount represents a decrease of approximately \$125,000 from the previous term due to the recent conversion to IP telephony.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Funds are budgeted and available in the annual IT Admin Services budget.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

This purchase will support all the objectives of a High-Performance Government, as well as Superior Public Service.

One individual spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve an agreement with Century Link Communications, LLC dba Lumen Technologies Group (Lumen), of Bloomfield, CO for telecommunications and internet services in the amount of \$305,000.00 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(d), Non-competitive purchase, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 6.11** Approve a Purchase Agreement from Trident Pontoons, Inc., of Tavares, FL, for the purchase of two ferry vessels in the amount of \$930,086.00 pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) 32-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

On March 7, 2024, Council approved to enter into a FDOT JPA Agreement G2S84 which provides for an 83% grant from FDOT for the purchase of vessels, refurbishment/construction of docks, and water transportation service, with a 17% cash match from the city and adopted Resolution 24-07. The project cost is estimated at \$1,200,000 with FDOT contributing up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding and the City of Clearwater contributing up to \$200,000 in matching funds. The grant allows for up to \$800,000 of grant funds to be used for the purchase of vessels and the refurbishment and construction of docks and up to

\$200,000 of grant funds to be used for water transportation service operations including maintenance and supplies. The state will reimburse \$775,040.66 and the City will pay \$155,045.34.

On March 8, 2024, the City published RFP 32-24 for the purchase of two pontoon or tritoon vessels for conducting ferry services on the beautiful intercoastal waters on the west-central coast of Florida.

On April 18, 2024, the evaluation committee representing City Manager's Office, Marine and Aviation and a representative from Clearwater Ferry selected Trident Pontoons, Inc. for the purchase of the two ferry vessels.

The vessels will be built in accordance with specifications outlined in the RFP and the Agreement.

Under the Second Amendment and Second Extension to Water Taxi Operation Agreement between the City of Clearwater and the Clearwater Ferry Service, the City provides a financial subsidy to the Clearwater Ferry Service in the amount of \$500,000 over a five-year period between 2023 and 2028. A portion of that subsidy will be used to cover the City's 17% case match for this purchase.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Funding is available (via reimbursement grant revenue) in capital project G2410, Water Transportation Ferry Grant, to fund this purchase.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

High Performing Government: 1.2 Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts.

Economic & Housing Opportunity: 2.2 Cultivate a business climate that welcomes entrepreneurship, inspires local investment, supports Eco-friendly enterprises, and encourages high-quality job growth.

Community Well-Being: 3.2 Preserve community livability through responsible development standards, proactive code compliance, and targeted revitalization.

Environmental Stewardship: 4.4 Develop accessible and active transportation networks that enhance pedestrian safety and reduce citywide greenhouse gas emissions.

One individual spoke in opposition.

One individual spoke in support.

Councilmember Teixeira moved to approve a Purchase

Agreement from Trident Pontoons, Inc., of Tavares, FL, for the purchase of two ferry vessels in the amount of \$930,086.00 pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) 32-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings - Not before 6:00 PM

7. Administrative Public Hearings

7.1 Approve co-sponsorship and waiver of requested city fees for eleven High Impact co-sponsored special events at an estimated cost for in-kind services and cash of \$752,100 (\$637,840 general fund, \$39,260 enterprise fund and \$75,000 cash), funding for the Community Event Co-Sponsorship Program of \$200,000, for the purpose of Fiscal Year 2024/25 departmental budget submissions and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

Per City Council Policy, Item 2-21, Special Event Fee, there shall be an annual review of city sponsored/co-sponsored events during the budget process. An agenda item approving co-sponsorship and level of support for these events will be brought before the city council at the beginning of the budget process each fiscal year. In the event additional money is required beyond what is approved in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024/25 budget, City Council approval will be required. On December 19, 2023, City Council policy, Item 2-21 Special Event Fee was amended to waive in-kind fees for High Impact events greater than \$20,000 and approve a lump sum amount to fund the “Community Event Co-Sponsorship Program” for events less than \$20,000. Cash funding for High Impact events were eliminated; however, Jazz Holiday was in the process of planning and budgeting for the 2024 event prior to the amendment being approved and thus counting on the continued \$75,000 of cash support. Staff is requesting that for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 only, that Jazz Holiday’s request for \$75,000 in cash support as well as the \$73,470 of in-kind support be approved. After FY 2024/25, Jazz Holiday like other High Impact Events will receive in-kind services only.

Total budget requests for High Impact Events totaled \$752,100 as compared with last year’s requests for the same events of \$583,060. The increases are due primarily from four events that are expanding from “Community Event Co-Sponsorship Program” (less than \$20,000) to “High Impact Events” (greater than \$20,000) and personnel cost increases. Events are Veterans Alliance Memorial and Veterans Day, Clearwater Run Festival and Tampa Bay Turkey Trot (chart below).

<u>Event</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>Increase</u>
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Veteran’s Day	8,790	32,040	23,250
Tampa Bay Turkey Trot	13,370	64,500	51,130
Clearwater Run Festival	160	24,690	24,530
Memorial Day	8,490	32,040	23,550
Totals	30,810	153,270	122,460

The Rock N Roll Marathon will not be returning to Clearwater, but the Clearwater Run Festival will offer a great alternative to the running community with the continued support of the city as a High Impact Event.

The remaining events from the approved 2023/24 Co-sponsored events list fall within the “Community Event Co-Sponsorship Program” and will apply for assistance through this program. These events are traditionally much smaller and require less city support. Staff is requesting an initial investment of \$200,000 per year to fund this program. The cost for these events in FY 2023/24 is \$190,790. Staff is projecting that the ask for these same events will be reduced to \$150,000 in FY 2024/25, thus allowing for additional funding for new community events.

Total support of \$952,100 is being recommended for all Co-Sponsored events (High Impact and Community Program events) in FY 2024/25 which is an increase of 13% or \$108,340 from last year.

Section 3.11 of the Venue Agreement between the City and Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc. addresses the City’s right to use The BayCare Sound without payment of rental or usage fees, on July 4, July 5, and up to ten additional dates per calendar year.

To address the scheduling and cost for these ten events they have been included in this agenda item for discussion and or approval.

The events and costs recommended are as follows:

1. October 2024	Hispanic Heritage Festival	\$50,000
2. December 2024	Holiday Event	\$50,000
3. January 2025	Martin Luther King Jr. Rally	\$15,000
4. February 2025	Sea Blues Festival Day 1	\$30,000
5. February 2025	Sea Blues Festival Day 2	\$30,000
6. May 2025	Memorial Day Event	\$15,000
7. May 2025	High School Graduation(s)	\$25,000
8. November 2025	Veterans Day Event	\$15,000
9. August 2025	BayCare Sound Silver Screen Movie	\$15,000
10. September 2025	Clearwater’s Live, Love, Local Celebration	\$25,000
Total		\$270,000

There is no requirement to use any or all the ten days allocated by the agreement with REH but, if the city chooses to use the venue for these events the total costs is estimated to be an additional \$270,000 which would be

included in the special events budget.

It should be noted that notwithstanding the move away from cash funding from the City's general fund, that is not intended to preclude the ability of event organizers to continue to access cash as well as in-kind support. Future requests for cash funding may be directed to the Downtown Development Board (DDB) for the allocation of funds for that purpose in keeping with DDB policy objectives.

At the June 3 work session, there was council consensus to discuss the ten-day events held at The BayCare Sound at a future date. Staff was directed to take the item off the Consent Agenda.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

If approved funding for the various events will be budgeted into each departments operating budgets for FY 2024/25.

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Approval of the purchase order supports several Strategic Plan Objectives, including:

- 2.1: Strengthen public-private initiatives that attract, develop, and retain diversified business sectors.
- 2.2: Cultivate a business climate that welcomes entrepreneurship, inspires local investment, supports Eco-friendly enterprises, and encourages high-quality job growth.
- 2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.
- 3.1: Support neighborhood identity through services and programs that empower community pride and belonging.
- 3.4: Inspire citizen participation through civic engagement and volunteerism to build strong, inclusive, and engaged communities.

Two individuals spoke in support.

One individual questioned the cost to hold the Memorial Day event at The Sound and suggested providing feedback to explain the cost.

One individual suggested pausing activities planned for Veterans Day until staff has an opportunity to review what did not work on Memorial Day.

Discussion ensued with support expressed to approve the agenda item as written. A concern was expressed with the Clearwater Running Festival being held at the beach, an area that is already challenged with vehicular

traffic and crowding, and receiving a \$727,500 co-sponsorship in the 2024/2025 budget cycle. It was suggested that the co-sponsorship for the Clearwater Running Festival be eliminated and that the co-sponsorship process be revisited in the future in order to make it more equitable for non-profit organizations and to identify an event's revenue impact.

It was stated that the West Florida Y Runners Club eliminated the 10K Distance event, decreasing the impact to the surrounding communities and city services.

In response to questions, Parks and Recreation Director Art Kader said the Tampa Bay Times Turkey Trot event name has been changed to the Clearwater Turkey Trot. Downtown Core/Venue Division Manager Kris Koch said there is no current agreement with the Clearwater Running Festival; he spoke with the Executive Director who stated the organization would press forward without the City's financial support.

Councilmember Mannino moved to approve Agenda Item 7.1, minus the high-impact co-sponsorship funding element for the Clearwater Running Festival and leave the name and title on the list. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 7.2** Continue to June 20, 2024: Approve the request to vacate a utility easement defined as the westerly 5 feet of a rear drainage utility easement in lot 10, Block 4, Woodvalley Unit No. 5, a subdivision according to a recorded Plat Book 68, Page 32, in the public records of Pinellas County, Florida and pass Ordinance 9767-24 on first reading.

AND

- 7.3** Continue to June 20, 2024: Approve the request to vacate an easement defined as the south 5 foot utility easement of Lot 31, Block c, less the west 10 feet, and the north 5 foot utility easement, of lot 32, block c, less the west 10 feet, as recorded in Plat Book 66, Page 16, Sall's Lake Park, of the public records of Pinellas county, Florida and pass Ordinance 9768-24 on first reading.

Councilmember Cotton moved to continue Items 7.2 and 7.3 to June 20, 2024. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 7.4** Continue to a date uncertain: Approve the request to vacate an easement defined as the northern 10 feet of lots 12 and 13, Block 19, Milton Park replat as recorded in plat book

10, page 28 and under OR Book 3750, Page 354, of the public records of Pinellas County, Florida and pass Ordinance 9769-24 on first reading.

No action taken.

8. Second Readings - Public Hearing

- 8.1** Adopt Ordinance No. 9758-24 on second reading, amending the Community Development Code Article 2, Article 3, Article 4, Article 8, Appendix B, and Appendix C.

Ordinance 9758-24 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Teixeira moved to adopt Ordinance 9758-24 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Rector, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Cotton, Councilmember Mannino and Councilmember Teixeira

- 8.2** Adopt Ordinance 9759-24 on second reading, annexing certain real property whose post office address is 1239 Brookside Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33764, together with the abutting right-of-way of Beverly Circle North, into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Ordinance 9759-24 was presented and read by title only.

Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9759-24 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Rector, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Cotton, Councilmember Mannino and Councilmember Teixeira

- 8.3** Adopt Ordinance 9760-24 on second reading, amending the future land use element of the Comprehensive Plan of the city to designate the land use for certain real property whose post office address is 1239 Brookside Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33764, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Low (RL) and Preservation (P).

Ordinance 9760-24 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Mannino moved to adopt Ordinance 9760-24 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Rector, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Cotton, Councilmember Mannino and Councilmember Teixeira

- 8.4 Adopt Ordinance 9761-24 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain real property whose post office address is 1239 Brookside Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33764, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Density Residential (LDR) and Preservation (P).

Ordinance 9761-24 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Cotton moved to adopt Ordinance 9761-24 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Rector, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Cotton, Councilmember Mannino and Councilmember Teixeira

9. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda - For purposes of this role, "items pertaining to city business" includes any matter within the Council's or the City Manager's power to act, any matter that the Council previously voted on or discussed at the dais, or any matter discussed by or scheduled to be considered by another governmental entity that affects the operation of the City. Each person who wishes to address the Council shall complete a comment card and submit the card to the City Clerk (right-hand side of dais) before the speaker will be permitted to speak. However, if the speaker has just arrived or decided to speak, the Chair may allow the card to be filled out after speaking. Individuals will limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes. The Mayor shall advise the speaker that their time has expired. If the person remains at the podium, thereby interfering with other persons who may wish to be heard, the speaker's microphone may be turned off, or the Mayor may rule the person out of order in accordance with Rule 15.

Mr. Holuba said the First Amendment is the cornerstone of democracy and petitioned Council to eliminate Rule 15, as it is a violation of the protected rights under the Constitution.

Michael Taylor said the City has lost a lot of money for parking and expressed concerns that the City Manager's condominium is not her homestead, which is required by the city charter.

Tony Tello said the downtown merchants feel they are being unfairly targeted with strict code enforcement, while sign enforcement on the beach is more lenient.

Casey Coleman said the new power poles on Drew Street have been placed in the sidewalk, forcing individuals with strollers to go around the pole and into the street.

Jennifer Harding said the statements made by Duke Energy at the work session were not true; since 2020, three property owners had trees removed by Duke Energy without their permission.

Julie Webster expressed concerns with Duke Energy's process of notifying property owners of the tree removals and the environmental impact created by removing the trees.

Brian Harding opposed Duke Energy's tree removal process.

Holly Pope expressed concerns with an adjacent residential property being used as a short-term rental party house and requested city assistance to address the matter.

Bill Jonson expressed concerns that Duke Energy's presentation at the work session did not include being a partner with the community or consideration to underground powerlines.

Trisha Kirby opposed Duke Energy's tree removal process and said that Duke Energy has a proposed 19.6% rate increase scheduled for 2025.

10. City Manager Reports

10.1 North Beach Update

Public Works Director Marcus Williamson said four temporary pumps were replaced with eight temporary pumps as part the hurricane preparedness process. The contractor is currently making corrective actions on the tidal valves. He said staff is in the process of installing tidal valves in a couple of laterals. Staff has begun the engineering effort for the permanent pump stations.

The City Manager said that she resides in Clearwater and is complying with her employment contract. A letter from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's office stating she resides in Clearwater has been filed with Legal and Human Resources. She said her family address is protected and exempt from public records.

11. City Attorney Reports – None.

12. Other Council Action

12.1 Move the July 18, 2024 council meeting to Monday, July 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and waive City Council Rule 6, Order of Business, on July 15, 2024. - Mayor Rector

At the June 3 work session, the Mayor requested consideration to move the July 18 council meeting to Monday, July 15 so he may attend his political party's national convention.

Discussion ensued with consensus to move the July 18 council meeting to Monday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Since the CRA and DDB are scheduled to meet on Monday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m., staff is recommending scheduling the July 15 council meeting at 3:00 p.m. and waiving City Council Rule 6 in order to process public hearing items prior to 6:00 p.m.

Two individuals spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Teixeira moved to approve moving the July 18, 2024 council meeting to Monday, July 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and waive City Council Rule 6, Order of Business, on July 15, 2024. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

12.2 Affirm or Rescind the FDOT Drew Street Project.

One individual supported the plan recommended by Forward Pinellas.

Four individuals supported the Drew Street Project.

Two individuals supported the alternate proposal.

In response to a question, the Mayor said Council is considering the alternate plan presented at Monday's work session.

Discussion ensued with support expressed to proceed with the alternate plan.

Councilmember Mannino moved to affirm the amended plan presented by FDOT and Forward Pinellas at the June 3, 2024 work session and to allow the City Manager to create a capital funding plan to budget for any future city commitments relative to the relocation of utilities in the project. The motion was duly

seconded and carried unanimously.

13. Closing comments by Councilmembers (limited to 3 minutes)

Councilmember Cotton thanked the Neighborhood Services Team for their efforts at a recent Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition meeting.

Councilmember Teixeira reviewed recent and upcoming events and said Coachman Park and Imagine Clearwater won the Built Environment Award at the 30th Annual Future of the Region Awards.

Councilmember Mannino acknowledged Mr. Tello for attending council meetings and thanked him for his efforts and commitment to downtown businesses.

Vice Mayor Allbritton thanked the Mayor, Council, and FDOT for their efforts to keeping the Drew Street project alive.

14. Closing Comments by Mayor

Mayor Rector reviewed recent and upcoming events. He thanked FDOT for their efforts during these past two weeks to provide an alternate plan.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Attest

Mayor
City of Clearwater

City Clerk