

# City of Clearwater

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Main Library - Council Chambers**

**City Council**

## Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Bruce Rector, Vice Mayor Lina Teixeira, Councilmember Ryan Cotton and Councilmember Michael Mannino

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember David Allbritton

**Also Present:** Jennifer Poirrier – City Manager, Daniel Slaughter – Assistant City Manager, Alfred Battle – 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 Clearwater For Youth Scholarship Recipients - Eric Harris, CFY Program Manager
- 4.2 Salvation Army Centennial Day Proclamation, March 16, 2026 - Majors Ted & Pamala Morris, Corps Officers
- 4.3 Donate Life Month Proclamation, April 2026 - Sonia Piatt, LifeLink
- 4.4 Fair Housing Month Proclamation, April 2026
- 4.5 Earth Month 2026 Proclamation, April 2026 - Cassie Cordova, PW Sustainability Division Manager

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

- 5.1 Approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026 City Council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve the minutes of the March 5,**

**2026 City Council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

### **Public Hearings - Not before 6:00 PM**

## **6. Administrative Public Hearings**

- 6.1** Approve amendments to the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan to establish a new Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) Overlay future land use category with associated bonuses, incorporate policies for a new North Greenwood Community Overlay District, and add Comprehensive Plan policy support for existing nonconformity procedures in the Community Development Code; and pass Ordinance 9860-26 on first reading. (CPA2025-10001)

#### *Project Background*

Over the past several years, the city and community partners have advanced a coordinated planning effort for North Greenwood. This included completion of a Finding of Necessity Study in August 2020 with extensive public outreach, establishment of the North Greenwood CRA boundaries, and adoption of the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area Plan (CRA Plan) on January 12, 2023 (Resolution No. 23-01).

This work is intended to support reinvestment by existing property owners in a way that matches the community vision for North Greenwood. This ordinance sets the maximum bonus density and intensity that may be available under the PRD Overlay if a property owner chooses to use it. It is part of a coordinated effort that also includes a Future Land Use Map amendment and upcoming Community Development Code and zoning updates that will establish the North Greenwood-specific standards that apply when PRD bonuses are utilized.

#### *Proposed Ordinance Summary*

Proposed Ordinance No. 9860-26 amends Clearwater 2045, the city's Comprehensive Plan. It creates a new Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) Overlay category and related bonus provisions to support reinvestment and redevelopment in North Greenwood. The PRD Overlay will be applied on the Future Land Use Map through a companion map amendment. Where the overlay is applied, use of PRD bonuses would be optional. Any project that chooses to use the bonuses must meet the applicable Community Development Code standards, including the North Greenwood overlay requirements being developed through the upcoming code updates (such as standards for building placement and setbacks, height, parking, and housing types, including missing middle housing types).

The ordinance includes North Greenwood-focused amendments that advance implementation of the CRA Plan vision and provide policy direction for use of the PRD Overlay. It also includes a limited set of citywide policy updates that support existing nonconformity procedures already contained in the Community Development Code. The proposed amendments include four primary components:

1. Establish a new PRD Overlay future land use category that provides potential residential, nonresidential, mixed-use, and impervious surface ratio bonus provisions, subject to meeting applicable criteria.
2. Apply PRD Overlay bonus provisions within multiple existing future land use categories in the Quality Places chapter so the overlay can function as an optional tool where it is applied.
3. Add and update North Greenwood implementation policies, including direction for a new North Greenwood Community Overlay District to be established through companion Community Development Code amendments and later applied on the Zoning Atlas.
4. Add Comprehensive Plan policy support for existing nonconformity procedures already provided in the Community Development Code, including provisions related to termination of nonconformities.

The Community Development Board reviewed the proposed amendments and unanimously recommended approval at its meeting on February 19, 2026.

*Staff-Requested Revisions for First Reading*

Since the Community Development Board hearing, staff has identified minor revisions to Ordinance No. 9860-26 that are requested for City Council consideration on first reading. These revisions do not change the overall intent of the proposed amendments. The revisions clarify that the PRD Overlay framework and related implementing standards are not proposed for parcels designated Industrial Limited on the Future Land Use Map, and remove the Industrial, Research and Technology zoning district from the list of zoning districts shown as consistent with the PRD Overlay category. (See Table QP 1 on pages 12 and 15 of the ordinance materials.) The companion Future Land Use Map amendment agenda item addresses the PRD Overlay geography and any proposed boundary adjustments.

*Review and Transmittal*

The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will be transmitted to Forward Pinellas staff for consistency review with the Countywide Plan and Countywide Rules prior to final adoption.

This application follows the expedited state review process under Florida Statutes section 163.3184. Following City Council action on first reading, the proposed amendment will be transmitted to the state land planning agency, the Florida Department of Commerce, and other applicable reviewing agencies for review. After the close of the expedited review period and receipt of agency comments, the ordinance will return to City Council for second reading and adoption consideration.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT: N/A**

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments advance the City Council Strategic Plan by supporting the Economic and Housing Opportunity and Community Well-Being priority areas. The PRD Overlay policies support targeted revitalization and reinvestment in North Greenwood, consistent with the adopted North Greenwood CRA Plan. These policy changes create a clear path for future updates to the Community Development Code. Those code updates will guide how redevelopment and infill occur over time and will support neighborhood stability and compatibility. This approach aligns with Community Well-Being Objective 3.2 by supporting targeted revitalization through coordinated planning and follow-up implementation actions.

*Planning and Development Director Lauren Matzke provided a PowerPoint presentation.*

*Three individuals spoke in opposition.*

*In response to questions, Ms. Matzke said the community engagement was good prior to the storms. The presentation was provided to the North Greenwood Citizens Advisory Committee. She said the proposed density and intensity bonuses allows property owners to opt-in if they choose and enables missing middle housing and mixed-use developments. Based on the concerns raised this evening, Ms. Matzke said she would include churches to receive future notices and include the hearing dates in future utility statements. She said the overlay allows property owners to do a little more with their property.*

**Ordinance 9860-26 was presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve amendments to the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan to establish a new Planned**

**Redevelopment District (PRD) Overlay future land use category with associated bonuses, incorporate policies for a new North Greenwood Community Overlay District, and add Comprehensive Plan policy support for existing nonconformity procedures in the Community Development Code; and pass Ordinance 9860-26 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Rector, Vice Mayor Teixeira, Councilmember Cotton and Councilmember Mannino

- 6.2** Approve a city-initiated Future Land Use Map amendment to apply the Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) Overlay within the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), excluding areas designated Central Business District (CBD) and parcels designated Industrial Limited (IL), Transportation/Utility (T/U), Water, Preservation (P), and Recreation/Open Space (R/OS), and pass Ordinance 9861-26 on first reading. (LUP2025-11005)

*Project Background*

Over the past several years, the city and community partners have advanced a coordinated planning effort for North Greenwood, including adoption of the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area Plan (CRA Plan) in January 2023. This Future Land Use Map amendment is part of a broader set of coordinated actions intended to support reinvestment and redevelopment opportunities for existing property owners in a manner consistent with the community vision for North Greenwood.

*Proposed Ordinance Summary*

This agenda item is a city-initiated Future Land Use Map amendment to apply the Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) Overlay within the North Greenwood CRA boundary. The overlay would be applied in addition to the underlying Future Land Use categories and does not, on its own, rezone property or approve a development project.

The PRD Overlay area is generally located south of Sunset Point Road; north of Palmetto Street, the CSX rail line, and Jones Street; east of Clearwater Harbor, North Osceola Avenue, and North Myrtle Avenue; and west of Kings Highway and North Missouri Avenue.

The ordinance applies the PRD Overlay to eligible portions of the CRA and excludes those portions designated Central Business District (CBD) (which are governed by the Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan), as well as areas designated Recreation/Open Space (R/OS), Preservation (P), and Water on the Future Land Use Map. The companion Community Development Code

amendments are in progress and will establish the North Greenwood-specific design and development requirements that apply when an applicant chooses to use PRD bonuses.

Based on staff's review of the applicable criteria in Section 4-603.F of the Clearwater Community Development Code, the Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the proposed Future Land Use Map amendment. Staff finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Clearwater Community Development Code as follows:

- The proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Countywide Plan Rules.
- The proposed amendment is compatible with the surrounding properties and character of the neighborhood.
- Sufficient public facilities are available to serve the property.
- The proposed amendment will not have an adverse impact on the natural environment.
- The proposed amendment will not have an adverse impact on the use of property in the immediate area.

The Community Development Board reviewed the proposed amendment at its February 19, 2026, public hearing and unanimously recommended approval.

*Staff-Requested Revisions for First Reading*

Since the Community Development Board hearing, staff identified revisions to the ordinance for City Council consideration on first reading. These revisions do not change the overall intent of the request and are intended to keep the map amendment aligned with the companion Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code work.

1. Industrial Limited (IL): Remove references to applying the PRD Overlay to parcels designated Industrial Limited (IL). This change is recommended because the companion Community Development Code amendments are in progress and do not include North Greenwood overlay standards for parcels designated Industrial Limited and zoned Industrial, Research and Technology (IRT).
2. Transportation/Utility (T/U) and the Marshall Street facility: As revised, the PRD Overlay boundary would be adjusted to remove the only parcel designated Transportation/Utility in the North Greenwood CRA, which is the city-owned Marshall Street Water Reclamation Facility site. Because this is an active utility facility, redevelopment of the site would require a separate planning effort and Future Land Use considerations at the appropriate time.

The revised boundary is shown in the redlined version of the Ordinance, and the PRD Overlay would apply only to the eligible portions of the CRA as depicted.

These adjustments align the map amendment with the scope of the companion Community Development Code work and the intended North Greenwood redevelopment focus.

*Review and Transmittal*

In accordance with the Countywide Plan Rules, this land use plan amendment is subject to review and approval by Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Countywide Planning Authority. Because this is a large-scale Future Land Use Map amendment, the amendment is also subject to expedited state review pursuant to Florida Statutes section 163.3184. Following City Council action on first reading, the proposed amendment will be transmitted to the state land planning agency, the Florida Department of Commerce, and other applicable reviewing agencies, as well as through the required Countywide review process. After completion of Countywide and expedited state review and receipt of agency comments, the ordinance will return to City Council for second reading and adoption consideration.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This proposal advances the City Council Strategic Plan by supporting the Economic and Housing Opportunity and Community Well-Being priority areas. Applying the PRD Overlay on the Future Land Use Map is a key implementation step that makes voluntary bonus density and intensity options available within the designated area. This supports reinvestment by existing property owners, incremental infill, and a wider range of housing types, including missing middle housing types. Follow-up Community Development Code updates will provide North Greenwood-specific requirements that apply when PRD bonuses are used. Together, these actions support targeted revitalization while maintaining compatibility over time.

*Planning and Development Director, Lauren Matzke provided a PowerPoint presentation.*

**Ordinance 9861-26 was presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Cotton moved to approve a city-initiated Future Land Use Map amendment to apply the Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) Overlay within the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), excluding areas designated Central Business District (CBD) and parcels designated Industrial Limited (IL), Transportation/Utility (T/U), Water, Preservation (P), and Recreation/Open Space (R/OS), and pass Ordinance 9861-26 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Rector, Vice Mayor Teixeira, Councilmember Cotton and Councilmember Mannino

- 6.3** Amend the City's fiscal year 2025/26 operating and capital improvement budgets at first quarter and pass Ordinances 9901-26 and 9902-26 on first reading.

The fiscal year 2025/26 operating and capital improvement budgets were adopted in September 2025 by ordinances 9849-25 and 9850-25. Section 2.521 of the City's Code of Ordinances requires the City Manager to prepare a quarterly report detailing income, expenditure estimates, collections, the explanation of significant variances, as well as the financial status of all capital improvement projects.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

The budgeting process aligns resource allocation to the advancement of our community in all five strategic priorities: high performing government, economic and housing opportunity, community well-being, environmental stewardship, and superior public service.

**Ordinances 9901-26 and 9902-26 were presented and read by title only.**

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to amend the City's fiscal year 2025/26 operating and capital improvement budgets at first quarter and pass Ordinances 9901-26 and 9902-26 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Rector, Vice Mayor Teixeira, Councilmember Cotton and Councilmember Mannino

- 6.4** Approve an Annual General Permit, in the amount of \$4,000.00, with Pinellas County to construct and maintain natural gas facilities and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

This permit will allow CGS Energy to install and maintain natural gas mains and service lines within the Pinellas County right-of-way that are placed more than five feet from the back of curb or edge of road pavement. This permit covers regular and recurring activities and specifies the construction standards for installation of our gas infrastructure. All other gas work outside the scope of this General Permit will require a Specific Utilization Permit for each job/project prior to commencement.

Pinellas County experienced delays in providing the updated General Permit to CGS Energy, which typically starts at the beginning of the fiscal year (i.e. October). Therefore, this permit will become effective on April 1, 2026 and expire on December 31, 2026.

Section Five of this General Permit contains language that indemnifies Pinellas County against any damage claims resulting from negligence caused by CGS Energy. However, the City's limitation and protection under Section 768.28 of the Florida Statutes is not waived.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding is available in the CGS Energy cost code 4232075-543700, fees and permits. CGS Energy is funded by revenues from the Gas Utility Enterprise Fund.

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

High Performing Government

1.2 - Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts.

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve an Annual General Permit, in the amount of \$4,000.00, with Pinellas County to construct and maintain natural gas facilities and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.5** Authorize Purchase Orders to multiple vendors listed for the purchase of fleet parts in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000.00 for a one-year term with three, one-year renewal options pursuant to ITB 10-26 and Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563 (1)(a), Single Source, and 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The Fleet Division is responsible for the repair and maintenance of all city-owned vehicles and equipment. To ensure timely repairs, continuity of operations, and consistent availability of OEM and aftermarket parts, the City utilizes multiple sourcing methods, including competitively solicited contracts, piggyback agreements, and single source procurements when manufacturer exclusivity applies.

Invitation to Bid (ITB) 10-26, Fleet Parts, was released on November 18, 2025, and 14 submissions were received on December 18, 2025. Following a full evaluation, multiple vendors were identified as responsive and responsible bidders capable of meeting the City's requirements. Because pricing, catalog depth, and delivery timelines vary significantly across manufacturers, no single vendor can provide adequate coverage for all part categories. Awarding to multiple vendors ensures competitive pricing, supply chain redundancy, and uninterrupted sourcing for all vehicle and equipment types. The purchase of fleet parts will be made to the vendor who submitted the lowest price.

In addition to the ITB 10-26 awardees, the Fleet Division relies on existing piggyback contracts and single source vendors to obtain manufacturer specific parts that are not available through competitive bid. Single source is being requested because certain fleet parts can only be obtained directly from that manufacturer or authorized representative.

Authorization is requested to add additional vendors and/or contracts, including updated cooperative (piggyback) agreements and sole-source procurements, as needed, subject to review and approval by the Procurement Division.

Upon approval, this agenda item will replace Contract No. 902523 (Fleet Vehicle Parts, FY25-FY26) with a new contract established under ITB 10-26. Contract 902523 will be closed, and all ITB, piggyback, and single-source vendors listed below will transition to a new consolidated contract authorization for the purchase of fleet parts. The estimated annual expense is \$3,000,000.00, and the contract term is one year with three optional one-year renewals, for a maximum potential value of \$12,000,000.00 contingent upon annual budget appropriations.

**RECOMMENDED VENDORS (Combined):**

ITB 10-26 Vendors

1. 2396 Tampa Spring Co.
2. AutoNation Parts Center Clearwater
3. Collision Auto Pros
4. Construcciones IMB LLC
5. Cummins Inc.
6. Dayton Andrews Inc.
7. EFE, Inc.
8. Fleet Acquisitions LLC d.b.a. Fleet Products
9. GPM Truck Center, Inc.
10. Neopart Transit LLC
11. Parts Authority LLC
12. Rush Truck Centers of Florida, Inc.

13. TPH Holdings, LLC d.b.a. The Parts House
14. Walker Ford

Piggyback Vendors

1. Amazon Com Inc. (Omnia Partners, Contract R-TC-17006 - valid through January 18, 2028)

Single Source Vendors

1. Atmax Equipment
2. Environmental Products Group Inc.
3. H Barber & Sons Inc.
4. Ring Power Corporation (CAT products)
5. Ten-8
6. Wesco Turf Inc.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding for the current year's portion of this contract is available in the General Services Department- Fleet Maintenance operating cost code 5666611-550600, Vehicle Parts. Future year's funding will be requested as part of the annual budget process. The Fleet Maintenance Division of General Services is funded by revenues from the Garage Fund, an internal service fund established to account for citywide fleet purchases and maintenance.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This purchase supports the objectives of a High Performing Government (1.2) and Superior Public Service by ensuring reliable, well-equipped operational fleets.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to authorize Purchase Orders to multiple vendors listed for the purchase of fleet parts in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000.00 for a one-year term with three, one-year renewal options pursuant to ITB 10-26 and Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563 (1)(a), Single Source, and 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.6** Authorize a purchase order to Jeffrey Allen, Inc of Tampa, FL for the purchase of eleven 2026 Club Car Carryall 1700D 4WD Carts in the amount of \$248,439.84 pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(c), piggyback; authorize lease purchase under the City's Master Lease Purchase Agreement or internal financing via an interfund loan from the Capital Improvement Fund, whichever is deemed to be in the

City's best interest; declare G5263 G5264 G5265 G5266 G5267 G5268 G5269 G5270 G5271 G5272 and G5273 surplus and authorize disposal by auction or trade-in pursuant to Code Sections 2.623(6) and (7), whichever is deemed to be in the City's best interest, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The Parks and Recreation Department uses utility carts to support daily maintenance operations on Clearwater Beach. Eleven carts are listed on the Vehicle Replacement List (VRL) for Fiscal Year 2027. Due to continuous exposure to salt, wind, and heavy daily use, these units typically require replacement on a 36-month cycle.

The General Services Department, in coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department, requests authorization for an expenditure not to exceed \$248,439.84 for the purchase of 11 2026 Club Car Carryall 1700 carts. The estimated lead time is four to six weeks.

Pricing is based on a competitively awarded contract through the Omnia Partners, Contract No. EV-2671-01, which is valid through December 31, 2026. Authorization is requested to piggyback this contract pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(c). Jeffrey-Allen is a servicing dealer under this contract.

If it is determined that disposal by auction is in the City's best interest, units G5263 G5264 G5265 G5266 G5267 G5268 G5269 G5270 G5271 G5272 and G5273 will be declared surplus and sent to Royal Auction Group, which was competitively solicited by Pinellas County under Contract No. 190-537-R, valid through November 16, 2027.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3667366-564100-L1910.

This purchase order will be coded to capital project L1910, Garage Motorized Equipment Replacement, planned for short-term (three-year) financing via interfund loan. Funding for future debt payments will be included in the Parks and Recreation operating budget, funded by General Fund revenues.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This purchase will support all the objectives of a High-Performance Government (1.2) and continue to provide Superior Public Service.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to authorize a purchase order to Jeffrey Allen, Inc of Tampa, FL for the purchase of eleven 2026 Club Car Carryall 1700D 4WD Carts in the amount of \$248,439.84 pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(c), piggyback;**

**authorize lease purchase under the City's Master Lease Purchase Agreement or internal financing via an interfund loan from the Capital Improvement Fund, whichever is deemed to be in the City's best interest; declare G5263 G5264 G5265 G5266 G5267 G5268 G5269 G5270 G5271 G5272 and G5273 surplus and authorize disposal by auction or trade-in pursuant to Code Sections 2.623(6) and (7), whichever is deemed to be in the City's best interest, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.7** Approve a purchase order to Universal Protection Service, LLC d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services for security services in the annual not to exceed amount of \$300,000.00, which includes additional added services throughout term of contract including special events, for a one-year term with four one-year renewal options pursuant to RFP 01-26, Security Services, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

Request for Proposal (RFP) 01-26, Security Services, was released on November 26, 2025, to obtain licensed security service companies to provide trained, uniformed, unarmed security guards/officers for various City departments and locations. Proposals were evaluated based on responsiveness, responsibility, demonstrated experience, references, qualifications and availability of personnel, ability to meet scheduling requirements, and pricing.

The Selection Committee consisting of representatives from General Services, Parks & Recreation and Public Works, in coordination with the Procurement Division, completed its evaluation and ranked Universal Protection Service, LLC d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services, (Allied Universal) as the highest-scoring proposer, as documented in the Notice of Intent to Award dated January 22, 2026. Negotiations with the selected vendor were successful and resulted in final contract pricing and service terms consistent with the RFP.

This award will replace Contract No. 901449 with Sentry Event Services, Inc., which initially expired on January 31, 2026, but was extended for ninety (90) days with approval by the City Manager to allow award of a new contract. Upon approval, Contract 901449 will be closed, and Allied Universal will assume responsibility for all Citywide security services.

The contract term is one year with four optional one-year renewals, contingent upon annual budget appropriations.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding for this contract is budgeted in the contractual services cost codes

(530300) for various departments/operating funds which include: General Services-Building & Maintenance (5656531), funded by revenues from the General Services Fund (an internal service fund); Public Works-Parking Operations (4351333), funded by revenues from the Parking Enterprise Fund; and City Offices (0107010) and Parks & Recreation-Special Events (0101804, 0101831, 0101836), funded by revenues from the General Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This purchase supports the objectives of a High Performing Government (1.2) and Superior Public Service by ensuring reliable, well-equipped- operational fleets.

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve a purchase order to Universal Protection Service, LLC d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services for security services in the annual not to exceed amount of \$300,000.00, which includes additional added services throughout term of contract including special events, for a one-year term with four one-year renewal options pursuant to RFP 01-26, Security Services, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.8** Authorize a purchase order to PowerNet, Inc., Cincinnati, OH, for software licensing, maintenance, voice trunking, long-distance services, hardware, backup services, and professional services supporting the City's Microsoft Teams telephony and Genesys call center systems, originally implemented under RFP No. 06-23, for an 11-month term from April 9, 2026 through March 9, 2027, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$167,600.10, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(d), Non-Competitive Purchase, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The City provides telephone services to more than 80 service locations. In 2023, the City transitioned from its legacy phone system to Microsoft Teams as its enterprise telephony platform and implemented a Genesys Cloud CX contact center solution through RFP No. 06-23, with PowerNet, Inc. selected as the awarded vendor.

PowerNet's proposal included implementation, ongoing support, and carrier services for both the Microsoft Teams telephony system and Genesys contact center solution, establishing PowerNet as the City's standardized provider for telecommunications network operations center (NOC) services, SIP trunking, and related support services.

This purchase supports the continued operation of the City's established telephony and contact center environment. Services include software licensing

and maintenance, voice trunking services, long-distance services, system hardware, emergency backup services, and associated professional services necessary to ensure reliable and uninterrupted communications across all city departments.

Due to the City's existing configuration and reliance on PowerNet for SIP trunking and network operations, transitioning to an alternate provider is not practical. PowerNet's services are fully integrated with the City's Microsoft Teams telephony environment and Genesys call center platform. Replacing this provider would require significant reconfiguration of system architecture, procurement and implementation of new infrastructure, and re-establishment of all integrations and routing. This would result in duplication of costs, extended implementation timelines, and increased risk of service disruption to critical city operations, including Utility Customer Service functions. The total not-to-exceed amount for this 11-month term is \$167,600.10.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds are budgeted and available in the Information Technology department, cost code 5559862-542100, Utilities-Telephone. The Information Technology department is funded by revenues from the Administrative Services Fund, an internal service fund of the city responsible for the administration of city-wide technology services.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

These purchases help achieve strategic objectives 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 for High Performing Government. The Information Technology Department maintains critical public infrastructure to deliver sustain a high level of service to support a safe and healthy community.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to authorize a purchase order to PowerNet, Inc., Cincinnati, OH, for software licensing, maintenance, voice trunking, long-distance services, hardware, backup services, and professional services supporting the City's Microsoft Teams telephony and Genesys call center systems, originally implemented under RFP No. 06-23, for an 11-month term from April 9, 2026 through March 9, 2027, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$167,600.10, pursuant to 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.**

- 6.9** Approve a Construction Contract and Purchase Order to Bandes Construction Company, for the new Air Park Terminal project in the amount of \$13,659,750.00 per Invitation to Bid (ITB) 23-0015-AP and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Clearwater Executive Airport (CLW) is owned and operated by the City of Clearwater. Through the combination of state aviation grant funding and private sector participation from the airport's FBO operator, the City will modernize Clearwater Executive Airport's facilities while maximizing outside funding sources and reducing financial impact on City resources. The project will significantly enhance operational efficiency, improve airfield safety, and support continued aviation activity and economic development within the region. The airport operates under a long-term Lease and Property Operating Agreement with FlyUSA, Inc., which serves as the airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO). Under this agreement, FlyUSA is responsible for operating the terminal facility and providing aviation services including fueling, hangar and tie-down management, flight training, aircraft services, and other aeronautical activities. In addition, FlyUSA is responsible for reimbursing the City for the majority of the required local match associated with FDOT grant funding for the terminal facility and certain related improvements, ensuring private investment also contributes to the project's design and construction.

This project consists of three Bid Packages; all are integral to the completion of the Air Park project. Bandes Construction Company was selected through ITB 23-0015-AP and is the lowest responsive bidder out of five responses received. Construction duration is 18 months from issuance of the notice to proceed. Bid Package A includes the design and construction of a new 17,800-square-foot, two-story terminal facility at the Clearwater Executive Airport (formerly Clearwater Airpark). The terminal will accommodate a Fixed Base Operator (FBO), flight training school, flight simulator, and corporate offices and amenities for airport tenants.

Bid Package B includes the project scope associated with terminal apron improvements, entrance roadway, and the design of a 200-space surface parking lot to support the new terminal operations.

Bid Package C is additional airfield improvements that include lined dry stormwater retention ponds with underdrain piping, bituminous mill and overlay of aprons and taxi lanes, taxiway reconstruction and reconfiguration compliant with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regulations, and sealcoating and remarking of various airfield pavements.

The Clearwater Executive Airport Terminal and related projects are supported by significant state aviation grant funding secured by the City through FDOT. To date, the City has secured \$7,797,788 in FDOT aviation grant funding. These grants provide substantial participation from the State of Florida and significantly offset the overall capital cost associated with the airport improvements. The City is not responsible for cost overruns associated with the terminal or

parking lot components. The City responsibility for the terminal and parking lot is limited to \$760,000 (future Penny funding) based on the current lease agreement between the City and FlyUSA.

The City is financially responsible for the mill and overlay, apron, and specific airfield improvements of the project (Bid Package C), except for a \$94,447 contribution provided by FlyUSA.

The total project budget for the Apron Relayment and Aviation Operations Center projects, including design and construction costs, is anticipated to be approximately \$14,735,000. Approved budgets total \$11,885,235 which includes future Penny funding of \$760,000 available in fiscal year 2026/27. A mid-year budget amendment will increase project G2307-Aviation Operations Center by \$400,000 to recognize an approved FDOT Grant not currently included in the approved budget.

If approved, additional resources which total \$2,499,765 will need to be allocated. Of this total, \$350,000 is required by the City to fund Apron Relayment costs. The remaining funding for cost overages exceeding the FDOT grant amount for terminal construction will be the responsibility of the City's FBO (per Article 12, section 1, paragraph b, of the Lease and Property Operation Agreement between the City and FlyUSA). City staff is currently pursuing additional grant funding from FDOT to align the grant request with total construction costs now defined.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3027302-563600-G2307 \$11,203,936

3027302-563600-G2306 \$ 2,455,814

Mid-year budget amendments will increase capital project G2306, Apron Relayment by \$350,000 representing an allocation of Airpark Fund reserves; and increase capital project G2307, Aviation Operations Center by \$400,000 in FDOT Grant revenue and \$2,099,765 representing reimbursement revenues from FlyUSA to provide additional project funding necessary for this construction contract.

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:**

Funding for this contract will be provided by a mid-year budget amendment allocating Airpark Fund reserves in the amount of \$350,000 to capital improvement project G2306, Apron Relayment. The remaining balance of Airpark Fund reserves after 25% working capital reserves is approximately \$869,567 or 33% of the current Airpark Fund operating budget.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

1.2 Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental

resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts.  
2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve a Construction Contract and Purchase Order to Bandes Construction Company, for the new Air Park Terminal project in the amount of \$13,659,750.00 per Invitation to Bid (ITB) 23-0015-AP and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

*The Council recessed from 7:52 p.m. to 7:58 p.m.*

- 6.10** Accept Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant Agreement Amendment (No. 450563-1-94-01) in the amount of \$2,400,000 for the Construction of Terminal and FBO Building at Clearwater Executive Airport and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

On January 12, 2023, City Council approved the Lease and Property Operating Agreement (Operating Agreement) with FlyUSA to manage Clearwater Executive Airport and subsequently approved the First Amendment to the Lease and Property Operating Agreement on March 7, 2024.

On September 4, 2024, Council approved Resolution 24-12 and a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the Construction of Terminal and FBO Building at the Clearwater Executive Airport.

This will bring the total PTGA grant amount to \$7,800,000, with FDOT contributing \$3,900,000 (50%) and a required match of \$3,900,000 (50%) to be funded by an allocation of \$760,000 from Penny for Pinellas planned in FY27 and the remaining local matching funds reimbursed by FlyUSA.

This increase in funding is the result of an increase in expected construction costs, determined through the bidding process.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

FDOT, FlyUSA reimbursements, and Penny revenues are budgeted in capital project G2307, Aviation Operations Center.

**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.

**Councilmember Mannino moved to accept Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant Agreement Amendment (No. 450563-1-94-01) in the amount of \$2,400,000 for the Construction of Terminal and FBO Building at Clearwater Executive Airport and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.11** Award a construction contract to Creative Contractors, Inc., of Clearwater, FL for BayCare Ball Park Berm Wall Repair in the amount of \$1,626,534.60 pursuant to Invitation to Bid 26-0002-PR and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

BayCare Ballpark Berm Wall Repairs - ITB #25-002-PR went out to bid on January 21, 2026. Two pre-qualified firms (Creative Contractors, Inc. and Concrete Protection & Restoration, LLC) submitted bids. Creative Contractors, Inc. was the lowest and most responsible bidder. Creative Contractors, Inc., has a vast portfolio of prior completed projects, both private and public, and just recently completed a similar project at BayCare Ballpark as part of the installation of a new scoreboard.

The existing berm wall, known as an earthen berm wall, provides reinforcement with synthetic non-woven geotextile fabric to stabilize soil, prevent erosion, provide support and structure in lieu of a more traditional masonry wall. Pennoni Associates, Inc., the city's consulting engineer, has monitored the berm wall for over ten years and during the most recent inspection reported that while safe the wall was beginning to shift. A typical earthen berm wall lasts approximately 20 to 30 years, with this wall being 22 years old. If this earthen berm wall continues to shift, the top of the wall and sidewalk in center field could become unusable. The engineer of record is recommending constructing a new wall, which would provide long-term and more permanent structural support for the current berm wall.

This contract will provide for the construction in the form of soil nail shotcrete walls along the berm. The shotcrete wall will span the entire height of the berm with a concrete curb one foot above the top of soil at the top of wall. The proposed repairs and renovation will not interfere with any future renovations or

additions to the ballpark and are needed regardless of what projects are contemplated in the future.

This repair work is estimated to take 90 consecutive calendar days, to be completed with work commencing immediately after the completion of Phillies Spring Training 2026. The work is being coordinated with the tenant and the work will not interfere with events at the stadium.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds are available in capital project M2204, Carpenter & BayCare R&R, to fund this contract, funded by revenues from the General Fund.

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:** N/A

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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

- 1.2: Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts.
- 1.3: Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service.
- 2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to award a construction contract to Creative Contractors, Inc., of Clearwater, FL for BayCare Ball Park Berm Wall Repair in the amount of \$1,626,534.60 pursuant to Invitation to Bid 26-0002-PR and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.12** Approve a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) agreement and preconstruction phase proposal from PJ Hayes Inc dba Tandem Construction for Eddie C. Moore Complex Renovations project (25-0032-PR), in the amount of \$93,882.00 pursuant to RFQ 13-26 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The Eddie C. Moore complex includes fields 1-4 and the multipurpose fields east and west. The project includes design and construction of a new press box to replace the existing building and renovation of the surrounding field areas to enhance functionality, safety, and aesthetics, and to meet current accessibility and operational standards. The project will involve structural and civil engineering evaluations, press box design, site improvements, and utility coordination. The existing building is inadequate to meet the current needs of

the local teams, and these proposed improvements will increase sports tourism use.

January 15, 2026, City Council approved a \$1,430,149.00 design work order to PBK Architects to provide design services for the renovation of the Eddie C. Moore complex pursuant to RFQ 41-25.

In December 2025, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 13-26 was issued to provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the renovation of the Eddie C. Moore complex.

The RFQ selection committee, consisting of five representatives from the Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments, conducted reviews of six firms that submitted qualifications. The committee selected Tandem Construction for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the renovation of the Eddie C. Moore complex.

Tandem Construction was chosen due to its extensive, directly relevant experience delivering large-scale tournament-ready sports complexes via the CMAR delivery method with guaranteed maximum pricing. With 46 years of experience and a portfolio that includes high-profile facilities such as the Atlanta Braves and IMG Academy complexes, Tandem has demonstrated success managing accelerated schedules, active campus constraints, and community-sensitive sites. Their structured preconstruction process, robust value engineering and subcontractor management systems, and sports field supervision collectively demonstrate their strong capability to deliver a high-quality, on-time, and on-budget project.

This comprehensive preconstruction services proposal includes cost estimating at schematic, 30%, and 60% design stages; development of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMPs) including early release packages for long-lead items; subcontractor prequalification and scope packaging; pre-bid conferences; site investigation; evaluation of subcontractor pricing; preparation of design and construction schedules; participation in city, design, and user group meetings; value engineering; constructability review; development of mobilization/staging, safety, and quality control plans; identification of early procurement items; sales tax savings analysis; and permitting assistance. If the project team cannot agree on a negotiated GMP, the City will terminate negotiations and reach out to the next ranked CMAR firm.

It is anticipated the design services will be completed within 10 months, followed by 12 months for construction from issuance of Notice to Proceed. The GMP will be presented to Council for approval in late 2026.

The preconstruction fees were refined through scope clarification and

corrections.

Total budgeted funds planned for this project is \$21,850,000.00, of which \$7,750,000.00 is from a grant from the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and the remainder General Fund revenues. Current funding available for design services and this agreement is \$1,800,000.00 (which includes a 1st quarter budget transfer/increase amendment approved January 15, 2026). The remainder of funding for this project is budgeted in fiscal years 2026/27 through 2028/29.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Sufficient funding is available in project C2510, E.C. Moore Renovations, for this agreement funded by General Fund Revenue.

**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

2.3 Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) agreement and preconstruction phase proposal from PJ Hayes Inc dba Tandem Construction for Eddie C. Moore Complex Renovations project (25-0032-PR), in the amount of \$93,882.00 pursuant to RFQ 13-26 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.13** Authorize an Agreement between the City of Clearwater and the Carlouel Yacht Club located at 1091 Eldorado Avenue, authorizing the limited use of certain vehicles on public beaches by permit pursuant to recent amendments to F.S. 161.58; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

F.S. 161.58 was amended to allow for the operation of certain private sector off-highway vehicles as defined pursuant to F.S. 317.0003 for the setup and retrieval of rental equipment. The proposed Agreement will establish an ongoing agreement between the City and Carlouel Yacht Club (Contractor), allowing them to utilize certain off-highway vehicles as defined in F.S. 317.0003 to collect, maintain, or distribute rental equipment on the beach. A permit will be

required to be applied for and then renewed annually on or by September 30 in conjunction with the renewal of the related business's Business Tax Receipt (BTR).

The Agreement authorizes Contractor to operate off-highway vehicles, as defined under F.S. 317.0003, solely for the purpose of removing, maintaining, or distributing rental equipment owned by or rented from the Contractor or its agents. Operations are limited to the hours between sunrise and sunset. Prior to commencing any operations, the Contractor must submit a detailed route map to the City for review and approval. The City retains sole discretion to approve, modify, or deny the proposed route. A copy of the approved route map must be kept in the vehicle at all times and produced upon request by any city staff or law enforcement officer.

The permit process will be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. Prior to the issuance of any permit, the Contractor must provide the City with the following: vehicle details including make, model, year, and VIN; proof of insurance meeting the requirements outlined in Addendum A of the Agreement; and an executed Agreement along with payment of the required fees. Upon receipt of all required documentation and fees, a permit sticker will be issued and must be affixed in a clearly visible location on the back of the authorized vehicle at all times during operation.

Enforcement of the permit conditions and any violations will be handled by the Police Department. The Contractor is required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including F.S. 161.58. Any vehicle found operating without a valid, displayed permit sticker or outside the terms of the Agreement may be subject to enforcement action.

It should be noted that at a later date a similar agenda item may be brought forward to address other businesses operating on the beach.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

N/A

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Approval of the proposed Agreements support several Strategic Plan Objectives, including:

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

- 1.3: Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service.
- 2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.

*In response to questions, Assistant City Manager Dan Slaughter said the vendors were informed of the timeline to be in compliance and that date has since passed. There is one more agreement pending; staff is working through some insurance concerns.*

**Councilmember Mannino moved to Authorize an Agreement between the City of Clearwater and the Carlouel Yacht Club located at 1091 Eldorado Avenue, authorizing the limited use of certain vehicles on public beaches by permit pursuant to recent amendments to F.S. 161.58; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.14** Award a construction contract to Razorback LLC, for the Marshall Street Water Reclamation Facility (MS WRF) Clarifier Improvements in the amount of \$689,700.00 pursuant to Invitation to Bid 24-0066-UT and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same.

This project consists of installation of density current baffles in all four (4) secondary clarifiers at the MS WRF, located at 1605 Harbor Dr, Clearwater, FL 33755. Construction will be performed on one clarifier at a time and will required coordination with ongoing plant operations and weather related events. The Contractor will drain, clean, and inspect each clarifier; verify pressure relief valves; and adjust effluent weir elevations as needed.

The purpose of the project is to improve clarifier performance by enhancing solids removal efficiency, resulting in more consistent treated effluent quality and increased operational reliability of the wastewater treatment facility. The Public Utilities Engineering Department issued ITB 24-0066-UT, which closed on January 14, 2026. The lowest responsive and responsible bid, submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications, was received from Razorback LLC. The Engineer of Record (EOR) AECOM evaluated the bids and recommends award of the construction contract to Razorback, LLC. On March 6, 2025, City Council approved an initial work order to AECOM for design, bidding, engineering and construction inspection services for this project in the amount of \$118,892.00.

The construction duration is 240 consecutive calendar days from the issuance

of the Notice to Proceed.

The City of Clearwater's Public Utilities Department is responsible for owning, operating, and maintaining the MS WRF.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3217321-563800-96213

Funds are available in capital improvement project 96213 - Marshall Street Upgrades/Improvements to fund this contract. This project is funded with revenues from the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This project aligns with the Council's Strategic Plan objective of achieving a High Performing Government through proactive maintenance of public infrastructure. Approval of this construction award will help ensure the continued efficiency and reliability of the City's wastewater treatment operations.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to award a construction contract to Razorback LLC, for the Marshall Street Water Reclamation Facility (MS WRF) Clarifier Improvements in the amount of \$689,700.00 pursuant to Invitation to Bid 24-0066-UT and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.15** Ratify and confirm a purchase order with Gulf To Bay Blvd TLC Diversified Inc., a current Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the City, for an emergency procurement to repair a 10-inch water main at the intersection of South Keystone Avenue and Gulf to Bay Boulevard in the estimated amount of \$199,402.00, pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(k) emergency and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

On the night of January 6, 2026, a critical water main break occurred in a high-traffic area. While City crews responded immediately, a permanent repair was not initially possible due to the age of the infrastructure (universal pipe) and its proximity to an FDOT storm box. To ensure a safe and successful resolution, the Public Utilities Department determined that specialized actions were required, including the installation of cast-in-place concrete thrust blocks to protect the FDOT roadway and the use of "Team valves" and temporary service lines to maintain water continuity for local hotels and restaurants.

Because these complex repairs required resources beyond internal capabilities,

the City Manager granted emergency authorization on January 8, 2026. The repair progressed through the following milestones:

- January 9-12: Excavation and pouring of two concrete thrust blocks to stabilize the line.
- January 13-14: Installation of two Team valves and a temporary 2-inch water line to maintain service to local businesses during the excavation of the 10-inch main.
- January 15: Repairs to the 10-inch water main were successfully completed, and full system pressure was restored.
- January 16: Roadway restoration commenced, with final concrete and asphalt work scheduled for completion next week.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3277327-546900-96721 \$199,402.00

Funding for this purchase order were available in capital project 3277327-96721, Water System R&R Maintenance. The Public Utilities Department, and capital projects are funded by revenue from the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This meets the City's Strategic Plan to achieve a High Performing Government by maintaining public infrastructure through systematic management efforts and superior public service.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to ratify and confirm a purchase order with Gulf To Bay Blvd TLC Diversified Inc., a current Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the City, for an emergency procurement to repair a 10-inch water main at the intersection of South Keystone Avenue and Gulf to Bay Boulevard in the estimated amount of \$199,402.00, pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(k) emergency and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.16** Authorize a purchase order to ACF Standby Systems, LLC of Tampa, FL for the purchase of three mobile diesel engine-driven generator sets in the amount of \$223,285.56 pursuant Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(c), piggyback; declare G3053, G3062 and G3063 surplus effective upon completion of new generators and authorize disposal at auction or trade-in, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the City, pursuant to Sections 2.623 (7) and (8), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute.

The Public Utilities Department is requesting authorization to replace three mobile generators (G3053, G3062, and G3063) that were lost during recent

storm events. To ensure preparedness for the upcoming hurricane season and maintain operational readiness, staff recommends the purchase of three Generac MDG100DF4 mobile diesel generator units.

Authorization to purchase these generators through a competitively bid piggyback contract with the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA), specifically contract FSA23EQU21.0, Item 159, is requested. Utilizing this cooperative contract allows the City to leverage pre-established pricing and terms, thereby avoiding the delays associated with conducting a separate formal solicitation.

The purchase includes three trailer-mounted 100kW standby generators powered by John Deere engines. Each unit will be equipped with a four-position voltage selector switch, battery disconnect switch, aluminum storage box, and a pintle ring hitch. The total purchase cost of \$223,285.56 includes the base units, optional equipment, freight to the job site, and on-site start-up and commissioning services, including up to four hours of owner training per unit.

This purchase is critical for maintaining the Public Utilities Department's ability to provide emergency power and ensure continuity of municipal services during power outages and natural disasters.

Upon receipt and completion of necessary upfitting, including graphics, accessories, and any required modifications, approval to surplus the corresponding vehicles and equipment identified for replacement is requested. Surplus assets will be sent to Royal Auction Group under Pinellas County Contract No. 190-537-R, valid through November 16, 2027.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

This purchase will be coded to Public Utilities cost code 3217321-591000-D2402, Hurricane Helene. Approximately 95% of the total cost is anticipated to be reimbursed through insurance proceeds, with the remaining 5% to be submitted for FEMA reimbursement. The initial purchase, and any balance not reimbursed, will be funded by the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Establishing this purchase order supports the City's strategic priority of High Performing Government by maintaining vital public infrastructure (1.2) and fostering safe and healthy communities through enhanced emergency response capabilities (1.4).

**Councilmember Mannino moved to authorize a purchase order to ACF Standby Systems, LLC of Tampa, FL for the purchase of three**

**mobile diesel engine-driven generator sets in the amount of \$223,285.56 pursuant Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(c), piggyback; declare G3053, G3062 and G3063 surplus effective upon completion of new generators and authorize disposal at auction or trade-in, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the City, pursuant to Sections 2.623 (7) and (8), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.17** Award a purchase order to Odyssey Manufacturing Co of Tampa, FL, for the purchase and delivery of liquid sodium hypochlorite for water and wastewater treatment facilities, in the not-to-exceed annual amount of \$2,000,000.00, for a one-year term with two, one-year renewal options, pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 12-26, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

This item requests Council approval to award a purchase order to Odyssey Manufacturing Co for the supply of liquid sodium hypochlorite (Bleach) used at water treatment plants and water reclamation facilities. Sodium hypochlorite is required for disinfection of drinking water and wastewater and is a critical operational chemical.

On December 18, 2025, Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 12-26 for Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite was issued. Three bids were received on January 20, 2026.

Following the initial review and subsequent protest process, it was determined that one of the bidders submitted a Certificate of Analysis that did not meet the mandatory requirements of the solicitation and was therefore deemed non-responsive. As a result, the bid was disqualified from further consideration.

Of the remaining qualified bidders, Odyssey Manufacturing Co. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid meeting all solicitation requirements.

The unit cost for liquid sodium hypochlorite has increased from approximately \$0.514 per gallon in 2020 to \$1.65 per gallon under the current ITB 12-26, which represents an overall increase of about 221% over the course of the past six years. More recently, the unit price increased from \$1.48 per gallon in 2025 to \$1.65 per gallon in 2026, or about 11.5%.

Award of this contract is recommended to Odyssey Manufacturing Co. in a not-to-exceed annual amount of \$2,000,000.00 for an initial one-year term, with two optional one-year renewal terms at the City's discretion.

Funding is available within the adopted Public Utilities operating budgets, and expenditures will be made on an as-needed basis.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Budgeted funds for FY26 are available in various Public Utilities cost centers, cost code 551700 Bulk Chemicals, funded by revenues from the Water & Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund. Funding for future fiscal years (FY27, FY28) will be requested within contract calendar and spending limits.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This item supports the City's Strategic Plan objective of High Performing Government by maintaining reliable water and wastewater treatment operations and protecting public health through uninterrupted chemical supply.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to award a purchase order to Odyssey Manufacturing Co of Tampa, FL, for the purchase and delivery of liquid sodium hypochlorite for water and wastewater treatment facilities, in the not-to-exceed annual amount of \$2,000,000.00, for a one-year term with two, one-year renewal options, pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 12-26, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.18** Approve a professional service agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc. of Tampa, FL to serve as the Water, Reclaimed Water, and Well Program Consultant (26-0007-UT), in the not-to-exceed amount of \$9,000,000.00 for a five-year term, pursuant to Request for Qualification (RFQ) 39-25 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

In August 2025, RFQ 39-25 Consulting Services - Water, Reclaimed Water, and Well Program, was issued seeking qualified firms to provide consulting services for water, reclaimed water, and well projects throughout the City of Clearwater. The City received two responsive submittals on September 29, 2025.

On October 16, 2025, the RFQ selection committee, consisting of representatives from Public Utilities Engineering and Public Utilities, carefully reviewed each of the submittals received from the two qualified firms. Each submittal was ranked based upon the RFQ criteria and overall responsiveness to the RFQ requirements. CHA Consulting, Inc. was selected to provide the requested Water, Reclaimed Water, and Well Program consulting Services. Services include, but are not limited to, the assessment of: existing pipeline conditions, replacement of water mains, reconnection of water services to newly installed mains, removal of existing piping networks, well support services, and restoration and upgrades to all disturbed areas. Additional services include design, permitting, construction engineering and inspection

services for water, reclaimed water, and well projects, as well as construction management and contractor oversight services provided over a five-year term. The professional services agreement is anticipated to be funded at \$1,800,000.00 per year for a five-year term, for a total of \$9,000,000.00. CHA is currently supporting five identified projects/programs with known dollar amounts totaling approximately \$38.93 million, including two annual programs and one projected bid-pending project. In addition to those funded efforts, the contract also supports several ongoing engineering and regulatory assignments that do not have a single discrete CIP value attached.

The City of Clearwater's Public Utilities Department owns, operates, and maintains the potable water system, reclaimed water system, and 44 wells that supply raw water to its three water treatment plants.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3217321-530100-96721	\$ 1,360,000.00
3277327-530100-96784	\$ 340,000.00
4212056,4212057,4212058-530100	\$ 100,000.00

Funding for the first year's portion is available in capital project 96721, Water System R&R; 96784, Reclaimed Distribution System, and in various Public Utilities operating cost centers (4212056, 4212057, 4212058) code 530100, professional services. The Public Utilities Department and associated capital projects are funded by revenues from the Water & Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

Funding for future years will be requested as part of the annual capital and operating budgets process.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

To further the Council's Strategic Plan to achieve High Performing Government by upgrading current services related to Water, Reclaimed Waters, and Wells Projects through systematic management. The project also aligns with the City's strategic goals of Environmental Stewardship.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve a professional service agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc. of Tampa, FL to serve as the Water, Reclaimed Water, and Well Program Consultant (26-0007-UT), in the not-to-exceed amount of \$9,000,000.00 for a five-year term, pursuant to Request for Qualification (RFQ) 39-25 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.19** Approve a Construction Contract Amendment between the City of Clearwater and TLC Diversified, Inc. for the Lift Station 16 Pierce Street Project (20-0008-UT) to revise the contract completion date to January 14, 2026 and finalize project closeout; approve Stantec Supplemental Work Order (SWO) No. 6 in the amount of \$13,200.00 for additional engineering services associated with the extended project duration and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

On August 8, 2023, the City entered into a contract with TLC Diversified, Inc. for construction of the Lift Station 16 Pierce Street Project (20-0008-UT). The contract required completion of the project by November 28, 2024.

Prior to the completion date, TLC Diversified notified the City that delays were encountered due to the electrical subcontractor's supplier causing delays in the production and shipment of a critical project component, the Motor Control Center (MCC). Despite multiple attempts by the contractor to expedite production and delivery, the MCC shipment was substantially delayed which extended the project schedule and resulted in additional engineering and project management costs to the City.

This Contract Amendment revises the project completion date to January 14, 2026, reflecting the actual date the work was completed. As part of this agreement, TLC Diversified will reduce the final payment by \$166,390.27 to compensate the City for the additional engineering and project management costs incurred due to the extended project duration.

Due to the extended construction duration, the Engineer of Record, Stantec, provided additional construction phase engineering services beyond the originally anticipated construction support period. Supplemental Work Order No. 6, in the amount of \$13,200.00 is for Stantec to complete the project closeout documentation such as drafting the record drawings from the Contractor provided red-lines, Engineers of Record signing and sealing the record drawings, completing the FDEP permit closeout, and reviewing the final Contractor invoices. This will increase the work order value from \$855,743.00 to \$868,943.00.

Approval of these items will allow the City to formally revise the contract completion date, finalize the project closeout with TLC Diversified, and compensate the Engineer of Record for additional services required to support completion of the project.

The City of Clearwater's Public Utilities Department is responsible for owning, operating, and maintaining Lift Station 16.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3217321-561300-96686 \$13,200.00

Funds are available in capital improvements Project 96686, Pump Station Replacement, for this Supplemental Work Order. The Public Utilities department and associated projects are funded by Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund revenues.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This project aligns with the Council's Strategic Plan objective of achieving a High Performing Government through proactive maintenance of public infrastructure. Approval of this item will support final project closeout and ensure continued reliability of the City's wastewater conveyance system.

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve a Construction Contract Amendment between the City of Clearwater and TLC Diversified, Inc. for the Lift Station 16 Pierce Street Project (20-0008-UT) to revise the contract completion date to January 14, 2026 and finalize project closeout; approve Stantec Supplemental Work Order (SWO) No. 6 in the amount of \$13,200.00 for additional engineering services associated with the extended project duration and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.20** Approve six individual work orders with Advanced Engineering Design, Inc. of Pinellas Park, FL, to provide, design, bidding services and construction administration services associated with the FEMA funded Slope Stabilization Annual Contract (26-0006-EN) totaling \$347,923.01 pursuant to RFQ 34-23, Professional Services Continuing Contract, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

This project is being undertaken with the expectation of submitting for reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As a condition of FEMA funding, the City of Clearwater is required to adhere to all applicable FEMA program guidelines, documentation standards, and compliance requirements throughout project development and execution. These requirements directly influence project scoping, documentation, design, permitting, and cost-tracking methodologies.

Advanced Engineering Design, Inc. (AED) prepared packages for all six sites

that provide justification for their design approach, along with an Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for each site. The total estimated construction cost for all sites combined is \$2,795,195.03, with design and permitting costs totaling \$347,923.01, for a total estimated project cost of \$3,143,118.04.

In accordance with FEMA requirements, the scope of work has been divided into six individual work orders based on discrete project site locations. FEMA mandates that each eligible damage site be independently identified, documented, and tracked using exact GPS coordinates. Each site constitutes a unique damage location and therefore requires its own site-specific evaluation, engineering design, and permitting. Separating the work into unique work orders ensures that all FEMA documentation, cost tracking, and reimbursement requests remain clearly attributable to each distinct site, maintaining compliance with FEMA eligibility, reporting, and audit requirements. This approach also provides transparency in project management, minimizes the risk of ineligible cost commingling, and supports efficient coordination with FEMA and other regulatory agencies throughout the design and permitting process.

Advanced Engineering Design, Inc. was selected to provide engineering and consulting services for slope stabilization in creek sections affected by the high stormwater volume from Hurricane Milton. AED was chosen based on their extensive experience and demonstrated expertise in FEMA programs, including compliance with FEMA reporting standards, eligibility requirements, and documentation protocols. Their familiarity with FEMA's technical and administrative expectations ensures that project deliverables are prepared with the level of detail and accuracy required to support grant eligibility, reimbursement, and audit review.

#### Scope of Services Per Site

##### ***Joe Dimaggio:***

The upstream reaches of the main channel of Alligator Creek begin west of Hercules Avenue and flow in an easterly direction prior to discharging into Alligator Lake near Bayshore Boulevard. Post Hurricane Milton inspections of Alligator Creek revealed three locations where the creek embankment failed within the Joe DiMaggio Sports Complex.

The three locations are located near each other along the western edge of the property. The failure occurred where Alligator Creek transitions from a gabion-lined section to an earthen embankment section. All are located along the eastern bank of the channel. Location 1 is approximately 132-feet in length, Location 2 is approximately 31-feet in length and Location 3 is approximately 42-feet in length.

##### ***Alligator Creek Repairs:***

Post Hurricane Milton inspections of Alligator Creek revealed two locations of channel bank erosion and one location of pond bank erosion near the BayCare Ballpark.

The first location of bank erosion is along the northern end of the BayCare Ballpark facility, immediately east of the City's waste transfer station driveway and adjacent to the Ream Wilson Trail. Side bank erosion was observed along the southern bank of the Creek. This is referred to as Site 1.

The city-owned pond located between the BayCare Ballpark and US 19 experienced pond bank erosion along the top of bank and western edge of the concrete weir. This is referred to as Site 2.

The second location of bank erosion is immediately east of US 19 where the Creek turns north to parallel US 19. The channel bank along the outside radius of the bend sustained significant erosion and is threatening to undermine the drive aisle of the private commercial property. This is referred to as Site 3. Scope for all locations includes preparation of repair plans and specifications for bidding including development of specific quantities and budgets, permitting, bidding support and construction administration.

Breakdown of Engineer of Record Work Order Costs by Location (Total: \$347,923.01)

1. Joe Dimaggio Site 1: \$64,862.69
2. Joe Dimaggio Site 2: \$15,467.26
3. Joe Dimaggio Site 3: \$19,458.81
4. Alligator Creek Site 1: \$69,827.03
5. Alligator Creek Site 2: \$86,737.79
6. Alligator Creek Site 3: \$91,569.43

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

These work orders will be coded to Stormwater Fund capital project D2501, Hurricane Milton. This project is funded by revenues from the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund and reimbursements from FEMA will be pursued.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

1.2 Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historical features through systematic management efforts. 1.3 Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service. 1.4 Foster safe and healthy communities in Clearwater through first-class public safety and emergency response services. 1.5 Embrace a culture of innovation that drives continuous improvement and successfully serves all our customers. 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. 2.5 Facilitate partnerships with educational and research institutions to strengthen workforce development opportunities. 3.2 Preserve community livability through responsible development standards, proactive code compliance, and targeted revitalization. 3.3 Promote marketing and outreach strategies that encourage stakeholder engagement, enhance community education and build public trust. 3.4 Inspire citizen participation through civic engagement and volunteerism to build strong, inclusive and engaged communities. 4.1 Support proactive climate resiliency strategies based in science to protect natural and built environments from impacts associated with sea level rise. 4.2 Adopt renewable resource usage and waste reduction practices to ensure a vibrant City for current and future generations.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to approve six individual work orders with Advanced Engineering Design, Inc. of Pinellas Park, FL, to provide, design, bidding services and construction administration services associated with the FEMA funded Slope Stabilization Annual Contract (26-0006-EN) totaling \$347,923.01 pursuant to RFQ 34-23, Professional Services Continuing Contract, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.21** Approve the Standard Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,000,000 between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the City of Clearwater for the design and construction of four living seawalls and associated shoreline elevation improvements pursuant to the Clearwater Living Seawall Project (25-0045-EN), providing State funding with no required match, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The Clearwater Living Seawall Project is part of the City's broader coastal resilience strategy focused on strengthening shoreline infrastructure, enhancing habitat value, and reducing tidal flooding risks along Clearwater's waterfront. The State of Florida Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000 to the City of Clearwater for the design and construction of approximately four living seawalls across several locations within the City, including elevating existing seawalls to mitigate wave energy and seawall overtopping events. FDEP has issued Standard Grant Agreement L0167, which provides up to \$3,000,000 in State reimbursement with no required local match.

The Agreement term begins July 1, 2025, and expires June 30, 2028, allowing adequate time for design, permitting, bidding, and construction. The scope includes design and construction of living seawall segments and elevation of

existing seawalls. No equipment purchases or land acquisition activities are authorized under the Agreement. \$300,000 of the award is earmarked as reimbursable for preconstruction activities (design) and \$2,700,000 reimbursable for construction costs under the agreement.

The City's Living Seawall initiative supports Clearwater's goals of improving coastal resilience, enhancing water quality, supporting marine habitat, and providing shoreline protection that is compatible with recreational and aesthetic uses.

Quarterly progress reporting to FDEP is required throughout the term of the Agreement. The Agreement includes a provision requiring the City to indemnify FDEP; however, nothing in the Agreement constitutes a waiver of the City's sovereign immunity.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Grant funds will be budgeted in and reimbursed to capital project ENGF180006, Citywide Docks & Seawalls.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

1.2 Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historical features through systematic management efforts. 1.3 Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service. 1.4 Foster safe and healthy communities in Clearwater through first-class public safety and emergency response services. 1.5 Embrace a culture of innovation that drives continuous improvement and successfully serves all our customers. 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. 2.5 Facilitate partnerships with educational and research institutions to strengthen workforce development opportunities. 3.2 Preserve community livability through responsible development standards, proactive code compliance, and targeted revitalization. 3.3 Promote marketing and outreach strategies that encourage stakeholder engagement, enhance community education and build public trust. 3.4 Inspire citizen participation through civic engagement and volunteerism to build strong, inclusive and engaged communities. 4.1 Support proactive climate resiliency strategies based in science to protect natural and built environments from impacts associated with sea level rise. 4.2 Adopt renewable resource usage and waste reduction practices to ensure a vibrant City for current and future generations.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve the Standard Grant**

**Agreement in the amount of \$3,000,000 between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the City of Clearwater for the design and construction of four living seawalls and associated shoreline elevation improvements pursuant to the Clearwater Living Seawall Project (25-0045-EN), providing State funding with no required match, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.22** Approve a work order and design professional agreement with WSP USA, Inc., for the Pier 60 Repair project (25-0007-PR), to assist in developing rehabilitation plans to repair and harden the existing Pier 60, in the amount of \$708,227.00 per RFQ 55-25, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

Pier 60, a well-known landmark on Clearwater Beach situated just west of the roundabout at Mandalay Avenue and Coronado Drive, sustained significant damage to its T-section from Hurricanes Idalia, Helene and Milton.

At the Council Work Session held on June 2, 2025, staff sought direction from council on design options presented for permanent repairs and were directed to pursue replacement of the T-section in kind.

In July 2025, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ #55-25) was issued seeking an engineering firm to provide design and construction administration services for the Pier 60 Repair Project.

The RFQ selection committee, consisting of five representatives from the Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments, reviewed submittals from five engineering firms. The committee selected WSP USA, Inc. to design and provide construction administration services for the Pier 60 Repair Project. WSP assembled a highly qualified team of local professionals to provide comprehensive engineering, marine, architectural, environmental, permitting, and mechanical, electrical, plumbing (MEP) services. Their multi-disciplinary team is equipped to manage the full scope of this project, from marine structure rehabilitation through design, permitting, and construction with minimal reliance on subconsultants.

This work order includes in-depth hands-on investigation and development of a summary report, alternative analysis, and a 60% design allowance that will be refined once the extent of damage is identified and a repair method selected. WSP will coordinate and review results of the site investigation to determine the scope of repairs to prioritize systems and components needing repairs or

rehabilitation. The report will include preliminary construction costs for the recommended scope of repairs and architectural concepts for updating the pier. Once a repair alternative is selected, WSP will prepare engineering plans for 60% design. A supplemental work order will be presented to City Council to include fees to complete design and permitting of the selected alternative repair scope and provide construction administration services.

Total design and construction administration fees are estimated to be 12-17% of construction costs due to the necessary in-depth inspection/investigation and analysis phase and complicated and lengthy permitting efforts.

It is anticipated the on-site inspection, final report and analysis will be completed within 3 months. Thereafter, the 60% design phase will be completed within 4 months.

The design fees were refined by negotiating a reduction in hourly rates of senior WSP staff.

The total project budget for Pier 60 repairs, which includes resiliency enhancements, is estimated at \$10 million with current approved project funding at \$5 million from General Fund revenues. If approved at these design specifications, additional resources or approximately \$5 million will need to be allocated.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3157575-530100-M2505 \$708,227.00

Funding for this work order is available in capital project M2505, Pier 60 R&R, funded by revenues from the General Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This item falls under objective 1.2 (maintaining public infrastructure) within High Performing Government.

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve a work order and design professional agreement with WSP USA, Inc., for the Pier 60 Repair project (25-0007-PR), to assist in developing rehabilitation plans to repair and harden the existing Pier 60, in the amount of \$708,227.00 per RFQ 55-25, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.23** Approve a Work Order to WSP-USA, Inc., for the Living Seawall project (25-0045-EN) to

provide living seawall design services, converting four existing seawalls into living seawalls/shorelines, in the amount of \$405,533.00 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 34-23, Engineer of Record Consulting Services (EOR) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The Clearwater Living Seawall Project is part of the City's broader coastal resilience strategy focused on strengthening shoreline infrastructure, enhancing habitat value, and reducing tidal flooding risks along Clearwater's waterfront. The proposed seawall locations are along Coachman Park near the Pierce 100 Condominiums, under the north side of the Sand Key bridge, east side of Mandalay Channel and on Tampa Bay at S. Bayview Avenue. The scope includes field investigation, limited bathymetric and topographic survey, analysis, permitting, design development, bid support and construction phase services.

The State of Florida Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000 to the City of Clearwater for the design and construction of approximately four living seawalls across several locations within the City, including elevating existing seawalls to mitigate wave energy and seawall overtopping events. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) issued Standard Grant Agreement L0167, which provides up to \$3,000,000 in State reimbursement with no required local match. The Grant Agreement is pending City Council approval as a companion item on the March 30, 2026 city council meeting agenda.

WSP-USA was selected as the Engineer of Record (EOR) due to its extensive expertise in coastal engineering, bridge and seawall inspections and proven track record in infrastructure resilience, and ability to deliver comprehensive structural assessments.

Design is anticipated to be completed by June 2026. Public Works staff will return to City Council to present a low bid construction contract for approval in Fall 2026.

The proposed design fees were refined through negotiations that further defined and clarified the scope of services. As a result, the total cost was reduced from \$568,257.00 to \$405,533.00, yielding savings of \$162,724.00.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

ENGF180006 - \$405,533.00

Funding for this work order is available in capital project ENGF180006, Citywide Docks & Seawalls, funded by revenues from the General Fund and/or grant revenues from FDEP.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events. 2.5 Facilitate partnerships with educational and research institutions to strengthen workforce development opportunities. 3.2 Preserve community livability through responsible development standards, proactive code compliance, and targeted revitalization. 3.3 Promote marketing and outreach strategies that encourage stakeholder engagement, enhance community education and build public trust. 3.4 Inspire citizen participation through civic engagement and volunteerism to build strong, inclusive and engaged communities. 4.1 Support proactive climate resiliency strategies based in science to protect natural and built environments from impacts associated with sea level rise. 4.2 Adopt renewable resource usage and waste reduction practices to ensure a vibrant City for current and future generations.

*One individual supported the City pursuing grants to fund living sea walls.*

**Councilmember Cotton moved to approve a Work Order to WSP-USA, Inc., for the Living Seawall project (25-0045-EN) to provide living seawall design services, converting four existing seawalls into living seawalls/shorelines, in the amount of \$405,533.00 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 34-23, Engineer of Record Consulting Services (EOR) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.24** Approve an increase to the palm pruning contract with Brigan Enterprises, of Safety Harbor, FL; Superior Landscaping and Lawn Service, of Miami, FL; and Wright Tree Service, of Des Moines, IA, for palm tree pruning services on a unit-price basis, increasing the initial cumulative amount by \$250,000.00 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00 for the initial term, and approve two, one-year renewal options in

the annual cumulative not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) 11-26, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The City of Clearwater maintains approximately 2,000 palm trees of various species located throughout high-visibility areas, including Clearwater Beach, Memorial Causeway, Downtown, athletic complexes, and other major corridors. These locations serve as key tourist destinations, sports venues, and community gathering spaces. To support a resilient and well-maintained urban forest that enhances the City's economy, environment, and community character, routine maintenance of these palm trees is required. Most palms require annual pruning, while certain species and locations require bi-annual service to maintain public safety, tree health, and aesthetics.

On December 4, 2025, the Procurement Division issued Request for Proposal (RFP) #11-26, Palm Pruning and Maintenance Services. Nine vendors submitted proposals, and after evaluation, three firms were selected. The solicitation included pruning and maintenance services for multiple palm species across three designated service areas. Due to the specialized nature of the work, the volume and diversity of palm species, and the seasonal timing required for proper pruning, it was determined to be in the City's best interest to award multiple service areas to multiple qualified vendors to ensure adequate coverage, scheduling flexibility, and performance capacity.

On February 2, 2026, a temporary contract in the amount of \$50,000.00 was issued to allow continue uninterrupted services during peak event season, including Phillies Spring Training at BayCare Ballpark and ESPN NCAA Softball tournaments at the Eddie C. Moore Softball Complex. Although the temporary contract included all three vendors, only Wright Tree Service performs work within Service Area C, which covers these two sites.

The RFP evaluation process identified the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for each of the three service areas. Based on the unit prices submitted and the estimated service needs within each area, staff anticipates that the cumulative amount to be expended during the first year of this contract will not to exceed \$300,000.00. This amount includes funding for all three contractors within their respective service areas and incorporates the \$50,000.00 previously issued under the temporary contract.

The Procurement Division, Public Works Department and Parks & Recreation Department recommend awarding the service areas as follows:

Service Area A - Clearwater Beach

- Brigan Enterprises LLC d/b/a Monster Tree Service of Pinellas County

Service Area B - Memorial Causeway and Downtown Clearwater

- Superior Landscaping & Lawn Service LLC

Service Area C - Athletic Sports Fields and Clearwater City Limits East of Highland Avenue

- Wright Tree Service

Approval of this contract, including the increase for the initial term and renewal terms in a cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00, will provide sufficient funding to maintain these high-profile locations in accordance with established service levels and community expectations.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

0101312-530300 \$300,000.00

Funds for the first year of this contract are available in Public Works Urban Forestry Division cost code 0101312-530300, Contractual Services, funded by revenues from the General Fund. Funding for future years will be requested in the annual budget process.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

1.3 Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service. 2.3 Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events. 4.3 Protect the conservation of urban forests and public green spaces to promote biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve an increase to the palm pruning contract with Brigan Enterprises, of Safety Harbor, FL; Superior Landscaping and Lawn Service, of Miami, FL; and Wright Tree Service, of Des Moines, IA, for palm tree pruning services on a unit-price basis, increasing the initial cumulative amount by \$250,000.00 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00 for the initial term, and approve two, one-year renewal options in the annual cumulative not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) 11-26, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.25** Elect a Councilmember to serve as Vice Mayor.

The city charter requires the City Council to elect one of its members as Vice

Mayor at the first meeting in April.

Per City Council Rule 5, the office of Vice Mayor shall be rotated amongst the councilmembers annually, with Seat 2 (Councilmember Cotton) serving in this capacity in 2026.

Council may follow the rotation schedule as designated or appoint another councilmember.

**Councilmember Mannino moved to elect Councilmember Cotton to serve as Vice Mayor. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.26** Appoint individuals to the Public Art and Design Board as listed.

#### **APPOINTMENT WORKSHEET**

BOARD: **Public Art and Design Board**

TERM: 4 years

APPOINTED BY: City Council

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: Not Required

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: City of Clearwater resident except for the Clearwater Arts Alliance, Inc., *formerly, Clearwater Arts Foundation*, and the Creative Pinellas representative

MEMBERS: 7

Liaison: Amber Brice, Cultural Affairs Coordinator

CHAIR:

MEETING DATE: Quarterly - January, March, June, Sep.

TIME/PLACE: 2:00 PM/Chambers

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED: 7

1. Appoint Sheri Aquilar as the Clearwater Arts Alliance representative with a term expiring March 30, 2030.  
Sheri Aquilar - 606 Belleview Boulevard, Clearwater, 33756 - Clearwater Arts Alliance Representative
2. Appoint Maggie Duffy as the Creative Pinellas representative with a term expiring February 29, 2030.  
Maggie Duffy - 4225 8th Avenue N, St. Petersburg - Creative Pinellas, Digital Managing Partner
3. Appoint Mark Lutz as the Architect with a term expiring January 15, 2030.  
Mark Lutz - 1312 Moreland Drive, Clearwater, 33764 - Architect  
Appointed 1/15/26; serving 1st term

Mr. Lutz is currently filling a term through January 15, 2030 in the Citizen category. Staff is requesting to change the appointment category to Architect as Mr. Lutz is a professional architect (a category difficult to fill). The expiration date to the current term remains the same.

4. Reappoint Bryan Voliton as the Active Professional Artist with a term expiring March 30, 2030.

Bryan Voliton - 1101 Grant Street, Clearwater, 33755 - Greenwood Grove, Exec. Dir.

Appointed 6/8/23; completed partial term.

5. Reappoint Jonathan Barnes and Gregory Byrd as Citizens knowledgeable in fields of public art, education, or community affairs with terms expiring March 31, 2030.

Jonathan Barnes - 1613 Maple Street, Clearwater 33765 - St.

Petersburg College, Adjunct Ceramics Professor

Appointed 8/18/23; completing partial term on 3/31/26

Gregory Byrd - 1400 Pinebrook Drive, Clearwater, 33755 - St.

Petersburg College, Professor

Appointed 3/3/22; completing 1st term on 3/31/26

6. Appoint an individual to serve as the Citizen knowledgeable in fields of public art, education, or community affairs to an unexpired term through May 1, 2029.

The following individuals submitted applications for council consideration:

1. David Lingenfelter - 100 Hampton Road, Lot 264, Clearwater, 33759 - Dunrite Metal Fabricators, Inc., Owner/Designer
2. Judy Morton - 1881 N Hercules Avenue, Apt. 802, Clearwater, 33765 - Pinellas Community Foundation, Donor Advisor and Writer
3. Aleena Rivera Sayetta - 1001 N MLK, Jr. Avenue, Apt. 1812, Clearwater, 33755 - Muralist
4. Michaela Sorensen - 500 N Osceola Avenue, Apt. 703, Clearwater, 33755 - Theta Creative, Vice President, Visual Artist
5. Valorie Vogel - 1471 Jacaranda Circle N, Clearwater, 33755 - Independent Visual Artist

*There was consensus to appoint Judy Morton as the Citizen knowledgeable in fields of public art, education, or community affairs.*

**Councilmember Cotton moved to appoint individuals to the Public Art and Design Board as listed and Judy Morton as the Citizen knowledgeable in fields of public art, education, or community affairs to an unexpired term through May 1, 2029. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.27** Appoint Karen Cunningham to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (Regional Board) to fill an unexpired term through February 2, 2028.

**APPOINTMENT WORKSHEET**

**BOARD: Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (Regional Board)**

**TERM: 5 years**

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: Not Required**

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Required**

**SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Clearwater has an at-large member who serves on the Board of Directors. Members do not have to meet specific qualification requirements. However, individuals appointed to serve on the board are expected to be adults interested in or having some familiarity with education, welfare, health, housing, or other related needs and services in Pinellas County and a keen awareness of and sensitivity to supporting poverty programs and initiatives aimed at helping low-income people become self-sufficient. The Clearwater City Council identifies the Clearwater representative, and the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners confirms the appointment.

**CHAIR: N/A**

**MEETING DATES:** Meets bi-monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Park Station, 5851 Park Boulevard N, Pinellas Park

**APPTS. NEEDED: 1**

**THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL RESIGNED:**

1. Janel Griffeth Donatto - 1010 Spencer Ave., Clearwater, 33756  
Resigned 2/24/26 due to work schedule

**THE FOLLOING INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR THE PINELLAS OPPORUTNITY COUNCIL, INC. (REGIONAL BOARD):**

1. Karen Cunningham - 3178 Eagles Landing Circle W, Clearwater 33761 - retired transportation planner

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to appoint Karen Cunningham to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (Regional Board) to fill an unexpired term through February 2, 2028. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.28** Approve an agreement with Bryant Miller Olive P.A. for legal services and representation to the City of Clearwater Community Development Board and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The Community Development Board Rules of Procedure states under Section 4 that outside legal counsel is to be provided to the Community Development Board (CDB) to assist the CDB with its responsibilities. The CDB was previously represented by Jay Daigneault of Trask Daigneault, LLP, dating back several years. Since Mr. Daigneault resigned from representing the CDB on February 3, 2026, it has become necessary for the City to select new legal counsel for the CDB.

The City Attorney's Office recommends retaining Bryant Miller Olive to represent the CDB. The City has collaborated with Bryant Miller Olive for more than 20 years, and they have agreed to undertake this representation pursuant to the attached legal services agreement. The City Council authorizes the City Attorney to approve legal fee invoices in this matter up to the not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000.00.

This agreement is exempt from bidding pursuant to Section 2.563(1)(g), Clearwater Code of Ordinances.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

A budget amendment may be needed in cost code 01009600-530100, Professional Services, to fund this contract. The operating budget of the City Attorney's Office is funded by General Fund revenue.

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve an agreement with Bryant Miller Olive P.A. for legal services and representation to the City of Clearwater Community Development Board and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**7. Citizens to be Heard on topics pertaining to city business but not on the agenda.**

*Ursula Snow opposed the project being proposed at The Landings and expressed a concern that the project will not require a referendum.*

**8. City Manager Reports**

*The City Manager thanked staff and participating neighborhoods for another successful Neighborhoods Day.*

## **9. City Attorney Reports – None.**

## **10. Other Council Action**

### **10.1 Provide direction regarding the September 3, 2026 council meeting.**

At the March 2, 2026 work session, staff was requested to determine if rescheduling the September 3, 2026 council meeting, which is the City's first budget hearing, was possible.

Due to the School Board and County's budget hearings, the City may not reschedule the September 3rd budget hearing to September 8th or September 10th.

Based on council calendars, the budget hearing could be moved to Wednesday, September 9th. Please note Councilmember Allbritton has a conflict due to PSTA's budget hearing scheduled at 6:00 p.m. If Council chooses to reschedule the September 3rd budget hearing to September 9th, staff recommends holding the council meeting on August 31, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and cancelling the work session at 1:30 p.m.

At the March 5, 2026 council meeting, staff was directed to confirm if the budget hearing could be held on September 15, 2026. Staff placed holds on council calendars to schedule the first budget hearing on Tuesday, September 15th and the second budget hearing on Monday, September 21st, with both meetings beginning at 6:00 p.m.

In addition, staff is seeking direction to hold a special work session on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. or Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. to review the proposed budget.

*There was consensus to hold the budget meetings on September 15, 2026 and September 21, 2026 and a special work session on August 11, 2026.*

## **11. Closing comments by Councilmembers (limited to 3 minutes)**

*Councilmember Cotton said Neighborhood's Day was a success and he thanked Public Communications and all the staff who participated in the event. He said Easter Weekend is coming up and that he is looking forward to serving as Vice-Mayor.*

*Councilmember Mannino said The Landings project is an unsolicited proposal that was submitted and staff has 90 days to review the proposal,*

*draft the findings and recommendations, then meet one-one-one with each Councilmember. The proposal is still under staff review and he encouraged everyone to respect the process. He said Neighborhood's Day was amazing and commended the neighborhood leaders and staff for a great day. He said Sugar Sand Festival has started and hopes everyone takes the time to attend.*

*Vice Mayor Teixeira said Mr. Ken Hamilton passed away last week and said his service to the community and generosity touched many lives. She thanked everyone involved in Neighborhood's Day, she enjoyed the conversations with both the residents and staff and she saw the pride of the community.*

**12. Closing Comments by Mayor**

*Mayor Rector said Mr. Ken Hamilton's celebration of life was well attended and it was apparent that he was involved with all aspects of the community and he expressed sympathies to Mr. Hamilton's family. He said he enjoyed Neighborhood's Day, it was well organized and he was excited to see how many people supported the day. It is important for residents to connect with all the different departments, and it is important to connect with each other. He said he hopes everyone is able to attend the Sugar Sand Festival and that the Purina Dog Challenge will take place on April 11, 2026, the same day as the Market Marie.*

**13. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.*

Attest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor  
City of Clearwater

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City Clerk