

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2024

6:00 PM

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City Council

Roll Call

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

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

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

Unapproved

1. Call to Order – Mayor Rector

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

2. Invocation – Major Ted Morris, The Salvation Army

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.) – Given.

4.1 August Service Awards

The August 2024 Employee of the Month Award was presented to Amber Brice, Art and Cultural Affairs.

4.2 Clearwater Sister Cities Inc. Young Ambassador Presentation

Clearwater Sister Cities Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides many cultural exchange events for the community centered around Clearwater's Sister City, Nagano, Japan. Their Young Ambassador program allows middle school students the opportunity to experience life in Japan firsthand. They spend a week sightseeing and a week with a homestay family in Nagano while attending a local school. Though this trip is funded primarily by the parents of students and partially by organization, the City of Clearwater provides one scholarship per year to a Clearwater resident.

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1** Approve the minutes of the August 1, 2024 city council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2024 city council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted, less Items 6.1- 6.3.

- 6.1** Approve First Amendment to the Venue License Agreement between the City and Ruth Eckerd Hall Inc. for the management and operation of The BayCare Sound and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See Below.

- 6.2** Approve supplemental two work order from Moffatt and Nichol, of Tampa, FL for Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI), additional permitting services and grant administration for the Clearwater Beach Marina Replacement project (21-0008-MA), a \$329,017.00 increase for a new total of \$1,849,091.50 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 24-21 and authorize the appropriate officials execute same. (consent)

See Below.

- 6.3** Approve a Contract for Purchase of Real Property by the City of Clearwater (City), located at 1843 Springtime Ave, Clearwater, FL 33774, owned by James McLaughlin with a purchase price of \$350,000.00 and total expenditures not to exceed \$360,000.00, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same, together with all other instruments required to affect closing. (consent)

See Below.

- 6.4** Accept a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement from Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida, for the construction, installation, and maintenance of gas utility facilities on real property lying U.S. 19 Alt SR 595 (Bay Shore Blvd.), over Cedar Creek, Pinellas County, Florida. (consent)

- 6.5** Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal from Biltmore Construction Co., Inc. of Belleair, FL, for repair of Fire Station 48 Burn Tower in the amount of \$324,944.00, pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 40-20, Construction Manager at Risk Services Continuing Contracts, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

- 6.6** Approve an agreement with Precision Contracting Services, Inc., for the installation of new, and maintenance of existing, conduit and fiber optic cabling in the not to exceed amount of \$6,622,835.00 for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029, pursuant to RFP 46-24, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Councilmember Teixeira moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, less Items 6.1 through 6.3, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 6.1** Approve First Amendment to the Venue License Agreement between the City and Ruth Eckerd Hall Inc. for the management and operation of The BayCare Sound and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

On May 19, 2022, the City Council approved staff entering contract negotiations with Ruth Eckerd Hall (REH) to manage, program and operate the Venue and on December 8, 2022 a Venue License Agreement between the City and REH was approved. The grand opening of the park and the Sound occurred on June 28, 2023.

Prior to this, on April 15, 2021, staff was authorized to issue an RFP to seek consultant services for naming rights and sponsorships for Imagine Clearwater and on March 3, 2022, City Council approved issuing a purchase order to Superlative Group Inc. for Phase I, development of a Valuation Report. Following the delivery of the Valuation Report the Council approved entering Phase II, Sales Services, which began on February 2, 2023. Approximately one year later on March 7, 2024, the City Council approved a Naming Rights Agreement between BayCare Health Systems Inc. and the City naming the venue "The BayCare Sound."

During the first year of operations of The BayCare Sound both the City and REH have recognized a need to amend the original agreement to provide for clarification and definition of some operational issues which will strengthen the agreement and relationship between the City and REH. These changes and additions to the agreement will allow REH and the City to provide for more effective and efficient operations of The BayCare Sound.

Most of the contractual amendments are intended to reflect the operational standards that have been developed and in use by both parties since the approval of the original agreement. Some of the key issues that have been negotiated and may be of specific interest to the Council and the public can be

found in the "Term Sheet Between City and REH".

REH has always been aware of their responsibility to pay for all utility costs associated with use of the Venue. The amended language clarifies what this will be. Following is a list of the utilities and percentages being paid by REH and justification as to why these percentages apply.

Electricity - 100%: The Venue is metered separately from the remainder of Coachman Park and these bills are directly attributed to REH.

Water, Sewer, Wastewater

- Restroom on the Hill - 100%: This restroom (at the northeast quadrant of the Sound near the library) is not opened to the public and serves REH or City Events only.
- Main Building including Main Restroom - 50%: This restroom is used by the public year-round except for the 35 performance days REH uses the Venue. Since the building is serviced by a 2-inch meter there is a minimum usage charge which neither REH nor the city combined will exceed. Thus, the City and REH agreed to share the minimum charge of \$4,906.98 per month on a 50/50 basis.
- Vendor Area in Plaza and Green in the Park - 50%: There is a 1 ½ inch meter that services the vendor plaza area about 35 times a year and the park the remainder of the year. Like the main restrooms there is a minimum usage charge that neither REH nor the city combined will exceed. Thus, the City and REH agreed to share the minimum charge of \$886 per month on a 50/50 basis.

Trash Compactor - 25%: The compactor is used 365 days a year by city staff to dispose of trash gathered in the park while REH uses the compactor only during event days. On average the compactor is emptied four times a month therefore REH agreed to pay for one compactor pull per month or 25% of the yearly bill.

Storm Water Fee - REH is responsible to pay the proportionate stormwater fees for the impervious areas (2.51 acres) within the Venue.

Rest Room Supplies - 0%: The city is responsible to open, close, clean and stock these restrooms 365 days per year for use by the public, while REH cleans and stocks the restrooms only for their performances. Since REH pays 100% of electricity cost for the rest rooms staff is recommending that the city donate restroom supplies for use by REH. Operationally this works best for both parties.

Sponsor tickets - REH will provide 10 highest priced tickets per event to the venue sponsor, at no cost to the city or venue sponsor. This has an estimated cost of \$56,000 a year.

City staff and REH are supportive of this amendment as it will provide a more stable business model that allows REH to operate the Venue as successful as they can, thus providing quality entertainment for the community, while at the same time allowing the citizens to enjoy many of the amenities of the Venue

when not in use by REH.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Approval of this amendment supports several Strategic Plan Objectives, including:

- 1.5: Embrace a culture of innovation that drives continuous improvement and successfully serves all our customers.
- 2.1: Strengthen public-private initiatives that attract, develop, and retain diversified business sectors.
- 2.2: Cultivate a business climate that welcomes entrepreneurship, inspires local investment, supports Eco-friendly enterprises, and encourages high-quality job growth. and
- 2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.

One individual spoke in opposition.

Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to approve First Amendment to the Venue License Agreement between the City and Ruth Eckerd Hall Inc. for the management and operation of The BayCare Sound and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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The Beach Marina, located on the south side of the Clearwater beach roundabout, dates to the early 1950's. Due to the dock and utility infrastructure's age and outdated mix of slip sizes and types, the marina no longer meets current best practices and standards and requires replacement.

October 7, 2021, City Council approved the professional service agreement and design work order with Moffatt Nichols pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 24-21 in the amount of \$1,484,174.50.

July 18, 2023, City Manager approved supplemental one work order for a parking study to evaluate the parking demand at the Marina in the amount of \$35,900.00.

Supplemental two work order provides for Phase 1 (12 months) of CEI services, additional work to complete the City's Building Permit requirements and administration of the Resilient Florida and Sport Fish Restoration Grants. Phase 2 CEI services will be covered by a future supplemental work order. This supplemental two work order and future supplement are included in the \$46M project budget.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

3327332-561300-C1905 \$329,017.00

Funds are available in capital improvement project 332-C1905, Beach Marine Upgrade, to fund this work order.

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.

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

Environmental Stewardship

4.1 Support proactive climate resiliency strategies based in science to protect natural and built environments from impacts associated with sea level rise.

One individual spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Mannino moved to approve supplemental two work order from Moffatt and Nichol, of Tampa, FL for Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI), additional permitting services and grant administration for the Clearwater Beach Marina Replacement project (21-0008-MA), a \$329,017.00 increase for a new total of \$1,849,091.50 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 24-21 and authorize the appropriate officials execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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This parcel is a strategic acquisition for the City of Clearwater to meet some of the recommendations of the Stevenson Creek Water Management Plan, as well as creating direct neighborhood benefits, such as: improving existing flooding conditions and the City's Community Rating System (FEMA's CRS), removing one home from the 100-year floodplain, providing much needed access to the creek for construction and maintenance, and providing future flood compensation volume for the area.

This property rests between two bridges (Douglas Avenue & Springtime Avenue) and will provide access during construction of the proposed stormwater improvements and bridge replacements. The clear access is expected to reduce construction cost and potential delays and cost for easement acquisitions. In addition to the short-term benefits, the property is an ideal location, allowing City Stormwater maintenance to access both bridges for routine inspections and maintenance activities as well as access to the creek for neighborhood residents.

Two appraisals were performed, one on, August 21, 2023, which provided an appraised value of \$287,500.00, but said did not include the affected creek bank land. November 3, 2023, a second appraisal was completed to total \$19,506.00 to include all affected areas including the creek bank; but said appraisal did not include the center portion of the creek bank which was then calculated at \$20,596.00 for a total value of \$327,602.00 dollars.

The landowner rejected this amount based on current market conditions. As a Licensed Broker, staff formed a Broker's Price Opinion (BPO) based on current closed Sales, strategic importance of the property for city purposes, thereby increasing the amount by \$22,398.00 to the final Purchase price of \$350,000.00 dollars, which was accepted by the landowner.

A crossing sanitary sewer easement is not within the construction zone, and there are no other utilities to address.

City staff have approved this request.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

ENST180003-ACQ-LNDPUR \$360,000

Funds are available in capital improvement project ENST180003, Stormwater System Expansion, to fund this contract.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Purchasing this property will help the City achieve Strategic Objective 1.2 Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts: and 1.3 Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service.

One individual questioned if staff considered the alternative cost methods of doing the construction without purchasing the land.

Real Estate Services Coordinator Robert Kasmer said the subject parcel rests between two bridges that need to be reconstructed in order to enhance stormwater flow. In the future, Parks and Recreation may use the site for a kayak launch. Public Works Director Marcus Williamson said the site also provides the City with a good launching point for annual stormwater maintenance access. He said the City receives an annual CRS credit for purchasing property located in a flood prone area, which benefits all residents who purchase flood insurance. Mr. Williamson said purchasing the site was a better alternative, as utilizing a barge to transport the large equipment and to access the area would be more expensive. Mr. Kasmer said the subject property is 137 feet of waterfront and is a heavily wooded area.

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve a Contract for Purchase of Real Property by the City of Clearwater (City), located at 1843 Springtime Ave, Clearwater, FL 33774, owned by James McLaughlin with a purchase price of \$350,000.00 and total expenditures not to exceed \$360,000.00, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same, together with all other instruments required to affect closing. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings - Not before 6:00 PM

7. Administrative Public Hearings

- 7.1** Approve State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Annual Report and Local Housing Incentive Certification for the closeout year 2021-2022 and interim year 2022-2023 and allow appropriate officials to execute same. (APH)

The Florida Legislature enacted the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act (Act) in 1992. The Act created a dedicated revenue source for state and local housing trust funds including the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program.

Through the SHIP Program, the Economic Development and Housing Department has provided funding for the following housing activities: Purchase assistance in the form of down payment and closing costs assistance of existing structures; the construction of new dwellings; the rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family dwellings; and the rehabilitation of rental

properties.

All local governments receiving SHIP funds must submit their annual report to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation by September 15 of each year. The annual report provides details of expended and encumbered funds. The report also provides information on the strategies funded, the number of households served, and income category, age, family size, race and other data regarding special needs populations such as homeless persons, persons with disabilities and the elderly. The report is submitted electronically to the State of Florida. SHIP is a unique funding program. Qualifying local governments (Grantees) are allocated formula-derived amounts annually from a dedicated funding source. The State encourages grantees to spend these funds in the form of loans, rather than grants, so future revenue from repayment of loans (Program Income) can be used in addition to annual allocations. Grantees are given three years to expend an annual allocation and Program Income received during the same program year. With each SHIP report, the closeout year must be fully expended. Negative carryover results from project expenditures spanning more than one year. That is, projects in FY2022-2022 (closeout year) utilized funds from FY2022-2023 and FY2023-2024.

For closeout year 2021-2022, the City received \$806,837 from the state annual distribution, \$1,045,409.04 in program income and related interest, carryover of a negative balance of \$6,972.49 from previous year funds for FY 2021-2022 total revenue of \$1,845,273.55. The city expended a total of \$1,782,436.32 to assist sixty-eight families utilizing its approved strategies. The city expended \$271,770 on purchase assistance, \$442,119.32 on owner-occupied rehabilitation, \$705,800 on construction of four new single-family homes and \$362,747 to rehabilitate seven multi-family units.

SHIP funding has a positive impact on the City's economy, as evidenced by activities in closeout year 2021-2022, where the City expended \$1,782,436.32 on SHIP strategies in SHIP dollars to leverage approximately \$2,000,000 in other funds. Additionally, the city spent \$107,933.94 on program administration. The City's SHIP program will carry a negative balance of \$45,096.71 into FY 2022-23 which will be closed out this time next year.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Objective 2.4 - Supports equitable housing programs that promote household stability and reduces the incidence of homelessness within Clearwater.

Councilmember Teixeira moved to approve State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Annual Report and Local

Housing Incentive Certification for the closeout year 2021-2022 and interim year 2022-2023 and allow appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

7.2 Appoint 11 members to the 2024 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to include the appointment of a locally elected official and adopt Resolution 24-11.

Florida Statute Section 420.9076 states that counties and cities receiving State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program funds are required to establish annually an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and prepare a Local Housing Incentive Strategy (LHIS). The statute further provides that the committee be made up of eight to 11 members appointed by the City. The committee must consist of one locally elected official and one representative from at least six specific categories. The required categories and recommended individuals are listed below:

- Banking industry/mortgage: Robyn Fiel
- Area of labor engaged in home building: David Harder
- Advocate for low-income person: Christine Bond
- Not-for-profit provider of affordable housing: Charessa Doty
- Real estate professional engaged in affordable housing: Lindsay Dicus-Harrison
- Representative of employers: Camille Hebting
- Clearwater resident: Linda Byers
- Member of the local planning agency: Michael Boutzoukas
- Essential Services representative: Cheri DeBlaere
- Residential home building: Rick Vail
- Locally elected official: Mike Mannino

The duties of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee shall include reviewing policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations and the City's adopted comprehensive plan and shall recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.

The LHIS must be submitted to City Council by December 31, 2024, and will encompass the definition, vision, strategic focus areas, and action plan (including potential amendments to procedures and existing regulations) in order to facilitate the development of affordable housing in the City.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Objective 2.4 - Supports equitable housing programs that promote household

stability and reduces the incidence of homelessness within Clearwater.

Resolution 24-11 was presented and read by title only.

Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to appoint 11 members to the 2024 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to include the appointment of a locally elected official and adopt Resolution 24-11. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

- 7.3** Approve increases of residential and commercial Stormwater Utility rates by 8.0% per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) beginning October 1, 2024, October 1, 2025, October 1, 2026, October 1, 2027, and October 1, 2028; allow for billing of property owners for services of Stormwater Management irrespective of the use of other utility services; and pass Ordinance 9774-24 on first reading.

August 18, 2022, City Council adopted five years of Stormwater rate increases at 1.75% per year for fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

Stantec Consulting Services' 2024 revenue sufficiency and financial forecast analysis determined that, due to current capital and operating cost projections, increases of 8.0% are needed for fiscal years 2025 (\$14.98), 2026 (\$16.18), 2027 (\$17.47), 2028 (\$18.87) and 2029 (\$20.38), beginning October 1, 2024. Property owners are currently paying \$13.87 per ERU, effective 10/1/23 for current FY24. The proposed 10/1/24 8% rate, will increase the previously approved rate of \$14.11 (a 1.75% increase) to \$14.98 (8% increase), or \$0.87 a month per ERU (per single residence).

Stormwater Utility fees are utilized for planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and inspection of the City's stormwater management facilities as well as ensure the City meets new regulation requirements. This rate increase is needed to provide adequate funding to operate the City's Stormwater System and maintain compliance with debt service.

This ordinance includes updated language to assess a stormwater management utility fee regardless of whether other city utilities (potable water, sanitary sewer, reclaim, gas) are being provided for the property parcel, including vacant parcels, to appropriately collect fees from all users of the city-wide stormwater system.

Business Impact Statement: This rate change will result in a stormwater rate increase of 8% for Clearwater businesses. This increase is designed to help mitigate flooding issues and comply with State regulations. Failure to implement rate increases would result in sooner bond requirements to cover

debt costs, which would ultimately result in much higher rate increases. In addition, failing to properly augment required spending could jeopardize Clearwater's AAA bond rating that helps offset debt financing costs, which could result in higher costs to businesses in the future from higher rate increases. Failure to perform the work, would result in increased flooding, potential safety issues from deteriorating stormwater infrastructure and potential fines from State regulators for failing to inspect and maintain the stormwater system. Failure to perform required work may result in flooding with road/sidewalk infrastructure problems, which would likely impact businesses by making it more difficult or undesirable for customers and business activities to operate. The rate increase is citywide and stormwater concerns to each business across the city will vary based the surrounding stormwater infrastructure, elevation, tidal influence, bodies of water near the facility, road network, type of business activities, and several other factors. For this reason, the business impact statement is citywide and not tailored to specific businesses. In preparing the stormwater rate study, the City carefully balanced needs for stormwater improvements and maintenance across future years to minimize rate impacts while ensuring stormwater needs are met, minimizing impacts to residents and businesses. Initial efforts had a higher rate that was balanced down to the proposed 8% level, reasonably accounting for impacts given increased storm intensity, higher tidal elevations and inflationary and land development pressures.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

1.1 Provide evidence-based measurement tools to continually guide municipal performance and promote accountable governance. 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. 1.4. Foster safe and healthy communities in Clearwater through first-class public safety and emergency response services.

One individual spoke in opposition.

One individual requested additional information regarding the cost associated to addressing broken systems versus installing new stormwater conveyances in subdivisions prior to second reading.

Discussion ensued with comments made that staff is looking at all potential funding sources to assist with future stormwater projections.

Ordinance 9774-24 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Mannino moved to approve increases of

residential and commercial Stormwater Utility rates by 8.0% per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) beginning October 1, 2024, October 1, 2025, October 1, 2026, October 1, 2027, and October 1, 2028; allow for billing of property owners for services of Stormwater Management irrespective of the use of other utility services; and pass Ordinance 9774-24 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

7.4 Confirm the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to conditions surrounding Hurricane Debby and adopt Resolution 24-13.

The entire City of Clearwater was threatened by the wind and rain and disruption of services and coastal areas were threatened by storm surge attendant to the arrival of Hurricane Debby.

Mayor Bruce Rector issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on August 5, 2024. Section 15.07(2) of the Code of Ordinances requires the City Council to confirm a Declaration of a State of Emergency at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Resolution 24-13 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Cotton moved to confirm the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to conditions surrounding Hurricane Debby and adopt Resolution 24-13. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

8. City Manager Reports

8.1 North Beach Update

Public Works Director Marcus Williamson said, during the most recent storm, staff observed that some of the pumps worked better, proving that the recent maintenance has helped. Staff is reviewing the proposals received for the larger implementation, but will be rediscussing the implementation project as there may be more creative ways to address stormwater issues that do not require infrastructure replacement.

Council thanked staff for their efforts during the storm.

9. City Attorney Reports – None.

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

Councilmember Cotton thanked staff for their dedication and efforts during Hurricane Debby.

Councilmember Teixeira reviewed recent events and said she is working with the Clearwater Arts Alliance on an upcoming pop-up "Wearable Art" exhibit at the Main Library, September 3-21. She wished all of Italian heritage a blessed Feast of the Assumption.

Councilmember Mannino thanked staff for their dedication during the storm and congratulated the three Clearwater Olympians for their efforts in Paris.

Vice Mayor Allbritton said the Governor approved the Forward Pinellas Reapportionment Plan on August 8, providing Clearwater with another seat.

11. Closing Comments by Mayor

Mayor Rector reviewed recent and upcoming events, congratulated Clearwater's Olympians, and urged drivers to be careful while driving as schools are back in session and students are walking to school.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Attest

Mayor
City of Clearwater

City Clerk