

# City of Clearwater

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



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026  
6:00 PM

Main Library - Council Chambers

City Council

**Roll Call**

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

**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 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.) – Given.****4.1 Volunteer Program 2025 Annual Recap - Kelsy Johnson, Recreation Specialist**

*Ms. Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation.*

**5. Approval of Minutes****5.1 Approve the minutes of the December 4, 2025 city council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.**

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2025 city council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**5.2 Amend the September 18, 2025 city council meeting minutes.**

The approved September 18, 2025 city council meeting minutes did not contain an eComment that was submitted on time for Item 7.2. The proposed

amendment is as follows (page 7):

One individual submitted an eComment in opposition (see page 12).

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to amend the September 18, 2025 city council meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted, less Items 6.1-6.3, 6.8-6.14, and 6.22.**

**6.1** Authorize purchase orders to Florida Industrial Products of Tampa, FL, Hughes Supply HAJOCA Corp. of St. Petersburg, FL, Mine and Mill Supply Company of Lakeland, FL, Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL, and Technico Gas LLC of Lake Worth, FL for the supply of galvanized steel pipe and fittings in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed the amount of \$200,000.00 with the option for two, one-year renewals, pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 02-26 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

**6.2** Authorize a purchase order to AECOM Technical Services of Tampa, FL, for design consulting services of Clearwater Beach Gas Pipeline Intercoastal Subaqueous Crossings in the not-to-exceed amount of \$934,000.00 pursuant to Request for Qualifications No. 30-25 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

**6.3** Ratify and confirm an increase to the Purchase Order with Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG (Trillium) of Houston TX for the maintenance, remote monitoring, diagnostics, and repair services of the compressed natural gas (CNG) stations in the amount of \$15,575.74 bringing the total purchase order amount for year one ending November 30, 2025 to \$130,575.74 pursuant to ITB 61-24, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

**6.4** Approve a Purchase Order to Bayside Dredging LLC of Clearwater, FL, for inspection and dredging services at stormwater locations throughout the City in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$750,000.00 for an initial one-year term, with one, one-year renewal option on a unit price basis, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(c), Piggyback and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**6.5** Continue to February 5, 2026: Approve a Roadway Transfer Agreement with the Town of Belleair for a certain portion of Watkins Road pursuant to Florida Statute 335.0415(3) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**6.6** Approve a services agreement with Charter Communications dba Spectrum Enterprise (Spectrum) of St. Louis, MO, for cable, internet access and point-to-point data network services in the amount of \$400,000.00, for services from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(d), Non-competitive purchase (Impractical), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**6.7** Authorize an increase to the purchase order with Accela, Inc. of San Ramon, CA for the renewal of plan review and database licensing for ePermitHub plan review services supporting the City's land management and permitting software services for the term that began in May 2024 through October 5, 2029, in the amount of \$388,964.53, for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$2,292,747.64 pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Code Section 2.563 (1)(d), Non-competitive purchase (Impractical), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**6.8** Approve an agreement with Cayenta, a division of N. Harris Computer Corp., of British Columbia, Canada, for support and maintenance, professional services, and hosted AI agent services in support of the Utility Billing Management System, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,192,873.13, for the 5-year term beginning November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2030, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(d), Non-competitive purchase (impractical), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**See below.**

**6.9** Accept Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant Agreement Amendment (No. 453898-1-94-01) in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 for the Parking Lot Expansion and Rehabilitation at Clearwater Executive Airport and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**See below.**

**6.10** Approve a purchase order to and lease Agreement with Mobile Modular Management Corporation for the lease of one five-wide modular building to temporarily house Fixed Base Operator (FBO) operations at Clearwater Executive Airport during terminal and parking lot construction in the amount of \$147,833.16 pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(c), piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**See below.**

**6.11** Authorize Purchase Orders to Core and Main LP, and Pasco Pipe Supply Inc. of FL, for ductile iron pipes, fittings, mechanical joint restraints, and polyethylene tubing in the cumulated annual not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000.00, for the term January 16, 2026 through January 15, 2027, with two, one-year renewal options pursuant to ITB 57-25 Ductile Iron Pipes, Fittings, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

(consent)  
See below.

**6.12** Authorize an increase and a ninety day extension of the existing purchase order with Odyssey Manufacturing Company of Tampa, Florida, for the supply of liquid sodium hypochlorite in the amount of \$300,000.00, increasing the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$1,500,000.00 to \$1,800,000.00, and extending the term for ninety days through April 16, 2026, pursuant to ITB 04-23 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

**6.13** Approve an agreement between Hadronex Inc. dba SmartCover Systems, of Escondido, California, and the City of Clearwater Public Utilities Department for the use of SmartCover software for online mapping and monitoring service, continued hardware and extended warranties for all existing wastewater system units; participation in the SmartCare maintenance program, including system troubleshooting, routine proactive maintenance , parts and labor, for the term February 01, 2026 through January 31, 2028, in the amount of \$438,398.64 pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(d) Non-competitive purchase (impractical), and authorize the appropriate official to execute same. (consent)

See below.

**6.14** Authorize purchase orders to Core and Main LP of St. Louis, MO, Empire Pipe and Supply Company Inc of Sanford, FL, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC dba Ferguson Waterworks of Tampa, FL, Staline Waterworks of Charlotte, NC, and Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL, for the supply of service brass and brass valves in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$395,000.00 with the option of two, one-year renewals pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 60-25, Service Brass and Brass Fittings, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

**6.15** Approve a professional services agreement and work order with PBK Architects, for the design of the Eddie C. Moore Complex Renovations project (25-0032-PR) in the amount of \$1,430,149.00 per Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 41-25; transfer \$740,000 from Athletic Fields R & R (M2207) to E.C. Moore Renovations (C2510) at mid-year; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**6.16** Appoint John Carey to the Brownfields Advisory Board to fill the Resident category for a term set to expire January 15, 2030. (consent)

**6.17** Reappoint Philip Kirkpatrick to the Brownfields Advisory Board to fill the Government Representative category for a term set to expire on January 15, 2030. (consent)

**6.18** Approve the Mayor's reappointment of Melanie Humphrey to the Clearwater Housing

Authority Board for a term ending January 15, 2030. (consent)

**6.19**Appoint Mark Lutz to the Public Art and Design Board, as the citizen representative, with a term set to expire on January 15, 20230. (consent)

**6.20**Reappoint Dean Strickland to the Municipal Code Enforcement Board with a term set to expire on January 15, 2029. (consent)

**6.21**Appoint Candace Gardner, Timothy Hughes, Bianca Latvala, Kelly Kelly, Michael Rubino, Glenna Wentworth, and Nana Westmark to the Community Resiliency and Leisure Services Advisory Board with terms set to expire on January 15, 2030. (consent)

**6.22**Schedule a special work session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a strategic planning session at the Morningside Recreation Center. (consent)

**See below.**

**6.23**Approve the 2026 State Legislative Agenda. (consent)

**6.24**Approve a retainer agreement with Banker Lopez Gassler Law Firm P.A. for Willis Kelsey vs. City of Clearwater and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**6.25**Approve a retainer agreement with Banker Lopez Gassler Law Firm P.A. for Vanessa Thorrington vs. Carolyn A. Morobutto, Michael J. Sanders and City of Clearwater and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**6.26**Approve renewal of worker's compensation agreement with the law firm of Banker Lopez Gassler and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

**Councilmember Mannino to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, less Items 6.1-6.3, 6.8-6.14, and 6.22, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.1**Authorize purchase orders to Florida Industrial Products of Tampa, FL, Hughes Supply HAJOCA Corp. of St. Petersburg, FL, Mine and Mill Supply Company of Lakeland, FL, Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL, and Technico Gas LLC of Lake Worth, FL for the supply of galvanized steel pipe and fittings in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed the amount of \$200,000.00 with the option for two, one-year renewals, pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 02-26 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 02-26 was released on October 08, 2025, for the

supply of galvanized steel pipe and fittings. We received six (6) responsive, responsible bids and product specifications were requested from all vendors and evaluated for specification compliance and suitability for application. CGS Energy is recommending award of ITB No. 02-26, Galvanized Steel Pipe and Fittings as follows:

**Primary Award:**

- Hughes Supply HAJOCA Corp: Groups 1, 3, 5, 11,12
- Mine & Mill Supply Company: Groups 4, 6-9
- Technico Gas LLC: Groups 2 and 10

**Secondary Award:**

- Florida Industrial Products: Groups 2 and 10
- Hughes Supply HAJOCA Corp: Groups 4, 6, 8-9
- Mine & Mill Supply Company: Group 1
- Tampa Winsupply: Groups 7 and 12
- Technico Gas LLC: Groups 3, 5, 11

To ensure a continuity of supply and operational flexibility, CGS Energy requests authorization to use the secondary vendor for each respective group when the primary vendor is unable to meet demand. All materials are code approved and will be used in CGS's distribution system, to include new customers as well as replacement pipe and fittings on meters that have reached the end of their useful life.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds are available in Gas New Mains and Service Lines 323-96377 (Pinellas), 323-96378 (Pasco), 4232068-531100 (Pinellas Installation) and 4232174-531100 (Pasco Installation); funded by Gas Utility Enterprise Fund revenues.

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

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Deliver Effective and Efficient Services by Optimizing City Assets and Resources.

Objective 1.5: Embrace a culture of innovation that drives continuous improvement and successfully serves all our customers.

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Councilmember Cotton moved to authorize purchase orders to Florida Industrial Products of Tampa, FL, Hughes Supply HAJOCA**

**Corp. of St. Petersburg, FL, Mine and Mill Supply Company of Lakeland, FL, Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL, and Technico Gas LLC of Lake Worth, FL for the supply of galvanized steel pipe and fittings in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed the amount of \$200,000.00 with the option for two, one-year renewals, pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 02-26 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.2** Authorize a purchase order to AECOM Technical Services of Tampa, FL, for design consulting services of Clearwater Beach Gas Pipeline Intercoastal Subaqueous Crossings in the not-to-exceed amount of \$934,000.00 pursuant to Request for Qualifications No. 30-25 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Procurement on behalf of Clearwater Gas Systems Energy (CGS Energy), issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 30-25, Clearwater Beach Gas Pipeline Intercoastal Subaqueous Crossing Consulting Services. The City received ten submittals from engineering firms. In coordination with the Procurement Division, the RFQ Selection Committee consisting of representatives from CGS Energy, Public Utilities and Public Works evaluated the submissions and shortlisted the top five firms.

Based on the evaluation results, the Selection Committee recommended an intent to award to the highest-ranked firm, AECOM Technical Services. CGS Energy subsequently engaged AECOM in contract negotiations and successfully reached a mutually agreed-upon proposal for the required design services.

AECOM will provide design, permitting and construction document services for the competitive bidding and installation of two new 8-inch natural gas pipelines crossing the Intracoastal Waterway/Clearwater Bay. The first crossing will replace the existing subaqueous pipeline that originates west of The Baycare Sound Amphitheater and crossing the waterway west of the Memorial Causeway Bridge. Due to the pipeline's proximity to the Amphitheater, CGS Energy is unable to adequately access, maintain, or replace the pipeline in the event of damage or at the end of its service life. To address this constraint, AECOM will evaluate and propose a new mainland crossing location that connects to the Memorial Causeway corridor.

The second crossing will consist of a new natural gas feed originating south of downtown Clearwater and crossing the Intracoastal Waterway south of the Sand Key Bridge. Together, the replacement and new crossings will increase system reliability to support continued commercial and residential growth in

Clearwater Beach. Each 8-inch pipeline will be installed within a 16-inch casing pipe.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds are budgeted and available in capital project 323-96377, Gas New Mains and Service Lines (Pinellas), funded by revenues from the Gas Utility Enterprise Fund.

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:****STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Deliver Effective and Efficient Services by Optimizing City Assets and Resources.

Objective 1.5: Embrace a culture of innovation that drives continuous improvement and successfully serves all our customers

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to authorize a purchase order to AECOM Technical Services of Tampa, FL, for design consulting services of Clearwater Beach Gas Pipeline Intercoastal Subaqueous Crossings in the not-to-exceed amount of \$934,000.00 pursuant to Request for Qualifications No. 30-25 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.3** Ratify and confirm an increase to the Purchase Order with Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG (Trillium) of Houston TX for the maintenance, remote monitoring, diagnostics, and repair services of the compressed natural gas (CNG) stations in the amount of \$15,575.74 bringing the total purchase order amount for year one ending November 30, 2025 to \$130,575.74 pursuant to ITB 61-24, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Clearwater Gas System Energy (CGS Energy) operates two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations, one located on Hercules Avenue and the other at the Solid Waste Transfer Station on Old Coachman Road. On December 5, 2024, City Council approved a purchase order with Trillium for maintenance, remote monitoring, diagnostics, and repair services for both stations in an annual not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$115,000.00. The contract term runs through November 30, 2025, with three one-year renewal options.

The contract includes a monthly maintenance and monitoring fee of \$6,750.00, totaling \$81,000.00 annually, along with \$34,000.00 allocated for parts and incidental repairs for both stations.

During the current contract period ending November 30, 2025, the total expenditure has reached \$130,575.74 due to unanticipated repairs and additional service callouts. These increased costs were driven by unplanned station shutdowns, operational disruptions, safety system faults, and required preventive maintenance. Multiple service responses were necessary to address full and partial station shutdowns, fueling interruptions, and recurring compressor-related issues, including motor performance and electrical failures that ultimately required a rebuild of the Hydraulic Intensifier Compressor (HyC) system.

**Summary of Repair Costs and Service:**

- Compressor gas detector replacements: \$23,041.87
- Hydraulic Intensifier Compressor (HyC) rebuild: \$6,258.24
- Consumables (oil, fuses, O-rings): \$2,426.80
- Fueling issue service callouts at pumps: \$4,903.15
- HyC service callouts: \$5,310.18
- Skid A compressor service callouts: \$3,581.00
- Skid B compressor service callouts: \$4,054.50

**Total repair and service costs:** \$49,575.74

These repairs were necessary to maintain system reliability, ensure safety compliance, and support uninterrupted fueling operations. As a result, this agenda item requests ratification in the amount of \$15,575.74 to fully cover the expenses incurred by CGS Energy for these repairs.

**USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:**

Funding is budgeted and available at 3237323-530300-96387 (Natural Gas Vehicle)

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Deliver effective and efficient services by optimizing City Assets and Resources.

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*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to ratify and confirm an increase to the Purchase Order with Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG (Trillium) of Houston TX for the maintenance, remote monitoring, diagnostics, and repair services of the compressed natural gas (CNG) stations in the amount of \$15,575.74 bringing the total purchase order amount for year one ending November 30, 2025 to \$130,575.74 pursuant to ITB 61-24, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly**

**seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.8** Approve an agreement with Cayenta, a division of N. Harris Computer Corp., of British Columbia, Canada, for support and maintenance, professional services, and hosted AI agent services in support of the Utility Billing Management System, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,192,873.13, for the 5-year term beginning November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2030, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(d), Non-competitive purchase (impractical), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Utility Customer Service currently uses Cayenta's Utility Management System to bill a wide range of City services, including water, sewer, reclaimed water, stormwater, solid waste, recycling and gas, serving more than 50,000 customers. The system maintains customer records, consumption histories and billable service records for all city utilities and supports the collection of approximately \$180 million annually. In addition, the system is used by multiple city departments including Clearwater Gas, Clearwater Police, Public Utilities and Solid Waste and Recycling, to support customer communications, event planning, emergency response, and project planning activities.

Cayenta has been the City's utility management solution for more than 24 years, with configurations tailored to meet specific customer and billing requirements. Transitioning to an alternative system would require a substantial financial investment, a multi-year implementation effort, retraining of staff, and a disruption in operations. Continuing with Cayenta ensures cost savings, operational efficiency, and continuity of service.

Utility Customer Service recommends continuing the use of Cayenta's Utility Billing Management System, as it is a mission-critical system and has been established as the standard solution for all billable city utility services. The total cost for regular annual support and maintenance over the five-year term beginning November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2030, is \$715,241.13, with annual increases capped at a maximum of 5% as outlined below:

- 11/01/2025 - 10/31/2026: \$129,440.62
- 11/01/2026 - 10/31/2027: \$135,912.65
- 11/01/2027 - 10/31/2028: \$142,708.28
- 11/01/2028 - 10/31/2029: \$149,843.70
- 11/01/2029 - 10/31/2030: \$157,335.88

Additionally, professional services will be utilized for integration enhancements supporting the City's asset management system (Trimble Unity) and to improve accounting report reconciliation between Cayenta and the City's financial

management system (Tyler MUNIS). These professional services are estimated to not exceed \$247,410.00 and will be used over the first three years of the service agreement.

The City's Utility Customer Service Department also plans to invest in Cayenta's hosted AI agent services (Cayla AI) to augment the City's call center capacity and expand citizen engagement capabilities in support of Citywide service operations. Planned expenditures for these services are estimated at \$230,222.00 over the five-year term, based on an assumed AI call engagement of up to 40% of the City's average call volume. This volume may be adjusted by call center management based on performance or operational needs, and

actual costs may vary during the contract term. Should the City elect to discontinue the use of AI services, no further hosting or service charges will be incurred.

The AI Agent and Asset Management integrations are built on Cayenta's proprietary product code environment (and future cloud environment) and are therefore not practicable for a third-party vendor to develop, hence these services are impractical to bid.

#### **APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds for fiscal year 2025/26 have been budgeted in Utility Customer Service (UCS) operating cost code 5559884-530500, maintenance contracts, for the annual maintenance agreement and cost code 5559887-530100, professional services, for funding of billable support services.

Funding for costs related to the Cayla AI Agent services will be paid initially from capital project 94829, CIS Upgrades, with future year costs requested as part of the annual budget process in UCS operating cost-code 5559887-530100, professional services.

Funding for future years will be requested as part of the annual budget process. Utility Customer Service is an Internal Service Fund of the which supports customer service and billing functions of the City's utility enterprise funds.

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve an agreement with Cayenta, a division of N. Harris Computer Corp., of British Columbia, Canada, for support and maintenance, professional services, and hosted AI agent services in support of the Utility**

**Billing Management System, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,192,873.13, for the 5-year term beginning November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2030, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(d), Non-competitive purchase (impractical), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.9** Accept Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant Agreement Amendment (No. 453898-1-94-01) in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 for the Parking Lot Expansion and Rehabilitation at Clearwater Executive Airport and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

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 February 15, 2024, Council approved Resolution 24-01 and a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$800,000.00 for the Parking Lot Expansion and Rehabilitation at Clearwater Executive Airport. FDOT is to pay 80% (\$640,000.00) with the Airport Reserves to match 20% (\$160,000.00) and FlyUSA to reimburse the local match amount.

On September 4, 2024, Council approved a proposal and Purchase order to American Infrastructure Development, Inc., of Tampa, Florida for Design Services for Airport Renovations (23-0013-AP) in the amount of \$432,400.50 pursuant to RFQ 17-24.

This will bring the total PTGA grant amount to \$1,900,000.00 with FDOT contributing \$1,520,000.00 (80%) and Airpark Reserves to match \$380,000.00 (20%) with FlyUSA to reimburse local match amount.

This increase is the result of increased site work and the installation of a temporary modular trailer for relocation of Fixed Base Operator operations during construction of the new terminal building.

#### **APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

A first quarter budget amendment will increase capital project 302-G2307, Aviation Operations Center, by \$1,100,000.00, recognizing grant funding of \$880,000.00 and reimbursement revenues of \$220,000.00.

#### **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.

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Councilmember Cotton moved to accept Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant Agreement Amendment (No. 453898-1-94-01) in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 for the Parking Lot Expansion and Rehabilitation at Clearwater Executive Airport and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.10**Approve a purchase order to and lease Agreement with Mobile Modular Management Corporation for the lease of one five-wide modular building to temporarily house Fixed Base Operator (FBO) operations at Clearwater Executive Airport during terminal and parking lot construction in the amount of \$147,833.16 pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(c), piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

On January 12, 2023, City Council approved the Lease and Property Operating Agreement with FlyUSA to manage Clearwater Executive Airport, and subsequently approved amendments related to the redevelopment of the airport terminal and FBO facilities. As part of the ongoing terminal building and associated parking lot construction project, temporary facilities are required to ensure continuity of FBO operations and uninterrupted service to airport users during construction.

To meet this operational need, the City proposes leasing one five-wide modular building from Mobile Modular Management Corporation. The modular building will serve as a temporary FBO facility for the duration of construction activities and will allow airport operations to continue safely and efficiently while permanent facilities are under construction.

The proposed lease will be executed utilizing Suwannee County School District RFP No. 20-209, Type IIB Panelized Modular Buildings, a competitively solicited and publicly advertised Request for Proposals that was awarded by the Suwannee County School Board on February 25, 2020, with an effective date of July 1, 2020. The contract expressly allows other Florida public agencies to utilize the agreement through cooperative purchasing, consistent with Florida procurement requirements.

Mobile Modular Management Corporation was awarded the contract under RFP No. 20-209 and remains an active vendor under the agreement. The Suwannee County School Board approved a three-year contract extension on May 27, 2025, extending the contract term and pricing through June 30, 2028.

Pricing for the City's proposed five-wide modular building lease is based directly on the unit pricing, delivery, installation, ramp, and removal rates established in the pricing schedules. The proposed monthly lease rate of \$5,570.12, along with one-time delivery, installation, and removal costs, aligns with the pricing set forth in the competitively bid rates for similarly sized and configured modular buildings. Mobile Modular has provided a lease quotation confirming that the City of Clearwater's authorization to piggyback Suwannee County School District RFP No. 20-209 and that the pricing offered to the City is consistent with, and in some cases discounted from, the competitively bid contract rates. The proposed lease term is 18 months, with a monthly rental cost of \$5,570.12, one-time delivery and installation costs estimated at \$27,350.00, and estimated removal and return costs of \$20,221.00 at the conclusion of the lease term for a total of \$147,833.16. This procurement approach provides pricing certainty, transparency, and compliance with city purchasing requirements while allowing the project schedule for the permanent terminal building to remain on track.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding is available in capital improvement project 302-G2307 to cover this proposed lease; 80% reimbursement from FDOT and 20% reimbursement from Airport FBO FlyUSA.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:****High Performing Government**

1.2 Maintain public infrastructure and mobility systems through systematic management and investment.

**Economic & Housing Opportunity**

2.2 Cultivate a business climate that supports aviation activity, private investment, and uninterrupted commercial operations.  
2.3 Promote Clearwater as a premier destination by maintaining high-quality aviation facilities and services.

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve a purchase order to and lease Agreement with Mobile Modular Management Corporation for the lease of one five-wide modular building to temporarily house Fixed Base Operator (FBO) operations at Clearwater Executive Airport during terminal and parking lot construction in the amount of \$147,833.16 pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(c), piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.11** Authorize Purchase Orders to Core and Main LP, and Pasco Pipe Supply Inc. of FL, for ductile iron pipes, fittings, mechanical joint restraints, and polyethylene tubing in the

cumulated annual not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000.00, for the term January 16, 2026 through January 15, 2027, with two, one-year renewal options pursuant to ITB 57-25 Ductile Iron Pipes, Fittings, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.  
(consent)

Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 57-25, Ductile Iron Pipes, Fittings, Mechanical Joint Restraints and Polyethylene Tubing was issued on September 12, 2025. Four bids were received. Core & Main LP and Pasco Pipe Supply Inc. represent the lowest responsive, responsible bidders in accordance with the bid specifications.

For placing orders, the award is as follows:

These parts are stocked in the Public Utilities Warehouse to have them on-hand for use in the field.

The initial contract term will be from January 16, 2026 through January 15, 2027, with the option for two, one-year renewals.

#### **APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding is available in Public Utilities' cost centers, cost code 550400 Operating Supplies and Materials. Funding for future fiscal years will be requested within contract calendar and spending limits.

The operations of the Public Utilities department are funded by revenues from the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

In furtherance of the Council's Strategic Plan to achieve High Performing Government by maintaining public infrastructure through systematic management efforts, approval for an agreement is requested.

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to authorize Purchase Orders to Core and Main LP, and Pasco Pipe Supply Inc. of FL, for ductile iron pipes, fittings, mechanical joint restraints, and polyethylene tubing**

**in the cumulated annual not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000.00, for the term January 16, 2026 through January 15, 2027, with two, one-year renewal options pursuant to ITB 57-25 Ductile Iron Pipes, Fittings, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.12** Authorize an increase and a 90-day extension of the existing purchase order with Odyssey Manufacturing Company of Tampa, Florida, for the supply of liquid sodium hypochlorite in the amount of \$300,000.00, increasing the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$1,500,000.00 to \$1,800,000.00, and extending the term for ninety days through April 16, 2026, pursuant to ITB 04-23 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Liquid sodium hypochlorite is a chemical disinfectant used at the City of Clearwater's water and wastewater treatment plants to comply with regulatory requirements established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's operating permits, the Florida Administrative Code and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

On January 9, 2023, City Council approved a three-year contract pursuant to ITB 04-23, with an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$1,200,000.00. On February 6, 2025, Council authorized an increase to the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$1,200,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00 for the final year ending January 16, 2026, primarily due to a unit price increase from \$1.33 to \$1.48 per gallon.

An additional \$300,000.00, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$1,800,000.00, along with a contract extension through April 16, 2026, is requested to ensure continued operations during the procurement and approval process for the next contract cycle.

#### **APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Budgeted funds for FY26 are available in various Public Utilities cost centers cost code 551700 Bulk Chemicals. The Public Utilities Department is funded by the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Disinfection falls under objectives: 1.3 (Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities and identify resources) and 4.2 (Adopt renewable resource usage and waste reduction practices to ensure a vibrant City for current and future generations).

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Councilmember Mannino moved to authorize an increase and a 90-day extension of the existing purchase order with Odyssey Manufacturing Company of Tampa, Florida, for the supply of liquid sodium hypochlorite in the amount of \$300,000.00, increasing the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$1,500,000.00 to \$1,800,000.00, and extending the term for ninety days through April 16, 2026, pursuant to ITB 04-23 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.13**Approve an agreement between Hadronex Inc. dba SmartCover Systems, of Escondido, California, and the City of Clearwater Public Utilities Department for the use of SmartCover software for online mapping and monitoring service, continued hardware and extended warranties for all existing wastewater system units; participation in the SmartCare maintenance program, including system troubleshooting, routine proactive maintenance , parts and labor, for the term February 01, 2026 through January 31, 2028, in the amount of \$438,398.64 pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(d) Non-competitive purchase (impractical), and authorize the appropriate official to execute same. (consent)

The SmartCover system renewal contract will continue to provide online mapping and monitoring services with real-time notifications of conditions and events detected within the gravity sewer system, including alerts intended to help prevent sanitary sewer overflows. The renewal also allows for continued data collection and reporting from existing SmartCover units, as well as integration of rainfall sensor data within the system.

This contract includes coverage for sensors, batteries, materials, devices, and hardware, along with continued extended warranties for all SmartCover units in currently installed within the City's gravity system. Additionally, renewal of the SmartCare program provides ongoing system troubleshooting, routine maintenance, and the installation or replacement of parts and batteries as needed, including the potential purchase of up to 30 new SmartCover units.

SmartCover is considered impractical to competitively bid because it is a proprietary, integrated monitoring system already installed throughout the City's gravity sewer system. Only the manufacturer can provide compatible software, data access, warranties, maintenance, and support for the existing units. Replacing the system would require removal of installed equipment, disrupt operations, increase regulatory risk, and result in significantly higher costs, making renewal the most practical and cost-effective option.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3277327-546900-96212 \$192,270.00

4211346-530300 \$246,128.64

Funds are available in capital improvement project 96212 - Sanitary Sewer Upgrades/Improvements and in Public Utilities operating budget in cost code 530300 - Contractual Services. These purchases are funded by revenues from the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund. Future year funding will be requested as part of the annual budget process.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

In furtherance of the Council's Strategic Plan to achieve High Performing Government by maintaining public infrastructure through systematic management efforts, approval for an agreement is requested.

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Councilmember Cotton moved to approve an agreement between Hadronex Inc. dba SmartCover Systems, of Escondido, California, and the City of Clearwater Public Utilities Department for the use of SmartCover software for online mapping and monitoring service, continued hardware and extended warranties for all existing wastewater system units; participation in the SmartCare maintenance program, including system troubleshooting, routine proactive maintenance , parts and labor, for the term February 01, 2026 through January 31, 2028, in the amount of \$438,398.64 pursuant to City Code 2.563(1)(d) Non-competitive purchase (impractical), and authorize the appropriate official to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.14** Authorize purchase orders to Core and Main LP of St. Louis, MO, Empire Pipe and Supply Company Inc of Sanford, FL, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC dba Ferguson Waterworks of Tampa, FL, Staline Waterworks of Charlotte, NC, and Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL, for the supply of service brass and brass valves in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$395,000.00 with the option of two, one-year renewals pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 60-25, Service Brass and Brass Fittings, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Service brass and brass fittings are essential components used for making connections between water lines, meters, and points of use within the city's water infrastructure. The Clearwater Public Utilities department maintains a stock of these materials to ensure the continuity of service for both routine maintenance and emergency repair and replacement operations.

ITB #60-25 was issued on September 30, 2025, to solicit bids for the supply of these materials. Six bids were received and publicly opened on October 30, 2025. Following a thorough evaluation, five vendors were identified as the most

responsive and responsible low bidders meeting all the technical specifications outlined in ITB #60-25.

The primary awards are as follows:

- **Core & Main LP of St. Louis, MO**
  - Corporation Stops
  - Curb Stops
  - Valves
  - Adapters, Poly Compression
  - Unions, Poly
  - Meter Couplings
- **Empire Pipe & Supply Company Inc of Sanford, FL**
  - Reclaimed Water
  - Adapters
  - Caps
  - Couplings
  - Elbows (ELL)
  - Tees
  - Nipples
- **Staline Waterworks of Charlotte, NC**
  - Hydrant Swivels
  - Meter Adapter and Resetters
- **Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL**
  - Bushings
  - Plugs

Secondary awards provide additional sources for these vital components:

- **Core & Main LP of St. Louis, MO**
  - Reclaimed Water
  - Plugs
- **Empire Pipe & Supply Company Inc of Sanford, FL**
  - Corporation Stops
  - Curb Stops
  - Valves
  - Adapters, Poly Compression
  - Unions, Poly
  - Hydrant Swivels
  - Meter Adapter and Resetters
- **Ferguson Waterworks of Tampa, FL**
  - Meter Couplings
  - Bushings
- **Staline Waterworks of Charlotte, NC**

- Adapters
- Caps
- Tees
- Nipples
- **Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL**
  - Couplings
  - Elbows (ELL)

To ensure supply continuity and operational flexibility, this recommendation proposes awarding a primary and secondary vendor across various categories. This structure will allow Public Utilities to rely on secondary vendors when a primary vendor is unable to meet demand.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Budgeted funds for FY26 are available in Public Utilities' cost centers, cost code 550400, operating supplies & materials. Funded by revenues from the Water & Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.

Funding for future years will be requested within contract calendar and spending limits.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

In furtherance of the Council's Strategic Plan to achieve High Performing Government by maintaining public infrastructure through systematic management efforts, approval for an agreement is requested.

*One individual spoke in opposition.*

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to authorize purchase orders to Core and Main LP of St. Louis, MO, Empire Pipe and Supply Company Inc of Sanford, FL, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC dba Ferguson Waterworks of Tampa, FL, Staline Waterworks of Charlotte, NC, and Tampa Winsupply of Tampa, FL, for the supply of service brass and brass valves in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$395,000.00 with the option of two, one-year renewals pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 60-25, Service Brass and Brass Fittings, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

6.22 Schedule a special work session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a strategic planning session at the Morningside Recreation Center. (consent)

Per City Council Policy 3-11, "prior to June 1st of each year and prior to the

development of the City Manager's proposed budget, the City Council shall meet in a strategic planning session(s) to review the five-year financial forecast and update as necessary, the City's Vision, Mission and Strategic Direction (Goals). From these documents a five-year strategic plan will be updated."

Staff is requesting to hold two sessions this year: February 9, 2026 and March 4, 2026.

*One individual spoke in support and suggested that the City Council work collaboratively to identify the projects that have full agreement among Council so that the City Manager has focused priorities.*

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to schedule a special work session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a strategic planning session at the Morningside Recreation Center. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

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

#### **7. Administrative Public Hearings**

##### **7.1 Sunset the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and adopt Resolution 26-01.**

On August 21, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution 25-11 which appointed the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB) and four additional members as the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). This action was necessary to comply with Florida Statute 420.9076. The AHAC reviewed the city's policies, procedures, and land development regulations and provided recommendations in advance of city staff's preparation of the Local Housing Assistant Plan. The AHAC's objective was to recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing. The AHAC's recommendations were presented to the Clearwater City Council December 4, 2025.

The AHAC has completed its work for FY 2025-2026 and therefore, the Council may sunset the committee.

Per Florida Statutes, the AHAC must be appointed every year to review the Local Housing Incentives Strategies.

Resolution 26-01 acknowledges the work of the AHAC has been completed and terminates their appointments.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

2.4 Support equitable housing programs that promote household stability and reduce the incidence of homelessness within Clearwater.

**Resolution 26-01 was presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Mannino moved to sunset the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and adopt Resolution 26-01. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

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

**7.2** Declare as surplus certain real property located at 706 N. Missouri Avenue Clearwater, Florida 33755, approve the transfer of the property to the City of Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency, and authorize appropriate officials to effectuate the transaction. (APH)

The subject property, commonly known as the Armory property, is located at 706 N. Missouri Avenue Clearwater, Florida 33755 and is legally described as follows:

Lot 1, GREENFIELD SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 28, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

Parcel ID: 10-29-15-33300-000-0010

On August 18, 2025, the City acquired the property at no cost from the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The property is currently used by City of Clearwater Parks & Recreation Department for office space and storage of equipment and materials.

Staff recommends declaring the property surplus and transferring it to the City of Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency so the property can be used for future redevelopment purposes within the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

- 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.
- 3.2: Preserve community livability through responsible development standards,

proactive code compliance and targeted revitalization.

*Assistant City Manager Al Battle said the proposal submission deadline as advertised expired on Tuesday, after the work session. Staff received a letter of interest on Tuesday morning. He said Council may continue the item or move forward as presented. If the item is continued, staff will have the opportunity to review the letter and discuss with the individuals who submitted the letter.*

*Discussion ensued with comments made that declaring the property surplus does not assign it to anyone and that continuing the item provides staff additional time to review the letter. Support was expressed to move forward with the item as presented.*

*One individual expressed concerns that members of the community have not provided any input on potential uses at the site.*

**Councilmember Cotton moved to declare as surplus certain real property located at 706 N. Missouri Avenue Clearwater, Florida 33755, approve the transfer of the property to the City of Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency, and authorize appropriate officials to effectuate the transaction. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**7.3** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Medium (RM) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Medium Density Residential (MDR) District for Unaddressed S. McMullen Booth Road, together with the abutting right-of-way of S. McMullen Booth Road and pass Ordinances 9866-26, 9867-26, 9868-26 on first reading. (ANX2025-11011)

This voluntary annexation petition involves a 0.64 acre property consisting of one vacant parcel of land occupied. The property is located on the east side of South McMullen Booth Road, approximately 326 feet north of Gulf to Bay Boulevard. The applicant is requesting annexation in order to receive sanitary sewer and solid waste service from the city. The Development Review Committee is proposing that the 0.005-acres of abutting South McMullen Booth Road right-of-way not currently within the city limits also be annexed. The property is located within an enclave and is contiguous to existing city boundaries to the north, south, and west. The property is proposed to be assigned a Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Medium (RM) and a Zoning Atlas designation of Medium Density Residential (MDR).

The Planning and Development Department determined that the proposed annexation is consistent with the provisions of Community Development Code Section 4-604.E as follows:

- The city has adequate capacity to serve this property with sanitary sewer, solid waste, police, fire and EMS service. The property currently receives water service from the city of Clearwater. The closest sanitary sewer line is approximately 1,300 feet east of the subject property. Due to the distance of this line, sewer service is not readily available to the applicant's property. Collection of solid waste will be provided by the City of Clearwater. The applicant is aware of the additional costs to extend city sewer service to this property. Collection of solid waste will be provided by the city of Clearwater. The property is located within Police District III and service will be administered through the district headquarters located at 2851 N. McMullen Booth Road. Fire and emergency medical services will be provided to this property by Station #49 located at 565 Sky Harbor Drive. Therefore, the proposed annexation will not have an adverse effect on public services and their levels of service; and
- The proposed annexation is consistent with and promotes the following objective and policy of Clearwater 2045, the city's Comprehensive Plan:

Objective PI 9.1 Continue to work with Pinellas County in the orderly annexation of the City's existing enclaves.

- The proposed Residential Medium (RM) Future Land Use Map designation is consistent with the current Countywide Plan designation of the property. This designation primarily permits residential uses at a density of 15 units per acre. The proposed zoning district to be assigned to the property is the Medium Density Residential (MDR) District. The use of the subject property is consistent with the uses allowed in the District and the property exceeds the District's minimum dimensional requirements. The proposed annexation is therefore consistent with the Countywide Plan and the city's Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code; and
- The property proposed for annexation is contiguous to existing city boundaries to the North, South, and West; therefore, the annexation is consistent with Florida Statutes Chapter 171.044.

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This annexation petition supports the Deliver Effective and Efficient Services by Optimizing City Assets and Resources goal of the city's Strategic Plan by

reducing enclaves and delivering city services to properties within the city's service boundary. This petition also supports Ensure Exceptional Communities and Neighborhoods Where Everyone Can Thrive goal by better unifying neighborhoods and reducing issues with multiple jurisdictions.

**Ordinances 9866-26, 9867-26, 9868-26 were presented and read by title only.**

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Medium (RM) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Medium Density Residential (MDR) District for Unaddressed S. McMullen Booth Road, together with the abutting right-of-way of S. McMullen Booth Road and pass Ordinances 9866-26, 9867-26, 9868-26 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

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

**7.4** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Suburban (RS) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Density Residential (LDR) District for 2265 N. McMullen Booth Road and pass Ordinances 9869-26, 9870-26 and 9871-26 on first reading. (ANX2025-11012)

This voluntary annexation petition involves a 1.07-acre property consisting of one parcel of land occupied by a detached dwelling. The property is located on the east side of Lauren Lane, approximately 550 feet west of N. McMullen Booth Road. The applicant is requesting annexation in order to receive sanitary sewer and water service from the City. The property is located within an enclave and is contiguous to existing city boundaries to the north, south, and west. The property is proposed to be assigned a Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Suburban (RS) and a Zoning Atlas designation of Low Density Residential (LDR).

The Planning and Development Department determined that the proposed annexation is consistent with the provisions of Community Development Code Section 4-604.E as follows:

- The city has adequate capacity to serve this property with sanitary sewer, solid waste, police, fire and EMS service. The property currently receives water service from the city of Clearwater. The closest sanitary sewer line is located in the adjacent Lauren Lane right-of-way. The applicant has paid the city's sewer impact and assessment fees and is aware of the additional costs to extend city sewer service to this property.

Collection of solid waste will be provided by the city of Clearwater. The property is located within Police District III and service will be administered through the district headquarters located at 2851 S. McMullen Booth Road. Fire and emergency medical services will be provided to this property by Station #49 located at 565 Sky Harbor Drive. Therefore, the proposed annexation will not have an adverse effect on public services and their levels of service; and

- The proposed annexation is consistent with and promotes the following objective and policy of Clearwater 2045, the city's Comprehensive Plan:

Objective PI 9.1 Continue to work with Pinellas County in the orderly annexation of the city's existing enclaves.

Policy PI 9.1.2 Continue to process voluntary annexations for single-family residential properties upon request.

- The proposed Residential Suburban (RS) Future Land Use Map designation is consistent with the current Countywide Plan designation of the property. This designation primarily permits residential uses at a density of 2.5 units per acre. The proposed zoning district to be assigned to the property is the Low Density Residential (LDR) District. The use of the subject property is consistent with the uses allowed in the District and the property exceeds the District's minimum dimensional requirements. The proposed annexation is therefore consistent with the Countywide Plan and the City's Comprehensive Plan and Community

Development Code; and

- The property proposed for annexation is contiguous to existing city boundaries to the north, south, and west; therefore, the annexation is consistent with Florida Statutes Chapter 171.044.

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This annexation petition supports the Deliver Effective and Efficient Services by Optimizing City Assets and Resources goal of the city's Strategic Plan by reducing enclaves and delivering city services to properties within the city's service boundary. This petition also supports Ensure Exceptional Communities and Neighborhoods Where Everyone Can Thrive goal by better unifying neighborhoods and reducing issues with multiple jurisdictions.

**Ordinances 9869-26, 9870-26 and 9871-26 were presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Suburban (RS) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Density Residential (LDR) District for 2265 N. McMullen Booth Road and pass Ordinances 9869-26, 9870-26 and 9871-26 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

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

**7.5** Appoint an individual to the Marine Advisory Board with a term set to expire on January 15, 2030.

**APPOINTMENT WORKSHEET**

**BOARD: Marine Advisory Board**

**TERM: 4 years**

**APPOINTED BY: City Council**

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: Not Required**

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: City of Clearwater**

**SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: None**

**MEMBERS: 7**

**MEETING DATES: 2nd Wed., 8 am (Quarterly)**

**PLACE: Main Library**

**APPTS. NEEDED: 1**

**THE FOLLOWING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER HAS RESIGNED,  
CREATING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD:**

1. Deena Stanley - 1280 Lakeview Rd., Lot 339, 33756  
Resigned - 5/6/25  
Original Appointment: 04/01/21; completed 1st term

**THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS:**

1. Toby Brandenburgh - 200 Seacrest Dr, 33765 - Insurance Agent
2. Ivette Compton - 3317 San Carlos Street, 33759 - Global Sales Executive
3. David Farrar - 660 Island Way, Apt. 805, 33767 - Real Estate
4. James Martin - 145 Devon Drive, 33767 - Attorney
5. Jamie Smith - 167 Sand Key Estates Drive, 33767 - Stella Power Company, CEO
6. Eric Van Cleef - 2262 Spring Lake Ct., 33773 - Sales Executive

Zip codes of current members on board:

1 at 33755

1 at 33761

1 at 33759  
3 at 33767

**Councilmember Mannino moved to appoint David Farrar to the Marine Advisory Board with a term set to expire on January 15, 2030. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

## **8. Second Readings - Public Hearing**

**8.1** Adopt Ordinance 9858-26 on second reading, amending Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.063, 2.411, 2.412, 2.413, and 2.425 relating to the Clearwater Employees' Pension Plan.

**Ordinance 9858-26 was presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Cotton moved to adopt Ordinance 9858-26 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

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

**8.2** Adopt Ordinance 9859-26 on second reading, amending Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.561 relating to Public-Private Partnerships; repeal Sections 2.581 - 2.587 relating to Public-Private Partnerships.

**Ordinance 9859-26 was presented and read by title only.**

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to adopt Ordinance 9859-26 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

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

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

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

## **11. Other Council Action**

**11.1** Discuss City Attorney Search Process - Mayor Rector

Discuss process for selecting the next City Attorney.

At the January 12, 2026 work session, there was council consensus to accept the City Attorney's resignation, effective February 9, 2026, to pay the severance per the employment agreement, and to conduct a search for the next City Attorney. Staff was directed to schedule a special city council meeting for the purpose of selecting the firm that will conduct the search.

Staff has identified the following dates to hold the special city council meeting:

- Friday, January 23, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
- Monday, February 2, 2026 before or after the scheduled work session.

*Mayor Rector said, in speaking with the City Attorney, he thought it would be best to formally accept the City Attorney's resignation effective February 9, 2026 and terms discussed at Monday's meeting.*

*In response to a question, the City Attorney said appointing Owen Kohler as the Interim City Attorney may involve amending his employment agreement. He said Council may make a motion tonight to appoint Mr. Kohler as the Interim City Attorney, effective February 10, 2026, or wait for staff to present a formal employment agreement at the next meeting. There was consensus to review a formal employment agreement at the next meeting.*

*In response to a question, Human Resources Director Tiffany Makras said staff has reached out to the four recruitment firms mentioned at the work session; staff has heard from three of the firms. Staff expects to hear from the fourth firm by tomorrow. The City Clerk said staff has identified the following dates to hold a special council meeting for the purpose of selecting a firm: Friday, January 23, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m., or Monday, February 2, 2026, before or after the regularly scheduled work session.*

*There was consensus to schedule the special meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.*

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to accept the City Attorney's resignation effective February 9, 2026 and terms discussed at Monday's meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

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

*Councilmember Cotton thanked all who attended tonight's meeting. He wished all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2026.*

*Councilmember Allbritton said he wishes to add a discussion item at the next work session to consider adopting a resolution opposing the inclusion of new offshore oil and gas leasing off the coast of Florida.*

*Vice Mayor Teixeira said, like many other families, her family is navigating the challenges of aging parents facing an aggressive illness. After much reflection and speaking with her family, she made the difficult decision to not seek a second term and focus on her family. She thanked her family, staff, Clearwater Police Department, Clearwater Fire Department, and the citizens. It has been an honor representing this great city. She said she will be forever grateful, proud and forever inspired by the city.*

### **13. Closing Comments by Mayor**

*Mayor Rector thanked Vice Mayor Teixeira for her service; you and your family will be the community and Council's thoughts and prayers.*

### **14. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.*

Attest

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Mayor  
City of Clearwater

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City Clerk