

# City of Clearwater

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

**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 at 6:00 p.m.*

**2. Invocation – Reverend Allee Woof from First United Methodist Church****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 Juneteenth Proclamation, June 9, 2025 - Aliya Cruise, Parks and Recreation

4.2 Storm Water Resiliency Update

**5. Approval of Minutes**

5.1 Approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025 City Council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025 City Council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Public Hearings - Not before 6:00 PM****6. Administrative Public Hearings**

- 6.1** Authorize a purchase order to Bausch Enterprises, Inc. of Stuart, FL for two aluminum lifeguard towers in the amount of \$137,025.00, pursuant to Sec. 2.563(1)(a) Single source and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

Clearwater Fire & Rescue (CFR) is requesting authorization to purchase two aluminum lifeguard towers to replace those destroyed during Hurricane Helene in 2024. The proposed purchase includes one Bausch "ZERO" Tower (Tower 1) for \$67,900.00 and one Bausch "LR" Tower (Tower 6) for \$48,900.00. Tower 1, the larger of the two, will be installed on the beach in front of Opal Sands at 430 S. Gulfview Blvd., while Tower 6, which aligns with the size of the City's current towers, will be placed at the San Marco Beach access on Clearwater's north beach. Additional items totaling \$20,225.00 are included in the requested approval amount to cover accordion shutters for door windows, upper storage shelves, delivery, assembly, and crane service charges. The total amount requested for approval is \$137,025.00.

In 2023, Procurement issued ITB 35-23, *Aluminum Lifeguard Towers*, for which Bausch Enterprises, Inc. was the sole respondent. On July 20, 2023, City Council approved CFR's purchase of three towers from Bausch. In 2024, the City Manager approved the purchase of two additional towers as a standardized purchase.

The City's continued use of this manufacturer ensures consistency in design, maintenance, and operational procedures for relocating towers. Bausch Enterprises, Inc. is the sole source supplier of Bausch Watchtowers, which is the only aluminum lifeguard tower manufactured in the United States. These towers feature powder-coated aluminum construction, which provides superior durability and requires less maintenance in marine environments compared to wood, while offering greater longevity than fiberglass. Bausch Watchtowers are also the only towers on the market that can be built with specialized features such as an 8-foot ground-to-platform height, integrated secured storage, anodized aluminum railings, and customizable door widths to accommodate various equipment needs.

Towers 1 and 6 were reported and adjusted as property in the open less the 5% deductible.

Bausch Enterprises, Inc. delivered the towers to the City for Memorial Day weekend and allowed them to be placed in service pending Council review for approval. Should Council not approve the transaction, the towers will be returned to Bausch Enterprises, Inc.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding for this purchase will be coded to 1817525-564000-D2402, Hurricane

Helene. Reimbursement from FEMA is being pursued but may not occur. This will be funded by insurance recovery, possible FEMA reimbursement, and/or reserves of the General Fund, Special Program Fund, or Central Insurance Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Foster safe and healthy communities in Clearwater through first-class public safety and emergency responses services. Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service.

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to authorize a purchase order to Bausch Enterprises, Inc. of Stuart, FL for two aluminum lifeguard towers in the amount of \$137,025.00, pursuant to Sec. 2.563(1)(a) Single source and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.2** Approve a Contract for Sale of Vacant Real Property with Modern Realty of Tampa, LLC, in the amount of \$725,000.00, further defined by address 7240 US Hwy 19 N Pasco County, FL, Parcel 32-25-16-0040-00C00-0040 within Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 16 East; located in Pasco County, Florida, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

This property, now vacant, previously housed a remote operations building for Clearwater Gas System, with a warehouse facility dedicated to Pasco natural gas expansion field operations. The purpose of this sale is to sell off property eventually secure a more cost-effective location in the central Pasco area where most of the residential and commercial growth is occurring (i.e., between State Road 52 and 54, near the Suncoast Parkway corridor).

On March 3, 2025, City Council declared this property as surplus and Invitation to Bid (ITB) #33-25 was issued in May 2025. Modern Realty of Tampa, LLC was the highest most responsive bidder in the amount of \$725,000. In addition, the land was appraised in November 2024 at \$650,000, representing a \$450,000 increase over the initial purchase back in September 1995.

City staff have reviewed and support the Sale.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds will be deposited into Account 423-364220 (Surplus Land Sales), a revenue to the Gas Utility Enterprise Fund.

*In response to a question, CGS Energy Executive Director Brian Langille said the subject property was declared surplus a couple months ago.*

*The City Attorney said the property went through the normal surplus and invitation to bid process.*

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve a Contract for Sale of Vacant Real Property with Modern Realty of Tampa, LLC, in the amount of \$725,000.00, further defined by address 7240 US Hwy 19 N Pasco County, FL, Parcel 32-25-16-0040-00C00-0040 within Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 16 East; located in Pasco County, Florida, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.3** Authorize purchase orders to multiple vendors for the purchase of ten refuse trucks in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,194,187.92, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563(1)(c) Piggyback purchasing and 2.563(1)(d) Non-competitive purchases; authorize an increase to Purchase Order with Lubecore Florida LLC of Tampa, FL for fire suppression and automated lubrication on seven of these refuse trucks in an amount of \$85,000.00 bringing the purchase order total to \$335,000.00; declare the vehicles being replaced as surplus and authorize for disposal at auction or trade-in, whichever is in the best interest of the City, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.623(6), (7)(c), (7)(e); authorize lease purchase under the City's Master Lease Purchase Agreement or internal financing via an interfund loan from the Capital Improvement Fund, whichever is deemed to be in the City's best interest, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

Due to ongoing manufacturing delays and extended lead times, the Solid Waste Department is requesting expenditure authorization in a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,194,187.92 for the acquisition of ten refuse trucks in advance of the FY26 vehicle purchase and replacement cycle, which begins on October 1, 2025.

Of these, three front-end loaders, two automated side loaders, and one roll-off truck will replace units already scheduled for replacement in FY26, specifically units G3969, G4324, G4458, G4459, G4460, and G4652. The remaining four trucks, two front-end loaders and two roll-offs, will be new additions to the Solid Waste fleet.

To address operational gaps during vehicle repairs, the Department has been renting two front-end loader (FEL) trucks from RDK, LLC over the past year, which has proven to be a more costly solution. The proposed additions will expand the fleet to a sufficient size to maintain service levels and reduce the need for future rentals.

**Procurement Details for Vehicle Acquisition:**

**Sourcewell Contract #110223-MCN - Refuse Collection Vehicles with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services** (valid through December 28, 2027)

- Procurement of four front-end loaders from Ten-8 Industrial totaling \$1,553,399.92, of which \$1,487,922.72 is covered under the Sourcewell contract. The remaining \$65,477.20 represents non-competitive items authorized under Clearwater Code Section 2.563(1)(d), for extended warranties not included in the Sourcewell agreement.
  - These front-end loaders are currently in stock and available for immediate delivery, enabling the City to avoid extended lead times and minimize risks associated with potential tariff increases. Unlike the City's typical compressed natural gas (CNG) models, these units are diesel-powered, enhancing fuel diversity in the Solid Waste fleet and supporting operational resilience in the event of a fuel supply disruption. Additionally, each diesel unit is approximately \$115,000 less expensive than comparable alternative-fuel models.

**Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) Contract FSA23-VEH21.1 - Heavy Trucks** (valid through September 30, 2025)

- One front-end loader from Container Systems & Equipment totaling \$539,627.00, with \$498,723.00 procured through the FSA contract and \$40,904.00 as non-competitive items under Section 2.563(1)(d), which includes optional features and extended warranty coverage.
- Three roll-off trucks from Florida Kenworth LLC totaling \$1,120,401.00, fully procured under the FSA contract.
- Two automated side loaders from Florida Kenworth LLC totaling \$980,760.00, with \$976,988.00 under contract pricing and \$3,772.00 in non-competitive items under Section 2.563(1)(d).

The optional features are purchased directly from the dealer and are impractical to bid due to delay in receipt of vehicle, warranty concerns with aftermarket installations, and/or unavailability of specific manufacturer parts from a different vendor. These add-on features are generally offered below Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) when purchased directly through the dealer. The Procurement Division will ensure pricing compliance.

Additionally, on December 5, 2024, City Council authorized a purchase order to Lubecore Florida, LLC in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the purchase and installation of Dafo fire suppression systems and automated lubrication systems for Solid Waste and Recycling vehicles. An increase of \$85,000.00 is now being requested to equip seven of the newly acquired refuse trucks with these systems, bringing the total purchase order amount to \$335,000.00.

Lastly, authorization is requested to declare units G3969, G4324, G4458, G4459, G4460, and G4652 as surplus and approve their disposal via Tampa Machinery Auction (Tampa, FL) or Royal Auction Group (Zephyrhills, FL), in accordance with Clearwater Code Section 2.623(6). Tampa Machinery Auction was competitively solicited under Pinellas County Contract No. 190-0534-R(JJ), valid through November 17, 2027, and Royal Auction Group under Contract No. 190-537-R, valid through November 16, 2027.

These vehicles have reached the end of their useful and economic life, as determined by factors including age, total usage, mileage/hours of operation, historical maintenance costs relative to comparable vehicles, operating costs per mile/hour, projected repair needs, and overall physical condition.

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

A third quarter budget amendment will provide the following increases to capital projects:

- An increase of \$2,670,553.96 in lease/purchase funding to L1910, Motorized Equipment Replacement - L/P
- An increase of \$1,523,633.96 in lease/purchase funding to L2301, Motorized Equipment Purchases - L/P

These projects are budgeted in the Garage Fund utilizing internal financing (lease/purchase) revenue. The Garage Fund is an internal service fund of the city established to support city-wide fleet operations.

#### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

These purchases help accomplish strategic objective 1.2. Fleet division operators maintain public infrastructure to deliver effective and efficient services by optimizing City assets and resources.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to authorize purchase orders to multiple vendors for the purchase of ten refuse trucks in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,194,187.92, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563(1)(c) Piggyback purchasing and 2.563(1)(d) Non-competitive purchases; authorize an increase to Purchase Order with Lubecore Florida LLC of Tampa, FL for fire suppression and automated lubrication on seven of these refuse trucks in an amount of \$85,000.00 bringing the purchase order total to \$335,000.00; declare the vehicles being replaced as surplus and authorize for disposal at auction or trade-in, whichever is in the best interest of the City, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.623(6), (7)(c), (7)(e); authorize lease purchase under the**

**City's Master Lease Purchase Agreement or internal financing via an interfund loan from the Capital Improvement Fund, whichever is deemed to be in the City's best interest, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.4** Item pulled.

- 6.5** Accept a 2025/26 Florida Highway Beautification Council Grant (FHBCG) for the beautification of medians on Missouri Avenue from Bayview Drive to Court Street in the amount of \$435,772 between the Florida Department of Transportation District Seven and the City of Clearwater associated with Project 2 - SR 595 and SR 651, established by Capital Improvement Project, Missouri Avenue Median Beautification (G2507), authorize the appropriate officials to execute same, and adopt Resolution 25-09.

On August 14, 2024, the City's Parks & Recreation Department submitted Beautification Grant Application Package to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven for the purposes of securing funding for the renovations and improvements to landscaping within the Missouri Avenue right-of-way (ROW) between Bayview Drive and Court Street.

On January 24, 2025, the City received formal approval notice the FDOT District Seven granting an HLRMOA FY2025 Program Grant of \$435,772.00. Missouri Avenue is a state-owned ROW and is one of the primary entryways into the City and a significant north-south corridor leading to and through the City. The City currently maintains landscaping within the medians of the ROW according to an approved Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) from FDOT. The grant funding of \$435,772.00 will cover costs associated with, plants, soils, installation, labor, soil amendments, staking, and maintenance of traffic (MOT). City funding of \$114,228.00 will cover the cost for plan design, irrigation system repairs, and establishment of the plants. Total cost for the project will be \$550,000.00.

The Parks & Recreation Department recommended acceptance of these funds pending the final MOA from FDOT which came back to the Council for final approval on March 6, 2025. Council approved the acceptance of the grant award at that time and a Resolution to the same is required.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

A first quarter budget amendment established capital improvement project G2507, Missouri Ave Medians with a total budget of \$550,000 (\$435,772.00 in grant revenue and \$114,228.00 in General Fund revenues) to account for

revenues and expenditures related to this grant agreement.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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

- 1.2: Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts.
- 1.3: Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service.
- 2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.
- 3.1: Support neighborhood identity through services and programs that empower community pride and belonging.
- 3.2: Preserve community livability through responsible development standards, proactive code compliance, and targeted revitalization.
- 4.3: Protect the conservation of urban forests and public green spaces to promote biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.

**Resolution 25-09 was presented and read by title only.**

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to accept a 2025/26 Florida Highway Beautification Council Grant (FHBCG) for the beautification of medians on Missouri Avenue from Bayview Drive to Court Street in the amount of \$435,772 between the Florida Department of Transportation District Seven and the City of Clearwater associated with Project 2 - SR 595 and SR 651, established by Capital Improvement Project, Missouri Avenue Median Beautification (G2507), authorize the appropriate officials to execute same, and adopt Resolution 25-09. 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

- 6.6** Approve purchase orders to Berger's Power Washing, LLC of Spring Hill, FL (primary) and Emerald Facility Management of St. Petersburg, FL (secondary) for pressure washing and cleaning services of city hardscaping in a cumulative annual amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 for a one-year term, beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, with two one-year renewal options, pursuant to Invitation to Bid 20-25 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20-25 - Pressure Washing Services was issued in March 2025, and the City received 14 responsive bids. Berger's Power Washing, LLC and Emerald Facility Management were identified as the lowest responsive bidders in accordance with the bid specifications.

Although Berger submitted the lowest overall pricing, their limited staffing, consisting of only one employee, and minimal equipment capacity raise concerns about their ability to fulfill citywide service requirements. In accordance with City Code, contracts must be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Therefore, the City recommends a dual award: designating Berger Power Washing as the primary vendor and Emeralds Facility Management as the secondary vendor, to ensure service continuity should the primary vendor be unable to meet the contract's demands.

While Santana submitted lower pricing in select categories, their overall cost was higher due to increase per-square-foot rates for services commonly required during the contract term. As a result, Emerald is the second lowest vendor for all categories.

This contract will support pressure washing services throughout the city, including high-traffic tourism areas, the Downtown District, parks, and ballfields.

Although ITB 20-25 was issued primarily to support the Parks & Recreation Department, other city departments may utilize the contract throughout its term. Therefore, staff is requesting authorization to award contracts to Berger's Power Washing, LLC and Emerald Facility Management for annual citywide pressure washing services in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding for these contracts will come from a variety of general fund sources, but primarily from various maintenance cost centers within the Parks and Recreation Department, and other departments' contractual services budget as additional services are utilized.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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

- 1.2: Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts;
- 2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events; and

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

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to approve purchase orders to Berger's Power Washing, LLC of Spring Hill, FL, and Emerald Facility Management of St. Petersburg, FL, for pressure washing and cleaning services of city hardscaping in a cumulative annual amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 for a one-year term beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, with two one-year renewal options, pursuant to Invitation to Bid 20-25 and authorize appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.7** Approve Supplemental One Work Order and an increase to purchase order under the continuing services contract with Ardurra of Tampa, FL, for Solid Waste Truck Wash Replacement Design, Permitting and Construction Services (23-0021-SW), in the amount of \$251,748.00 for a new total of \$499,295.00 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 34-23, Engineer of Record (EOR) Consulting Services, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The City's Solid Waste and Recycling Department operates a truck washing facility at its Solid Waste Complex located at 1701 N. Hercules Avenue. This facility is used to manually clean waste collection vehicles, transfer trailers, roll-off containers, and commercial compactors.

Ardurra Group, Inc. was issued a Work Order to provide design, permitting, and construction management services to upgrade the facility. The improvements include the addition of one or two automated truck washing systems and up to two manual wash bays, equipped with new equipment similar to the existing equipment. The automated system will be a turn-key solution, designed, fabricated and installed by a truck wash manufacturer. Both the automated and manual systems will be open-air (not enclosed in a building), with chemical storage tanks and other associated equipment either placed on a covered concrete pad adjacent to the systems or housed within the existing truck wash building, if possible.

Upgrades will also include improvements to lighting, ventilation and electrical systems within the existing truck wash building to bring them into compliance with current code requirements.

The original work order for the Solid Waste Automatic Truck Wash was approved by Council on March 7, 2024.

The project was originally planned to be delivered through the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) method, utilizing one of the City's pre-qualified CMAR firms. However, the CMAR's construction cost estimate exceeded the City's CMAR contract cap of \$4 million. The initial construction estimate was \$3,096,424.00, but the updated estimate is \$5,055,469.00, a difference of \$1,959,045.00, primarily due to unforeseen but necessary site improvements. As a result, the City will now proceed with a traditional design-bid-build procurement approach, issuing a hard construction bid.

During the Pre-Design Phase, a comprehensive site planning effort was conducted to enhance traffic flow and accommodate future improvements. Several elements not included in the original scope were added, increasing the design and permitting requirements. These additions include:

- Paving of the site's southeast corner, along with design and permitting for related stormwater improvements.
- Installation of new site lighting and security cameras.
- Addition of metal roofs over both truck wash bays, including structural design for concrete foundations.
- Design of an aluminum catwalk to provide safe access to the tops of trucks in the manual wash bay.
- Completion of a cost analysis comparing recycled versus once-through water automated truck wash systems and evaluating the operational impact of using reclaimed water.
- Installation and permitting of new potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater mains.
- Installation of a new electrical service to support both truck washes.
- Expanded engineering services during construction to accommodate the increased scope.

Although the estimated construction cost has exceeded \$4 million, soliciting qualifications for design services from a new EOR is not practical due to the advanced stage of design already completed. This Supplemental Work Order in the amount of \$251,748.00 includes compensation for Ardurra to complete the design and permitting to a level suitable for bidding and to provide engineering services during the bidding and construction phases for the expanded scope bringing the total to \$499,295.00

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

3247324-530100-C2411 \$251,748.00

Funds are available in Capital Improvements Project C2411, SW Truck Wash Facility.

This project is funded by revenues from the Solid Waste and Recycling Utility

Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This item falls under objective 1.2 (maintaining public infrastructure) within High Performing Government and objective 4.2 within Environmental Stewardship (waste reduction practices).

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve Supplemental One Work Order and an increase to purchase order under the continuing services contract with Ardurra of Tampa, FL, for Solid Waste Truck Wash Replacement Design, Permitting and Construction Services (23-0021-SW), in the amount of \$251,748.00 for a new total of \$499,295.00 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 34-23, Engineer of Record (EOR) Consulting Services, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.8 Approve the final plat for Forrest Villas located at the intersection of Kings Highway and Freedom Drive.**

The proposed plat will create four lots.

The subdivision contains approximately 2.2 acres.

The preliminary plat was approved by the development review committee on January 23, 2025.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

1.2 - Maintain public infrastructure, mobility systems, natural lands, environmental resources, and historic features through systematic management efforts. 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. 2.3 - Promote Clearwater as a premiere destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, and tourism.

**Councilmember Cotton moved to approve the final plat for Forrest Villas located at the intersection of Kings Highway and Freedom Drive. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**6.9 Approve an increase to the purchase order of Inliner Solutions, LLC, of Sanford, FL, for**

Stormwater Pipe Lining (Section C) in the amount of \$400,000.00, increasing year two of the contract from \$500,000.00 to \$900,000.00 on a unit price basis, pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 23-0036-EN and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

On March 7, 2024, City Council approved the original contract award to Inliner Solutions for \$500,000.00. Then on September 17, 2024, Council approved an increase of \$1,600,000.00, bringing the funding for year one to \$2,100,000.00.

The Inliner contract is currently in year two (April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026) of the four-year contract term. Funding is allocated annually to perform inspection and lining of stormwater pipes, primarily based on average pipe diameters within the City's stormwater conveyance system. Following a blockage that occurred during Hurricane Milton, Inliner was directed to line three 60-inch diameter stormwater pipes along Stewart Boulevard. These large diameter repairs were initially scheduled for completion during the first of the contract, when sufficient funding was available. However, they were postponed due to Public Works' focus on storm recovery and response efforts and related scheduling delays. Lining the 60-inch pipes provided on Stewart provided a cost-effective and timely repair alternative to open cut replacement, minimizing disruption to the surrounding residents.

The unused funding under this project that was allocated for year one will be carried forward to year two, allowing for the inspection and lining of planned pipe segments in addition to the repair and lining of the larger pipes on Stewart Blvd. Funding for the years three and four will remain at \$500,000.00 annually.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

ENST180001-CONS-CNSTRC \$400,000

Funding for this contract is available in Capital Improvement Project

ENST180001, Storm System Improvements, to fund this increase of \$400,000.

This project is funded by revenues from the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Adopt responsive levels of service for public facilities and amenities, and identify resources required to sustain that level of service. Support proactive climate resiliency strategies based in science to protect natural and built environments from impacts associated with sea level rise. Generate organizational success through collaborative engagement and inclusive decision-making to create shared value outcomes. Preserve community livability through responsible development standards, proactive code compliance, and targeted revitalization.

*In response to questions, Stormwater Maintenance Division Manager Edward Wilmes said start the item before Council will address a particular segment of a large pipe on Stewart Boulevard. There are three pipes, six inches in diameter, that go from one detention pond on one side of the street*

*across to the detention pond on the other side of the street. He said during Milton and Helene, the pipe was blocked with a floating island and in the process of removing the floating island, staff discovered there were holes in the pipe and soil intrusion.*

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve an increase to the purchase order of Inliner Solutions, LLC, of Sanford, FL, for Stormwater Pipe Lining (Section C) in the amount of \$400,000.00, increasing year two of the contract from \$500,000.00 to \$900,000.00 on a unit price basis, pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 23-0036-EN and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.10** Approve to convey a Perpetual (ten foot sidewalk) Easement to the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as further defined The East 10 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 8, Magnolia Park according to the Map or Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 43 of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida; in support of the proposed City Hall development at 200 S Myrtle Ave, Clearwater, Florida.

The City as landowner shall convey (give) to FDOT a perpetual ten-foot sidewalk easement in support of the proposed City Hall development. The proposed easement is a FDOT requirement.

A water line has been confirmed within this easement with all development plans marked to preserve.

The new City Hall project includes new sidewalk along the west side of Myrtle Avenue ranging from 8 to 26 feet wide as well as an ADA accessible ramp and entry stairs to the proposed new building. A landscape buffer will be constructed along the back of curb.

City and Legal staff have reviewed and approved this Perpetual Easement.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to approve to convey a Perpetual (ten foot sidewalk) Easement to the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as further defined The East 10 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 8, Magnolia Park according to the Map or Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 43 of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida; in support of the proposed City Hall development**

**at 200 S Myrtle Ave, Clearwater, Florida. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.11** Approve to convey a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy Florida, LLC, and further described as the Easement Area located within Lots 1-10 of Block 8, Magnolia Park and Lots 1-10 of Block 5, Magnolia Park, less the Right of Way in the Northeast corner of Lot 5 of the plat as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 43, Pinellas County, FL Public Records, in support of the proposed City Hall development located at 200 S Myrtle Avenue, Clearwater, Florida and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The City shall convey (give) a Distribution Easement (DU) to Duke Energy that will be further refined within 90 days of the utility's final placement with a Descriptive Easement in support of the proposed downtown utility undergrounding efforts adjacent to the new City Hall and PSTA new Multi-Modal Transit Center developments.

This two-step easement is designed to both initiate the ordering of utilities with the freedom to make adjustments due to field conditions or design changes as needed for the utilities. The proposed Easement will convey a 20.00-foot wide Easement Area for each switchgear and a 10.00 foot wide "Easement Area" lying 5.00 feet on each side of Duke's facilities which shall be installed at mutually agreeable locations. After installation of the facilities, the City will have the option to provide a sketch and description to further refine the easement area within 90 days after installation.

City staff have reviewed and approved this Distribution Easement.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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

**Councilmember Mannino moved to approve to convey a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy Florida, LLC, and further described as the Easement Area located within Lots 1-10 of Block 8, Magnolia Park and Lots 1-10 of Block 5, Magnolia Park, less the Right of Way in the Northeast corner of Lot 5 of the plat as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 43, Pinellas County, FL Public Records, in support of the proposed City Hall development located at 200 S Myrtle Avenue, Clearwater, Florida and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.12** Approve a Purchase Order to Flotech Environmental LLC (Flotech), of Miami Beach, FL, for stormwater conveyance pipe and structure cleaning, inspecting, lining and repair services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000.00, for an initial one-year term, with

option for two additional one-year terms on a unit price basis, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563.(1)(c), Piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same.

The City of Clearwater maintains approximately 157 miles of underground stormwater piping which is routinely inspected and reported as part of the City's MS4 permit filing. These inspections have identified a significant number of pipe segments in need of cleaning, lining and/or repair. Clogged or failing pipes cannot carry the volume of stormwater they were intended to carry, leading to localized flooding, surface depressions (sink holes), washouts and soil erosion, pond silting and loss of storage capacity.

Pipe lining is the preferred method of storm pipe repair. The contractor determines the suitability of lining each segment by video- inspecting the inside of the pipe. Lining is typically more cost-effective than pipe replacement as there is no need for excavation and restoration costs. Pipelining extends the service-life of the pipe, minimizes impacts to the public, and is faster than traditional significant point repairs or pipe replacement.

The City currently contracts with Inliner Solutions, LLC for pipelining and repair services. While Inliner continues to address segments in need of repair, Inliner is unable to meet the current volume of demand. To help reduce the backlog and accelerate repairs, the Stormwater Division intends to onboard additional contractor(s) via numerous piggyback contracts.

Public Works Department seeks approval to hire Flotech under two piggyback contracts utilizing various line items in their existing agreements with the City of Oviedo, FL and Miami Beach, FL. A cost comparison shows Flotech's pricing is comparable or lower than the current Inliner contract.

Authorization is requested to utilize the following contracts with Flotech through a piggyback for an initial one-year term, with the option to renew for two additional years. If the originating agency elects not to extend the contract, no additional services will be procured under the piggyback.

- City of Oviedo, Invitation to Bid No. 24-20, Storm Sewer Rehabilitation - for cleaning, inspecting, lining, root cutting, and injection grouting; valid through October 14, 2027, with the option to renew for two additional years.
- City of Miami Beach, Invitation to Bid (ITB) #2025-076-DF for Outfall Cleaning and Maintenance Services - for cleaning, inspecting, lining, alluvial fan removal, hauling and disposal, mangrove trimming, and box culvert cleaning; valid through February 3, 2028, with the option to renew for two additional years.

These are unit price contracts, not to exceed a combined total of \$2,000,000.00 annually, with an anticipated start date of July 2025.

This proposed addition of contractor support will enable the City to transition from a reactive maintenance model to a proactive annual maintenance program, completing regular cleaning, inspection, rehabilitation and repair of Clearwater's stormwater infrastructure. Public Works will ensure that we are selecting the best option for the services we are requesting.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

ENST180001-CONS-CNSTRC \$2,000,000.00

Funding for this contract is available in Capital Improvement Project ENST180001, Storm System Improvements, to fund this purchase order of \$2,000,000.

The project is funded by revenues from the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

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

**Councilmember Cotton moved to approve a Purchase Order to Flotech Environmental LLC (Flotech), of Miami Beach, FL, for stormwater conveyance pipe and structure cleaning, inspecting, lining and repair services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000.00, for an initial one-year term, with option for two additional one-year terms on a unit price basis, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563.(1)(c), Piggyback, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

- 6.13** Authorize a purchase order for Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC of Charlotte, NC for the purchase of roll-off containers, compactors, and compactor parts in a not-to-exceed amount of \$420,000.00 for term June 3, 2025 through June 2, 2026, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinance Section 2.563 (1)(c) Piggyback purchasing, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

The City of Clearwater's Solid Waste/Recycling Department provides collection service for putrescible garbage, construction and demolition debris, and recyclables from commercial customers. Large amounts of debris may be transported in roll-off containers and compactors by city collection vehicles to

state-permitted disposal facilities.

The standardization of Wastequip compactors expedites repairs and maintenance, eliminates excessive equipment downtime, as well as reduces the inventory volume of parts and supplies to be maintained by staff.

Authorization is requested to piggyback off Sourcewell#040621-WQI contract extension signed through June 2, 2026, Bulk Solid Waste and Recycling Equipment, which will allow Solid Waste to purchase new, replacement equipment, and repair parts for compactors and roll-off containers.

During the current fiscal year, 2025, \$381,468.69 has been spent with Wastequip Manufacturing Company for purchase of roll-off containers, compactors and compactor parts.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funding for the current year's portion of this purchase order are available in Solid Waste cost code 4242083-564500, Commercial Refuse Compactors, and 4242089-552510, Roll-off Refuse Containers. Funding for future years will be requested as part of the annual budget process.

Solid Waste operating costs are funded by revenues from the Solid Waste and Recycling Utility Enterprise Fund.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This item falls under objectives of 1.2 (maintain public infrastructure) and 1.3 (adopt responsive levels of service) within High Performing Government and objective 4.2 (waste reduction practices) within Environmental Stewardship.

**Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to authorize a purchase order for Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC of Charlotte, NC for the purchase of roll-off containers, compactors, and compactor parts in a not-to-exceed amount of \$420,000.00 for term June 3, 2025 through June 2, 2026, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinance Section 2.563 (1)(c) Piggyback purchasing, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

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

- 7.1** Adopt Ordinance 9811-25 on second reading to vacate the west five-foot city utility easement by request of landowner Aaron Petersen located at 2074 Douglas Ave, Clearwater, FL, per Exhibits A and B, further defined the west 5 feet of Lot 5, and the west 5 of the south 20 feet of Lot 4, all in Block X of Bay Terrace and Bay Terrace addition, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 22 of the public records of Pinellas County, FL.

**Ordinance 9811-25 was presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9811-25 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

- 7.2** Adopt Ordinance 9826-25 on second reading, amending the City's fiscal year 2024/25 operating budget at mid-year.

**Ordinance 9826-25 was presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Mannino moved to adopt Ordinance 9826-25 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

- 7.3** Adopt Ordinance 9827-25 on second reading, amending the City's fiscal year 2024/25 capital improvement budget at mid-year.

**Ordinance 9827-25 was presented and read by title only.**

**Councilmember Cotton moved to adopt Ordinance 9827-25 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. City Manager Reports**

*The City Manager thanked Amplify Clearwater for today's events as it was a great opportunity to show off what the organization has accomplished. She thanked the team for their dedication and efforts.*

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

## **10. Other Council Action**

- 10.1** Letter from Attorney General James Uthmeier - Councilmember Cotton

*Councilmember Cotton said he requested the discussion item be placed on the agenda because he spoke with the Attorney General's office. He said the letter should be taken seriously and pertains solely on the concern of religious discrimination. The Attorney General's office does not intend to involve itself with the vacation process of local municipalities but suggested the City needs to do what it does for all.*

*Discussion ensued with consensus for the discussion item be placed on the next work session agenda. It was suggested the City Attorney provide a memorandum of opinion in response to the letter.*

*It was stated that the vacation process has not changed.*

*One individual opposed the proposed Church of Scientology park and entertainment hall.*

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

*Vice Mayor Teixeira reviewed recent and upcoming events.*

**12. Closing Comments by Mayor**

*The Mayor reviewed recent and upcoming events.*

**13. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.*

Attest

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Mayor  
City of Clearwater

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City Clerk