

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 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 Poirier – City Manager, Daniel Slaughter – Assistant City Manager, Alfred Battle – Assistant City Manager, David Margolis – City Attorney, Rosemarie Call – City Clerk, and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk.

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

Unapproved

1. Call to Order – Mayor Rector

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

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

- 4.1 Constitution Week Proclamation, September 17-23, 2025 – Meri-Jo Gibson, Daughters of the American Revolution
- 4.2 End of Session Report - Representative Kimberly Berfield
- 4.3 USA Youth Ambassador Program - Sean Schrader, Clearwater Representative
- 4.4 Storm Water Resiliency Update

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Approve the minutes of the September 4, 2025 city council meeting and the September 3, 2025 special city council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2025 city council meeting and the September 3, 2025

special city council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted.

- 6.1** Approval of a three-year Interlocal Agreement between the City of Clearwater and the Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to provide staffing and administrative services and authorize appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.2** Approve the purchase of excess liability, workers compensation and various specialty insurance policies from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the not to exceed amount of \$1,620,000.00 pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(i), Insurance, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.3** Approve a Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to remove or to place out of service including grouting natural gas mains during a road improvement project along Alternate US Highway 19, at an estimated cost of \$43,374.87, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.4** Authorize an amendment with Cigna Healthcare (Cigna) for city medical insurance (under a self- insured funding arrangement) and a purchase order to Evernorth Behavior Health (Evernorth) for the employee assistance program for period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, pursuant to RFP 26-22, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$31.0 million (\$30,940,000 for Cigna and \$60,000 for Evernorth), to be funded by city budgeted funds, payroll deductions of employees and retiree premiums; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.5** Authorize purchase orders to Average Joe Landscape LLC, Botanical Dimensions, Inc., J & J Diversified LLC dba Diversified Landscape Maintenance, and MMM Property Maintenance and Lawn LLC for citywide landscaping services in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$661,324.00 for the initial one-year term beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, with the option for three one-year term extensions pursuant to Invitation to Bid 42-25, Landscape Maintenance Services, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.6** Approve a one-year Agreement with Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) and the City of Clearwater for funding youth programs, approve a first quarter budget amendment of \$569,723 in special program G2107, JWB Youth Programming, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.7** Award a construction contract to Concrete Protection & Restoration, LLC, of Oakland Park, MD for renovations and structural repairs at BayCare Ballpark in the amount of \$967,670.63 pursuant to Invitation to Bid 25-00022-PR and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same (consent)

6.8 Approve amendment of the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) project grant agreement for the renovations and improvements of Edgewater Drive Park, 1923 Edgewater Drive, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.9 Approve a purchase order to Bandes Construction, of Dunedin, Florida for certain maintenance and improvements to the picnic shelter and restroom building at Marymont Park located at 1900 Gilbert Street in the total amount of \$170,384.75 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.10 Approve a three-year Interlocal Agreement between the Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency and the Clearwater Police Department to provide CRA increment funding to underwrite the cost of additional Community Policing services in the Downtown CRA boundaries and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.11 Approve a purchase order to All Around Maintenance and Rehabs II, LLC of Palm Harbor, FL for ditch mowing and general ditch maintenance in an 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)

6.12 Authorize purchase orders to multiple vendors as listed below for citywide heavy equipment rental for operational needs in a cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$640,000.00 for an initial one-year term with two optional one-year renewals, pursuant to ITB 27-25 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.13 Award a construction contract to Milburn Southeast LLC dba Milburn Demolition for the demolition of two elevated water storage tanks in the amount of \$763,400.00 pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 21-0020-UT; approve an increase to our current purchase order with Engineer of Record Biller Reinhart (EOR) for Supplemental Work Order 2 in the amount of \$156,640.00, bringing the total to \$256,003.00 pursuant to RFQ 34-23; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.14 Authorize award of a construction contract to Razorback LLC of Tarpon Springs, Florida, for RO1 Dual Media Filter Rehab, in the amount of \$1,054,130.00 pursuant to ITB 23-0043-UT; approve an increase to purchase order with Engineer of Record (EOR) Mead & Hunt for Supplemental Work Order One (SWO1) in the amount of \$73,293.00 for a new work order total \$172,813.00 pursuant to RFQ 34-23, EOR - Continuing Contract, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.15 Authorize the continuing use of construction contracts to the following contractors: Engineered Spray Solutions, of Lakeland, FL; Inliner Solutions, of Sanford, FL; Rowland, Inc. of Pinellas Park, FL; and USSI, LLC of Venice, FL, for the 2023 Sewer Point Repairs

and Improvements in the amount of \$32,000,000 for an additional one-year term on a unit price basis pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 22-0006-UT and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.16Approve the First Amendment to the City of Clearwater and Pinellas County's Contract for Purchase and Sale of potable water to serve the customers in the City's water service area dated September 27, 2005 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.17Approve a purchase order to Pinellas County Solid Waste for the disposal of solid waste at the Pinellas County waste-to-energy plant/landfill in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,500,000.00 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Section 2.563 (1)(a), Single Source, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.18Approve addendum to agreement with Bryant Miller Olive and task order with Public Resources Advisory Group.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings - Not before 6:00 PM

7. Administrative Public Hearings

7.1 Amend the City's fiscal year 2024/25 operating and capital improvement budgets at third quarter and pass Ordinances 9851-25 and 9852-25 on first reading.

The fiscal year 2024/25 operating and capital improvement budgets were adopted in September 2024 by ordinances 9793-24 and 9794-24. Section 2.521 of the City's Code of Ordinances requires the City Manager to prepare a quarterly report detailing income, expenditure estimates, collections, the explanation of significant variances, as well as the financial status of all capital improvement projects. The attached memorandum and the accompanying report provide this information and outline the issues at third quarter that require amendment.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

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

Ordinances 9851-25 and 9852-25 were presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Mannino moved to amend the City's fiscal year 2024/25 operating and capital improvement budgets at third quarter and pass Ordinances 9851-25 and 9852-25 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

7.2 Approve amendments to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 Administration by amending Article III Appointed Authorities, Boards, Committees, Division 2 Airpark Advisory Board and Chapter 4 Airports and Aircraft by amending Article I In General and Article II Airports and pass Ordinance 9825-25 on first reading.

At the March 31, 2025, Council Work Session, there was Council consensus to approve the name change of the Clearwater Airpark to Clearwater Executive Airport.

City Ordinance Chapter 2 - Administration governs the airpark advisory committee and City Ordinance Chapter 4 Airports and Aircraft sets forth the rules and use regulations that govern all City of Clearwater airports and landing fields. These Articles have not been amended or updated since 1991 when the name was changed from Clearwater Executive Airport to Clearwater Airpark. The current use of the airport is as an executive airport and the name change would reflect its use more accurately for marketing materials and promotion of the airport.

These changes are as follows:

Sections 2.081 through 2.084 - Repeal and reserve sections for future use. At the August 6, 2025 special work session, City Council directed staff to sunset the Airpark Advisory Board and update the Clearwater Code of Ordinances by eliminating reference to the Board.

Sec. 4.23 - Update name to Clearwater Executive Airport

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Economic & Housing Opportunity

2.2 Cultivate a business climate that welcomes entrepreneurship, inspires local investment, supports eco-friendly enterprises, and encourages high-quality job growth.

2.3 Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural

experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.

One individual spoke in support.

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

Ordinance 9825-25 was presented and read by title only.

**Councilmember Cotton that this Ordinance be passed on first reading.
The motion was duly seconded and carried by the following vote:**

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

8. Second Readings - Public Hearing

8.1 Adopt Ordinance 9828-25 on second reading, annexing certain real property whose post office address is 1408 Seabreeze Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33756, together with the abutting right-of-way of Seabreeze Street, into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Ordinance 9828-25 was presented and read by title only.

Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to adopt Ordinance 9828-25 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

8.2 Adopt Ordinance 9829-25 on second reading, amending the future land use element of the Comprehensive Plan of the city to designate the land use for certain real property whose post office address is 1408 Seabreeze, Clearwater, Florida 33756, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Low (RL).

Ordinance 9829-25 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9829-25 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

8.3 Adopt Ordinance 9830-25 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain real property whose post office address is 1408 Seabreeze Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33756, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

Ordinance 9830-25 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Mannino moved to adopt Ordinance 9830-25 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

8.4 Adopt Ordinance 9831-25 on second reading, annexing certain real property whose post office address is 1115 Ridge Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33755, together with certain Ridge Avenue right-of-way, into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Ordinance 9831-25 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Cotton moved to adopt Ordinance 9831-25 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

8.5 Adopt Ordinance 9832-25 on second reading, amending the future land use element of the Comprehensive Plan of the city to designate the land use for certain real property whose post office address is 1115 Ridge Avenue, Florida 33755, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Low (RL).

Ordinance 9832-25 was presented and read by title only.

Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to adopt Ordinance 9832-25 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

8.6 Adopt Ordinance 9833-25 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain real property whose post office address is 1115 Ridge Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33755, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

Ordinance 9833-25 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9833-25 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

8.7 Adopt Ordinance 9837-25 on second reading, annexing certain real property whose post office address is 3133 Downing Street, Clearwater, Florida 33759, into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Ordinance 9837-25 was presented and ready by title only.

Councilmember Mannino moved to adopt Ordinance 9837-25 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

8.8 Adopt Ordinance 9838-25 on second reading, amending the future land use element of the Comprehensive Plan of the city to designate the land use for certain real property whose post office address is 3133 Downing Street, Clearwater, Florida 33759, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Urban (RU).

Ordinance 9838-25 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Cotton moved to adopt Ordinance 9838-25 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

8.9 Adopt Ordinance 9839-25 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain real property whose post office address is 3133 Downing Street, Clearwater, Florida 33759, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

Ordinance 9839-25 was presented and read by title only.

Vice Mayor Teixeira moved to adopt Ordinance 9839-25 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

8.10 Adopt Ordinance 9841-25, increasing domestic water, lawn water, wastewater collection, and reclaimed water rates annually by 8.00% effective October 1, 2025 through October

1, 2029 on second reading.

Ordinance 9841-25 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9841-25 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

9. City Manager Reports – None.

10. City Attorney Reports – None.

11. Other Council Action

11.1 Resolution for Red Star City – Mayor Rector

Mayor Rector requested consideration to adopt a resolution designating Clearwater a Red Star City. He said the organization supports families of military service members, veterans, and first responders who committed suicide and promotes suicide awareness and prevention efforts.

There was council consensus to adopt a resolution at the next council meeting.

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

Vice Mayor Teixeira said the tragic killing of Charlie Kirk is a sobering reminder that violence has no place in our society. While his views were often the subject of passionate debate, no one should face harm for their beliefs or voice. We must stay committed to addressing our differences through dialogue and democratic engagement, never through violence. She offered her condolences to his family and to those who mourn his loss. She said society has been shaken by another school shooting in Colorado, the anniversary of September 11, and the politically motivated murders of Melissa Hortman and her husband. In the face of such sorrow, we must strive to stay positive and remind ourselves of the loved ones we still have.

13. Closing Comments by Mayor

The Mayor offered his sympathies to the family and friends of Charlie Kirk. He said it is a tragedy for the Kirk family and the country. He said Charlie Kirk was exercising his freedom of speech and trying to engage others on college campuses. He said The Baycare Sound celebrated its

100th show on Monday. He encouraged all who have not attended an event at the facility to do so.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Attest

Mayor
City of Clearwater

City Clerk

City Council on 2025-09-18 6:00 PM

Meeting Time: 09-18-25 18:00

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council on 2025-09-18 6:00 PM	09-18-25 18:00	52	1	0	1	0

Sentiments for All Meetings

The following graphs display sentiments for comments that have location data. Only locations of users who have commented will be shown.

Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



City Council on 2025-09-18 6:00 PM

09-18-25 18:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
7.2 9825-25 Approve amendments to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 Administration by amending Article III Appointed Authorities, Boards, Committees, Division 2 Airpark Advisory Board and Chapter 4 Airports and Aircraft by amending Article I In General and Article II Airports and pass Ordinance 9825-25 on first reading.	1	0	1	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

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Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



Agenda Item: eComments for 7.2 9825-25 Approve amendments to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 Administration by amending Article III Appointed Authorities, Boards, Committees, Division 2 Airpark Advisory Board and Chapter 4 Airports and Aircraft by amending Article I In General and Article II Airports and pass Ordinance 9825-25 on first reading.

Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



Dennis McDermott

Location:

Submitted At: 12:10pm 09-17-25

First, it is my belief that when functioning properly, the City's Airpark Advisory Board has provided the general public the opportunity to observe actions and decisions affecting this publicly owned general aviation facility owned by and licensed to The City of Clearwater in full compliance with Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law. Public ownership mandates diligent and responsible public oversight and management to ensure the optimum value and contribution of any and all City assets to attain the highest and best present and long-term outcomes for current and future City stakeholders. Any effort to disband, sunset or otherwise hamper the free and open functionality of the City's Airpark Advisory Board should be viewed as a hostile action against the rights of the general public.

Second, it is important to note that Clearwater Airpark (KCLW) has always been called an Airpark, never an Airport. An independent history of Florida's airports maintained by FAMA (Florida Airports Council) clearly states, "The Clearwater Airpark opened in 1939 as the Clearwater Executive Airpark...". The name apparently was changed in the 1990's dropping 'Executive'.

Clearwater Airpark is a fully functional general aviation facility suitable for light aircraft (i.e. under 12,500 pounds MTOW). Changing its name to "Executive Airport" might create the impression among members of the public and within the general aviation community that KCLW is comparable to other Executive Airports in the U.S., a conclusion which is not correct.

Clearwater Airpark has no tower; no air traffic control; and no Beacon for night flights, an aviation safety device required by FAA Regulations for airports with runway lights. It has proven to be quite suitable for smaller, piston-powered aircraft engaged in general aviation activities operating under visual flight rules. Clearwater Airpark really is not ideal for turboprops, light jets or multi-engine planes which typically prefer to operate in and out of a facility with longer and wider runways; a facility with a tower and ATC; a facility which is fully compliant with all

FAA guidance and regulations.

The proposed name change from "Airpark" to "Airport" serves no useful purpose, and very well may help encourage aviation activities which would be a threat to public safety.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to reject proposed Ordinance 9825-25 outright.

[If you should decide not to follow my commonsense advice, please note there is a typo in paragraph (3)(b)].