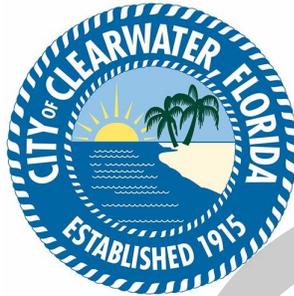


City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Main Library - Council Chambers

City Council

Roll Call

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

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

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

Unapproved

1. Call to Order – Mayor Rector

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

2. Invocation – Apostle Norma Fontaine-Philbert from Garden of Grace Ministries

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 March/April Service Awards

One service award was presented to a city employee.

The March 2024 Employee of the Month Award was presented to Mason St. Martin, Fire Department.

4.2 Fair Housing Month Proclamation: April 2024 - Angela Emerson & Travis Norton, Pinellas Realtor Organization members.

4.3 Donate Life Month Proclamation April 2024 - Ms. Wetzel at LifeLink

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation

by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted, less Items 6.8 and 6.12.

- 6.1** Approve a Purchase Order to DevTech Sales Inc. of Avon Park, FL, for the purchase of Itron Automated Meter Reading endpoints in an annual not to exceed amount of \$381,000.00, with two, one-year renewal options at the City's discretion per Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(a), Single Source, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.
- 6.2** Award a purchase order to Enforcement One of Oldsmar, FL, for City Wide Vehicle Upfitting Services in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.00 for one year with two, one-year renewal options pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 18-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.3** Approve a purchase order to Communications International of Vero Beach, FL for the purchase of new additional or replacement two-way radios used citywide in a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00 through March 31, 2025, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(d), Non-Competitive Purchases, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.4** Declare list of vehicles and equipment surplus and authorize disposal through auction pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.623(6) and (8) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same. (consent)
- 6.5** Approve the contract between the City of Clearwater and Eastbourne Investments Ltd. to renew the lease at the Powell Professional Center at 401 Corbett Street, Clearwater for a cost not to exceed \$275,00.00 for the three-year period beginning June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1) (d), Non-Competitive Purchases, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.6** Approve First Amendment to Lease Agreement between Fields, Inc. d/b/a Barefoot Beach House, and the City of Clearwater to increase the length of the Agreement, from January 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.7** Approve an Event License Agreement between Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., in its capacity as agent for the owner of the premises known as Countryside Mall, located at 27001 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater, Florida, and the City of Clearwater Police Department for the purpose of hosting a Shred-A-Thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet event on April 27, 2024, located at the Countryside Mall and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.8** Authorize purchase order(s) to Galls LLC of Lexington, KY and Signal 15, Inc of

Largo, FL for the purchase of uniforms and equipment in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$285,000.00 for the initial one-year term with three, one-year renewal options, pursuant to RFP 11-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

6.9 Approve the Contract for Sale of Vacant Land from the City of Clearwater to DD Gulf to Bay, LLC., as the winning bidder on a 10-foot-wide strip of land that was previously declared surplus pursuant to City Charter Section 2.01(d)(5) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute all necessary documents. (consent)

6.10 Authorize a purchase order to U.S. Submergent Technologies, LLC of Orlando, FL for tank cleaning services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$375,000.00 with an expected date of completion on July 31, 2024, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback or Cooperative purchasing, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.11 Authorize a purchase order to AdEdge Water Technologies, LLC of Duluth, GA for Arsenic Removal Media (Bayoxide E33) at Reverse Osmosis Plant 1 (RO1) in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$140,000.00 for the period of March 21, 2024 through March 21, 2025, with two one-year renewal options at the City's discretion and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

6.12 Approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal from Ajax Building Company, LLC. of Oldsmar, FL, for the Solid Waste Recycling Facility Tipping Floor (23-0007-SW) in the amount of \$447,721 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 40-20, Construction Manager at Risk for Continuing Contracts and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

6.13 Elect Councilmember David Allbritton to serve as Vice Mayor. (consent)

6.14 Designate Councilmember Michael Mannino as the Clearwater Representative at Florida Housing Coalition SHIP Meeting. (consent)

6.15 Designate Mayor Bruce Rector as the Clearwater Representative on the Tourist Development Council. (consent)

Councilmember Teixeira moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, less Items 6.8 and 6.12, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6.8 Authorize purchase order(s) to Galls LLC of Lexington, KY and Signal 15, Inc of Largo, FL for the purchase of uniforms and equipment in the cumulative annual

not-to-exceed amount of \$285,000.00 for the initial one-year term with three, one-year renewal options, pursuant to RFP 11-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

Clearwater Fire & Rescue (CFR) provides duty uniforms to approximately 205 sworn and non-sworn employees and on average, outfits 10 to 20 new employees every year. The Clearwater Police Department (CPD) provides duty uniforms and equipment to approximately 375 sworn and non-sworn employees and on average, outfits 40 to 50 new employees every year. In addition to outfitting new employees, both departments provide specialized duty uniforms for special teams and are continually replacing uniforms and equipment because of normal wear and tear, and incidental damage.

Request for Proposal (RFP) 11-24, for CFR and CPD uniforms and equipment was issued in January 2024, and the City received two responses on February 6, 2024.

On February 13, 2024, staff representing both Clearwater Fire & Rescue and Clearwater Police Department met to discuss the responses. Signal 15 is local and available to accommodate for fittings and alterations and often have uniforms in stock. Galls does not carry the primary uniform for CPD but carries some equipment that Signal 15 does not. Therefore, with the variety of uniforms and equipment needed, it was determined it was in the City's best interest to make a dual award to both Galls LLC and Signal 15, Inc.

The initial contract term would be from April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025, with three, one-year renewal options in the cumulative amount of \$285,000.00 annually. With the many varieties of equipment and uniforms purchased on an annual basis, flexibility is requested to use either vendor for purchasing needs.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Funding for the purchase orders is included in each department's fiscal year 2024 operating budget. Future fiscal year funding will be required through the annual Operating Budget process.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

This project is relevant towards accomplishing the strategic goal of a High Performing Government, specifically strategic objective 1.4 to foster safe and healthy communities in Clearwater through first-class public safety and emergency response services.

One individual spoke in opposition.

Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to authorize purchase order(s) to Galls LLC of Lexington, KY and Signal 15, Inc of Largo, FL for the

purchase of uniforms and equipment in the cumulative annual not-to-exceed amount of \$285,000.00 for the initial one-year term with three, one-year renewal options, pursuant to RFP 11-24 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6.12 Approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal from Ajax Building Company, LLC. of Oldsmar, FL, for the Solid Waste Recycling Facility Tipping Floor (23-0007-SW) in the amount of \$447,721 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 40-20, Construction Manager at Risk for Continuing Contracts and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

September 17, 2020, City Council approved the use of Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for Continuing Contracts per RFQ 40-20, to thirteen firms with Ajax Building Company, LLC, being one of the thirteen firms selected.

Ajax was selected for this project due to their past extensive experience with similar projects, their previous experience repairing prefabricated metal buildings, and experience with site supervision during the construction phase. Ajax also showed great understanding of the required end results and City facilities functions. In past projects, Ajax delivered a quality product, met designated timelines, and did so in a professional manner.

The existing Solid Waste Recycling Facility is aging and experiencing corrosion of portions of the metal structure and deterioration of the concrete base.

This project will repair the existing recycling facility, restoring the tipping floor and mechanical ramps to working condition. The project scope also includes repairs of the metal structures and base concrete. The repairs mentioned will provide city staff with a functioning facility to perform their assigned tasks more efficiently and safely.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

3247324-563800-C2302 \$447,721

Funds are available in capital improvement project 324-C2302, Rebuild Solid Waste Admin Complex, to fund this GMP.

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:

N/A

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).

One individual spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Mannino moved to approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal from Ajax Building Company, LLC. of Oldsmar, FL, for the Solid Waste Recycling Facility Tipping Floor (23-0007-SW) in the amount of \$447,721 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 40-20, Construction Manager at Risk for Continuing Contracts 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** Declare surplus for conveyance to Community Service Foundation, Inc. (CSF), certain real property located at 0 Lee St., for the purpose of development of affordable housing; approve the Real Property Transfer Agreement between the City and CSF; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same together with all other instruments required to affect closing. (APH)

City-owned property located at 0 Lee St. (subject property) is .103 acres, zoned medium density residential and is currently an unimproved vacant parcel. The city acquired the property at no cost through escheatment in 1999 and it is not needed for city use.

According to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's website, the just market value is \$85,364.

A request for letters of interest was published on January 17, 2024. Interested parties were provided with 30 days to respond to the notice. Two responses were received, one from Jump Shot Hauling and Junk Removal and the other from CSF. Of the two responses received, only CSF's response provided information required to properly evaluate the response. Therefore, staff is recommending the donation of the property to CSF for the deed restricted use of affordable housing. CSF plans to develop an income-restricted 750 sf, 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom home to be rented to a U.S. Military Veteran who is in need of housing. CSF anticipates that vertical construction will commence within three months and anticipates leasing the completed home within six months of the date of acquisition. The building will be constructed with Structall Building System's steel insulated panels which combines framing, high efficiency insulation and sheathing in order to decrease construction time and increase the energy efficiency of the home.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

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

Councilmember Cotton moved to declare surplus for conveyance to Community Service Foundation, Inc. (CSF), certain real property located at 0 Lee St., for the purpose of development of affordable housing; approve the Real Property Transfer Agreement between the City and CSF; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same together with all other instruments required to affect closing. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

8. Second Readings - Public Hearing

- 8.1** Adopt Ordinance 9755-24 on second reading and amend the City's fiscal year 2023/24 operating budget at first quarter.

Ordinance 9755-24 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Teixeira moved to adopt Ordinance 9755-24 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

- 8.2** Adopt Ordinance 9756-24 on second reading and amend the City's fiscal year 2023/24 capital improvement budget at first quarter.

Ordinance 9756-24 was presented and read by title only.

Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9756-24 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

9. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda - For purposes of this role, "items pertaining to city business" includes any matter within the Council's or the City Manager's power to act, any matter that the Council previously voted on or discussed at the dais, or any matter discussed by or scheduled to be

considered by another governmental entity that affects the operation of the City. Each person who wishes to address the Council shall complete a comment card and submit the card to the City Clerk (right-hand side of dais) before the speaker will be permitted to speak. However, if the speaker has just arrived or decided to speak, the Chair may allow the card to be filled out after speaking. Individuals will limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes. The Mayor shall advise the speaker that their time has expired. If the person remains at the podium, thereby interfering with other persons who may wish to be heard, the speaker's microphone may be turned off, or the Mayor may rule the person out of order in accordance with Rule 15.

Bill Jonson thanked the City for coordinating a great Neighborhoods Day, thanked Assistant City Manager Slaughter for attending the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition's meeting, and suggested the City consider approaching the Legislature to encourage the undergrounding of utilities.

Lucas Altic and Trisha Kirby expressed concerns with how Duke Energy manages tree removals.

Tony Tello congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and urged the City support small businesses trying to establish in Clearwater.

Mark Bunker expressed concerns regarding the recent real estate transaction involving the 500-block on Cleveland Street and said building a new city hall is more important than ever.

Daniel Holuba said he was concerned with the culture of silence among city employees and encouraged all to donate funds to save the historic arches at the entrance of the Greater Glenwood neighborhood.

Patrick Raftery congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and reminded Council that each councilmember represents all city residents, even those who did not vote for them.

Jared Leone congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and said he will continue to work to make sure voices are heard.

Blaine Enderle submitted emails expressing concerns regarding various city matters (see page 11).

10. City Manager Reports

10.1 North Beach Update

Public Works Director Marcus Williamson reviewed cleaning and

maintenance activities. He said staff continues to work with the valve manufacturer to identify problems and implement corrective actions with the contractor. Staff is monitoring the temporary pumps and continues to learn how the system is working when the pumps are activated.

11. City Attorney Reports – None.

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

Councilmember Cotton thanked all those who voted for him and assisted during the campaign; he is looking forward to the next four years.

Councilmember Teixeira thanked staff for a great Neighborhoods Day and congratulated the City Manager on her 1-year anniversary.

Vice Mayor Allbritton welcomed the newly elected councilmembers and said the City has a good team to move things forward. He reviewed recent PSTA activities.

Councilmember Mannino thanked his family and friends for their support during the campaign and said he is looking forward to working with his colleagues.

13. Closing Comments by Mayor

Mayor Rector reviewed recent and upcoming events. He congratulated the City Manager on her 1-year anniversary and thanked all who attended the meeting. He thanked all those who participated in the City's election and looked forward to working with staff and the community in making all of Clearwater a better city.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attest

Mayor
City of Clearwater

City Clerk

Call, Rosemarie

From: Blain Enderle <benderle1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:47 AM
To: ClearwaterCouncil
Subject: Watch "Clearwater Fire Chief Please Explain Your Thoughts On Blacking Out ALL Council Meetings Windows Sir" on YouTube

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<https://youtube.com/shorts/YbBs-Clp2NM?si=1vUQ1p5OMvBP4YCO>

Council,

We now have a Fire Chief. People can gather behind this door. I have videos on YouTube now showing it.

When meeting adjourn the public can and will hit both doors in a rush.

Putting black out on the see through design of the safety door is not safe.

The city responded and was horrified by their response. Horrified Not Pissed.

Blain

Call, Rosemarie

From: Blain Enderle <benderle1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:16 AM
To: ClearwaterCouncil
Subject: Watch "Clearwater Downtown The Way I See It City Council. Welcome. Buckle up the ride might have turbulence" on YouTube

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<https://youtube.com/shorts/9bWRx3E4MUc?si=3pJyy15Fn7mQRX18>

Welcome Council,

Your regulations make downtown impossible.
Nobody remembers we had strip joints downtown and many of them.

Remember Dunedin Downtown. Not Dunedin doesn't love you. They do. They just don't want to be regulated to grave yard dead.

All the best,

Blain Enderle

Call, Rosemarie

From: Blain Enderle <benderle1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:36 AM
To: ClearwaterCouncil
Subject: Watch "Clearwater City Council I Found This Man Remarkd To Talk To If Only Ears Could Listen I Clearwater" on YouTube

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Show me once where you gave the money back.

Call, Rosemarie

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Show me once where you gave the money back.

Call, Rosemarie

From: Blain Enderle <benderle1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:14 PM
To: ClearwaterCouncil
Subject: Watch "Clearwater's \$6,000,000 Library Sprinkler Pipe Bursting Final cost Are you Telling Us Everything" on YouTube

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Please find out for me.

I bet it doesn't cover this elevator.

Sigma male

Blain Enderle

Call, Rosemarie

From: Blain Enderle <benderle1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:32 AM
To: ClearwaterCouncil; Delk, Michael; Poirrier, Jennifer; Slaughter, Daniel
Subject: Watch "Clearwater Has A Hidden Treasure And Doesn't Know It 3/18/24 Green R Than Me" on YouTube

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Please

Call, Rosemarie

From: Blain Enderle <benderle1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:08 PM
To: ClearwaterCouncil
Subject: Watch "Captain Obvious explains Clearwater Florida. The Winner Is Clearwater No more Strip Bars with drinks" on YouTube

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My 3 minutes.

Drinking in your new park. Heaven forbid.

Have a great week

Blain

