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**Profile**

William (Bill)

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**Length of Residency - please select one. \*** 6+ years**Do you own or represent a business in Clearwater?** Yes  No**If yes, where is the business located? Do you conduct business with the City?**

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Community Development Board: Submitted

Retired

Employer

Manager and Councilmember

Job Title

**Occupation - If retired, enter former occupation.**

Project Manager &amp; Elected Representative

**Have you served or do you serve on a board in Clearwater?** Yes  No**If yes, please list the name of the board.**

City Council

**Why do you wish to serve on this board/committee? If seeking reappointment, state why you should be reappointed.**

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I want to see Clearwater to become the best City within Florida. As stated during the writing of the Community Development Code (CDC), Clearwater is a city in redevelopment mode. As such the code was written to allow flexibility for quality development. The CDC has provisions to implement this goal. The Community Development Board (CDB) has the responsibility to ensure that those provisions are fully followed benefiting the property owner, the business community, the neighboring residential communities and the city as a whole.

**What personal qualifications can you bring to this board or committee?**

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38 year Clearwater resident 30 year career at Honeywell focusing on project management 14 years experience on the Clearwater City Council (incl. Regional Boards and several FL League of Cities Committees) Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition leadership positions (President, Vice President, Board Member) Certified Public Accountant and Project Management Professional, certification I have familiarity with the content of the Clearwater Community Development Code and the project approval process. I am aware that this Board functions as a quasi-judicial body using the rules of evidence and ex parte communication restrictions.

**List Community Activities**

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Founder and Chair, Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway CAC Member, Forward Pinellas CAC VP, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition President, League of Women Voters of N. Pinellas Founder and Chair of Citizens for a Better Clearwater Chair and Board Member of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

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Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

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Please attach a copy of your current voter registration within city limits.

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[2023-08-10\\_WC\\_Jonson\\_Driver\\_License\\_91.pdf](#)

Please attach a copy of one of the following documents:  
1) valid current Florida Driver License issued to an address within city limits, or 2) Declaration of Domicile filed with the city clerk affirming residency within city limits.

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**Demographics**

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts. (Optional)

**Ethnicity**

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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Male

10/14/1944

Date of Birth

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**The City of Clearwater strives to promote diversity and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you are requesting accommodation, please indicate below:**

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None

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**By clicking on "I Agree," below, I affirm that the information above is true and correct, and that I understand and agree to the responsibilities and commitment of time associated with an appointment to a Clearwater advisory board or committee.**

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I Agree

All material submitted to the City of Clearwater is subject to the public records law of the State of Florida including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

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**Clearwater City Council: Mr. Jonson served two three-year terms as Clearwater City Councilmember from 2001 to 2007 when he left office as a result of term limits. He was reelected to the City Council in March of 2010 and again in 2014. He completed his last term in March of 2018.**

He served as the Clearwater City representative to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) where he is Past Board Chair. He represented PSTA on the Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization (Forward Pinellas). Additionally, he was Clearwater's representative to the Suncoast League of Cities, where he served as President twice. He is Chair of the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Committee. Additionally, was appointed to the Clearwater Pension Advisory Committee, Clearwater Audit Committee and ex-official member of the Clearwater Downtown Development Board.

He was previously the City's representative to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program. The Florida League of Cities (FLC) elected him to their Board of Directors and selected him as Chair of their Transportation and Urban Affairs Policy Committee. Additional service at the FLC includes a membership on Advocacy, Nominations, Resolutions, and Legislative committees, and as a member of the Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Affordable Housing. Additionally, he served as Chairman of the Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization's Local Coordinating Board for Transportation Disadvantaged.

**Other Appointed Positions: In June 2007, Mr. Jonson was appointed by the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners to a "citizens' representative" board position on PSTA where he served as Secretary/Treasurer and a member of the Board Finance Committee from 2007-2009. Additionally, he served as Vice Chair of the Pinellas County MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). He was appointed to the CAC of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority and subsequently elected and re-elected as CAC Committee Chair 2008-2009 and again as Chair in 2018.**

**Previous City of Clearwater Activities: Mr. Jonson was the founder (1988) and president of Citizens for a Better Clearwater. This group successfully petitioned the Clearwater City Commission to phase out billboard clutter on a portion of Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard in Clearwater, Florida. This effort subsequently led to the Pinellas County Commission's adoption of ordinances to improve roadside appearance countywide. He is Chair of the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Advocacy Group, which successfully achieved designation as a Florida Scenic Byway which initiated the Federally funded multi-use Trail across the Causeway in use today.**

**Community Activities: Mr. Jonson served as president of the Countryside Northridge Homeowners Association (1991, 2000, 2008 and 2009), he is the past president of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition (1992), and currently serves as vice president of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition. He was Treasurer, Director, and President (2020-2022) of the League of Women Voters of Upper Pinellas. He served as president of the Countryside High School Advisory Council (1994-1995). He was a very active member of the Countryside Lions Club from 1985 to 1994 where he was recipient of the Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow Award (1991). Additionally, he was recognized as Lion of the Year in 1999. He is a graduate of Leadership Pinellas 1999, Leadership Tampa Bay 2005, and Leadership Florida's Local Government Class VII. He is a member of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce's (now Amplify Clearwater) Government and Economic Development Committees.**

**Statewide Activities: Mr. Jonson is founder and currently president of Citizens for a Scenic Florida, whose statewide mission is to preserve and restore Florida's scenic heritage. Prior to the formation of this organization, he worked extensively on Florida highway beautification activities. He was a member of the State of Florida's Scenic Byways Advisory Council and was active in legislative and rule development**

pertaining to vegetation protection and billboard controls. As a result of these efforts he received the **statewide Florida Hazel Simmons Hodges Highway Beautification Award** (1997).

**National Activities:** Mr. Jonson currently **serves on the Board of Directors of Scenic America, Inc** (Treasurer), and was its secretary (1991-93), chair of the Affiliates Committee (1993-98) and chair of the Billboard Policy Committee (1998 – 2001).

**Professional:** Prior to his retirement in December of 1999, Mr. Jonson oversaw **project management** activities within the Information Systems department at **Honeywell Inc. in Clearwater**, Florida. During his 30-year career at Honeywell he also performed duties in internal audit, controllership, and systems analysis. During his professional career he received the following certifications: **Certified Public Account**, Certified Internal Auditor, Certificate in Data Processing, and **Certified Project Management Professional**. In 2012 he became a Certified Public Pension Trustee.

**Education:** Mr. Jonson received his undergraduate **degree from Drake University in Accounting**. He did additional graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Management Information Systems.

**Military:** He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969 as a Military Policeman and Internal Auditor, primarily in Texas and Thailand. **Honorable Discharge was received.**

**Family: He has two children, Amy and Thomas, and five grandchildren.** Over the years Bill has been a Boy Scout/Cub Scout Leader and an assistant youth soccer coach. Bill is a member of Heritage United Methodist Church where he sings in the Choir.

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