

City of Clearwater

*City Hall
112 S. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor George N. Cretekos, Vice Mayor Bill Jonson, Councilmember Doreen Caudell, Councilmember Bob Cundiff and Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton

Also Present: William B. Horne II – City Manager, Pamela K. Akin - City Attorney, Rosemarie Call - City Clerk and Nicole Sprague – Official Records and Legislative Services Coordinator

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

Unapproved**1. Call to Order – Mayor Cretekos**

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

2. Invocation – Ms. Sandra Wilson from Garden of Grace Ministries**3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Hamilton****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 January Service Awards**

Two service awards were presented to city employees.

4.2 Award to Police Chief Daniel Slaughter - John Hood, Clearwater Audubon Society**4.3 Check Presentation Volunteers - Natalie Lamb, Volunteer Coordinator**

Ms. Lamb presented the Council with a ceremonial check for \$1,038,669 representing the value of volunteer hours for the past year.

4.4 Outback Bowl Presentation - Chuck Riggs, Outback Bowl Board of Directors

Mr. Riggs reviewed highlights from the 2016 Outback Bowl activities and thanked the Council and staff for their continued support. Mike Schulze, Director of Communications and Sponsorships, presented the Mayor with a commemorative football.

4.5 Turkey Trot Presentation - Larry "Skip" Rogers, Turkey Trot Race Director

Mr. Rogers reviewed race highlights and thanked the City and staff for their continued support and presented Council with commemorative coffee mugs.

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Approve the minutes of the December 15, 2016 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Jonson moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2016 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda

Joe Corvino wished all a healthy and prosperous new year and expressed concerns regarding the uncertainty of transportation as part of development. He was concerned regarding the mixed messages the recent hiring of a transportation planner and Council's support of an intermodal facility proposed by the County at Myrtle Ave. are providing the public. He suggested that transportation initiatives should be explored by the City's transportation planner.

John Tsoulfas opposed the proposed residential beach property owner parking permit and encouraged all opposing the proposal to sign a petition.

It was stated that any neighborhood requesting the limited parking program will include a vote of the property owners.

George Heltner expressed concerns with the frequency and intensity of emergency vehicle sirens being used by Sunstar.

It was stated that Sunstar has a contract with Pinellas County.

Daniel Haluba expressed concerns with the City's water utility rate and the requirement to pay for reclaimed water.

7. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted.

- 7.1** Approve the City of Belleair Bluffs Annual General Right-of-Way Permit for the period November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.2** Approve the Pinellas County Combined Voluntary Cooperation Agreement and Operational Assistance Agreement for law enforcement services for the period February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2021 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.3** Approve Engineer of Record (EOR) Supplemental 4 Work Order to McKim and Creed in the amount of \$199,112.25 for the Inflow and Infiltration Flow Reduction Project (15-004-UT) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.4** Approve a work order to Tetra Tech, Inc, of Tampa, FL, in the amount of \$862,100.00 for the design and permitting of Reverse Osmosis Plant 3 (15-0044-UT) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.5** Award a construction contract to David Nelson Construction, Incorporated of Tampa, Florida, in the amount of \$11,409,143.90 for East Gateway Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (13-0043-EN), which is the lowest responsible bid received in accordance with plans and specifications of the project, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.6** Award a construction contract to Hinterland Group, Inc. for Lift Stations 7 and 8 Improvements (15-0038-UT) in the amount of \$1,064,030; approve Supplemental 1 Work Order to Engineer-of-Record (EOR) AECOM, Inc., in the amount of \$17,910.00 to provide Construction Engineering Services (CEI), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.7** Accept a Drainage Easement over 200 Starcrest Drive, conveyed to the City by the Property Owner; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.8** Approve a blanket purchase order to Evoqua Water Technologies, of Pittsburgh, PA, in the annual amount of \$200,000.00, with the option for two, one-year term extensions for the purchase of Odophos and PRI-SC, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.9** Approve a Purchase Order (contract) with Xylem, Inc. of Apopka, FL, in the amount of \$270,465.00 for the purchase of Flygt Return Activated Sludge Pumps and Internal Recycle Pumps and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

- 7.10** Approve a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) with United Rentals of Tampa, FL, in the amount of \$2,100,000 for one year for the rental of equipment and related services utilized for bypass pumping of influent flow at the Marshall Street WRF and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.11** Approve a Blanket Purchase Order with Capitol Foundry of Virginia Inc, of Virginia Beach, VA in the annual amount of \$300,000.00 with the option for two, one-year term extensions for the purchase of stainless steel manhole inserts and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.12** Award a contract (blanket purchase order) to Enforcement One, Inc. of Oldsmar, FL, in the annual amount of \$215,000.00 for the purchase of Police Vehicle Up-fitting Services, including two one-year renewal terms at the City's option and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.13** Appoint a Councilmember Hamilton to the Tampa Bay Estuary Policy Board as the Alternate Member. (consent)
- 7.14** Appoint Ms. Sahar Daher to the Clearwater Housing Authority Board as the Public Housing resident to fill the remainder of an unexpired term through September 30, 2017. (consent)
- 7.15** Approve an increase of \$10,000 to the law firm of Richards, Gilkey, Fite, Slaughter, Pratesi and Ward, P.A. for representation in the purchase of parking spaces in the Pelican Walk parking garage for a contract total of \$54,000. (consent)

Councilmember Caudell 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

8. Administrative Public Hearings

- 8.1** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Low (RL) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) District for 3071 Hoyt Avenue; and pass Ordinances 8989-17, 8990-17 and 8991-17 on first reading. (ANX2016-11037)

This voluntary annexation petition involves a 0.186-acre property consisting of one parcel of land occupied by a single family home. The parcel is located on the south side of Hoyt Avenue approximately 118 feet west of McMullen Booth

Road. The applicant is requesting annexation in order to receive solid waste service from the City and will be connected to the city sanitary sewer as part of the Kapok Terrace Sanitary Sewer System Extension Project. The property is contiguous to existing city limits to the south. It is proposed that the property be assigned a Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Low (RL) and a Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

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

- The property currently receives water service from the City. Collection of solid waste will be provided to the property by the City. The applicant will connect to the City's sanitary sewer service when it is available, and is aware of the fee that must be paid in order to connect and the financial incentives available. The property is located within Police District III and service will be administered through the district headquarters located at 2851 N. McMullen Booth Road. Fire and emergency medical services will be provided to this property by Station 49 located at 565 Sky Harbor Drive. The City has adequate capacity to serve this property with sanitary sewer, solid waste, police, fire and EMS service. The proposed annexation will not have an adverse effect on public facilities and their levels of service; and
- The proposed annexation is consistent with and promotes the following objectives and policy of the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan:

Objective A.6.4 Due to the built-out character of the City of Clearwater, compact urban development within the urban service area shall be promoted through application of the Clearwater Community Development Code.

Objective A.7.2 Diversify and expand the City's tax base through the annexation of a variety of land uses located within the Clearwater Planning Area.

Policy A.7.2.3 Continue to process voluntary annexations for single-family residential properties upon request.

- The proposed Residential Low (RL) Future Land Use Map category is consistent with the current Countywide Plan designation of this property. This designation primarily permits residential uses at a density of 5 units per acre. The proposed zoning district to be assigned to the property is Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR). The use of the subject property is consistent with the uses allowed in the District and the property exceeds the District's minimum dimensional requirements. The proposed annexation is therefore consistent with the Countywide Plan and the City's Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code; and
- The property proposed for annexation is contiguous to existing city

limits to the south. Therefore, the annexation is consistent with Florida Statutes Chapter 171.044.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Low (RL) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) District for 3071 Hoyt Avenue. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 8989-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Hamilton moved to pass Ordinance 8989-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

Ordinance 8990-17 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Jonson moved to pass Ordinance 8990-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

Ordinance 8991-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Caudell moved to pass Ordinance 8991-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

- 8.2** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Low (RL) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) District for 1720 Thomas Drive; and pass Ordinances 8992-16, 8993-16 and 8994-16 on first reading. (ANX2016-11038)

This voluntary annexation petition involves a 0.193-acre property consisting of one parcel of land occupied by a single family home. The parcel is located on the west side of Thomas Drive approximately 405 feet north of SR 590. The applicant is requesting annexation in order to receive sanitary sewer and solid waste service from the City. The property is located within an enclave and is contiguous to existing city limits on all sides. It is proposed that the property be assigned a Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Low (RL) and a Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

The Planning and Development Department determined that the proposed

annexation is consistent with the provisions of Clearwater Community Development Code Section 4-604.E as follows:

- The property currently receives water service from Pinellas County. The closest sanitary sewer line is located in the adjacent Thomas Drive right-of-way. The applicant has paid the City's sewer impact and assessment fees and is aware of the additional costs to extend City sewer service to this property. Collection of solid waste will be provided to the property by the City. The property is located within Police District III and service will be administered through the district headquarters located at 2851 North McMullen Booth Road. Fire and emergency medical services will be provided to this property by Station 48 located at 1700 North Belcher Road. The City has adequate capacity to serve this property with sanitary sewer, solid waste, police, fire and EMS service. Water service will continue to be provided by Pinellas County. The proposed annexation will not have an adverse effect on public facilities and their levels of service; and
- The proposed annexation is consistent with and promotes the following objectives and policy of the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan:
 - Objective A.6.4 Due to the built-out character of the City of Clearwater, compact urban development within the urban service area shall be promoted through application of the Clearwater Community Development Code.
 - Objective A.7.2 Diversify and expand the City's tax base through the annexation of a variety of land uses located within the Clearwater Planning Area.
 - Policy A.7.2.3 Continue to process voluntary annexations for single-family residential properties upon request.
- The proposed Residential Low (RL) Future Land Use Map category is consistent with the current Countywide Plan designation of this property. This designation primarily permits residential uses at a density of 5 units per acre. The proposed zoning district to be assigned to the property is Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR). The use of the subject property is consistent with the uses allowed in the District and the property exceeds the District's minimum dimensional requirements. The proposed annexation is therefore consistent with the Countywide Plan and the City's Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code; and
- The property proposed for annexation is contiguous to existing city limits on all sides. Therefore, the annexation is consistent with Florida Statutes Chapter 171.044.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to approve the annexation, initial

Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Low (RL) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) District for 1720 Thomas Drive. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 8992-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Hamilton moved to pass Ordinance 8992-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

Ordinance 8993-17 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Jonson moved to pass Ordinance 8993-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

Ordinance 8994-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Caudell moved to pass Ordinance 8994-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

- 8.3** Approve amendments to the Clearwater Community Development Code establishing the US 19 Corridor (US 19) District with new development standards and a regulating plan for properties located along US Highway 19 and along cross streets, allowing telecommunications towers as a minimum standard use, creating standards for bicycle parking, and making other amendments associated with the new US 19 Corridor District; and pass Ordinance 8988-17 on first reading. (TA2016-12002)

Proposed Ordinance 8988-17 contains numerous revisions to the Community Development Code. The majority of the proposed amendments relate to the establishment of the new US 19 District; however, the amendment also addresses telecommunications towers, outdoor storage, and adult uses, as well as bicycle parking.

US 19 District:

The main purpose of proposed Ordinance 8988-17 is to establish the new US 19 District (US 19) in Article 2, Division 11, and identify within Article 3, Division 5 that there are design standards which shall apply to the US 19 District. The standards which apply to the proposed US 19 District are a hybrid of both

zoning and development standards; therefore, a new Appendix B of the Community Development Code is proposed in which the US 19 Zoning District & Development Standards will be established.

Proposed Appendix B contains all Development Standards and the regulatory framework for the new US 19 District. Appendix B is organized into eight Divisions, as outlined below:

- Division 1. General Provisions: Intent and Purpose, Relation to Community Development Code, Applicability of Design Standards, and Exemptions
- Division 2. Regulating Plan: Subdistrict and Frontage Types Established
- Division 3. Subdistrict Standards: Intensity, Building Height, Key Corners, Uses and Parking, and Parking Reduction
- Division 4. Street Frontage Standards: Building Placement, Landscape and Pedestrian Improvements, Parking and Vehicular Circulation, and Front Building Facades and Entries
- Division 5. Site Design Standards: Development Pattern, Access and Circulation, Parking and Service Areas, Landscape and Fencing, Stormwater Management, Open Space, and Automobile Service Stations and Drive Throughs
- Division 6. Building Design Standards: Facade Design, Roof Design, Building Entries and Materials, Mechanical Equipment
- Division 7. Flexibility: Process, Flexibility Provisions (General), and Flexibility Provisions for Special Project Types
- Division 8. Administration: Site Plan Approvals, Amending Districts and Frontage Types, Annexation of Property, and Regulating Plan Adjustments

In addition to establishing the US 19 District and associated Development Standards, the proposed amendment clarifies that the US 19 District will be exempt from the Comprehensive Landscape Program, adds language allowing for transit shelters in mixed-use districts like US 19, and modifies the definition of retail plazas to allow the use as a Level One Minimum Standard Use.

Telecommunications Towers:

The proposed amendment addresses changes in Federal Communications Commission Regulations which established a faster timeframe by when local governments must review permit applications, by proposing to move telecommunications towers from Level Two (Flexible Development) use to a Level One (Minimum Standard) use. Existing use specific criteria are proposed to be integrated in to the Design Standards for telecommunications towers found within Article 3.

Outdoor Storage:

The proposed amendment will add the use outdoor storage to the Industrial, Research and Technology (IRT) District.

Adult Uses:

Concurrent Ordinance 8987-17 proposes to rezone properties along US 19 to the new US 19 District, thereby eliminating any Commercial (C) District previously located along US 19. Therefore, adult uses would no longer be an allowable use and the various use tables must be amended accordingly. In order to continue to provide locations within the city and along US 19 on which an adult use may be established, in a similar manner as allowed under current provisions, additional amendments are proposed to Article 3, Division 3, Adult Use Standards to limits adult uses to areas within the US 19 District that are also in the Corridor subdistrict and maintain the requirement that parcels also have frontage along US 19.

Bicycle Parking:

The proposed amendment establishes new bicycle parking standards including locational and bicycle rack standards.

The Planning and Development Department has determined that the proposed text amendment to the Community Development Code is consistent with and furthers the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the Community Development Code as outlined in the staff report. The CDB reviewed the proposed text amendment at its meeting of December 20, 2016, and unanimously recommended approval of the amendment with the caveat that staff take into consideration the comments received from property owners, representatives and the public at the CDB meeting. Revisions have been integrated in to the ordinance.

Planning Manager Lauren Matzke provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Economic Development and Housing Director Denise Sanderson said the proposed changes allows the City to move forward with providing predictability to property owners, developers, business owners and site selectors. The increased densities and broader array of allowable uses will provide an opportunity for a greater return on investment for those seeking to locate along the US 19 corridor, which will in turn provide high skill and high wage job opportunities for those living in the area.

In response to questions, Ms. Matzke said staff has provided Council with letters supporting/opposing the proposed changes this evening. A letter received after the CDB meeting suggested a broader approach regarding

design standards. Regarding one letter expressing concerns regarding impact to smaller parcels, Planning and Development Director Michael Delk said the prospective buyer of the site has issues with the design criteria. This is not an area where flexibility was incorporated; the design criteria in these locations are fundamental and the premise on which the plan is based. Mr. Delk said the proposed design criteria in this area can be met, allowing for mixed-use retail and other items. Ms. Matzke said the subject site is currently zoned office; the building on the site was a bank. The use can continue and no changes would be necessary to open any number of uses provided through the proposed change in use provisions. Under the current office zoning, the prospective buyer would not be able to do some of things they show in their prototypes, such as restaurants or retail. If the existing building is replaced with a new building, the proposed design standards must be met. Ms. Matzke said there are flexibility provisions that would allow the entrance to be placed on the side of the building. There is a residential development being developed to the west of this site. The design standard for this section of Countryside promotes pedestrian oriented use with frontage type A.

Two individuals expressed concerns that the proposed changes would negatively impact traffic near Japanese Gardens and questioned if the Japanese Gardens residents would be informed if the property is sold. It was stated that the City does not have any plans to purchase the property.

One individual expressed concerns that the front door main access along street frontage standard is more restrictive as it adds a 40-ft. restriction from the corner and does not address the concern regarding the access of center tenants in district retail centers. The intent of the proposed plan is an economic development driver but it is unlikely that an employment based use will come to a small 2-acre site. It was suggested to staff that smaller parcels should have the flexibility to go to the Community Development Board for approval if general criteria as well as some additional specific criteria are met because there is enough of the intent of the code for approval.

Three individuals spoke in support.

One individual expressed concern with the 25% threshold of the building structure value provision requiring a property owner to be compliant with the new redevelopment site standards. It was suggested that the threshold be raised as, for example, if 2 or more tenants at the Cypress Point Shopping Center left at the same time, the threshold would be met quickly.

Planning and Development Assistant Director Gina Clayton said the

25% provision would not trip certain requirements, such as bringing the building to the street or having certain design standards. As is relates to Cypress Point, any part of the building that is back 200 ft. from the street does not have to comply with most of the proposed standards. If renovations were pursued at Cypress Point, parking lot landscape upgrades and pedestrian connections would be required.

In response to a question, Ms. Clayton said there is no change impacting existing mobile home parks; mobile home parks are allowed to continue.

Council provided comments supporting the proposed changes.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to approve amendments to the Clearwater Community Development Code establishing the US 19 Corridor (US 19) District with new development standards and a regulating plan for properties located along US Highway 19 and along cross streets, allowing telecommunications towers as a minimum standard use, creating standards for bicycle parking, and making other amendments associated with the new US 19 Corridor District. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

In response to questions, Ms. Matzke said amending the ordinance at second reading (to incorporate any of the recommended changes suggested this evening) would not require a title change. Mr. Delk said the item before council remains consistent with the City's land development regulations, a generally flexible tool. Staff has been upfront that there would be some design constraints in the City's best locations. The City has expended approximately \$596,000 in preparation of creating a new environment and addressing the changes that has occurred along this roadway. Council has allocated an additional \$1,450,000 to a wayfinding program to support this. Mr. Delk said if any the provisions do not work as intended, staff will come back to Council with a correction. The prospective buyer of the former bank site does not want to meet the City's design standard for this use at this location. Mr. Delk said staff objects to their suggested change as it undermines the issue of transportation accessibility and economic development potential at this key site. Premise of the changes is to provide easy development approval options so they can be marketed and supported by Economic Development and the real estate industry. Mr. Delk cautioned against adding uncertainty about outcome in an area where the design is critical to the objective in place that supports the density and intensity allotted by Pinellas County and Forward Pinellas. Ms. Clayton cautioned taking the flexibility provided in the proposal any Further, as it may impact the entitlements provided by Forward Pinellas.

Concerns were expressed regarding amending the proposed ordinance

during the first reading.

Ordinance 8988-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Hamilton moved to pass Ordinance 8988-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

The Council recessed from 8:09 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

- 8.4** Approve a Zoning Atlas Amendment from 12 different future land use categories corridor-wide to the US 19 (US 19) and Preservation (P) Districts for property generally located along US Highway 19 between Belleair Road and Curlew Road, including properties east and west of US 19 along cross streets; and pass Ordinance 8987-17 on first reading. (REZ2016-09006, REZ2016-09007, REZ2016-09008)

Several major city plans address the need to amend city policies and codes to allow more intense development along US 19 while also developing new zoning standards to encourage infill development in a pedestrian- and transit-supportive manner, including the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan (2011), Clearwater Greenprint (2011) and the US 19 Corridor Redevelopment Plan (Corridor Plan) (2012). In order to implement these plans, the City has taken several steps, including amending its Comprehensive Plan to establish new US 19 Regional Center, US 19 Neighborhood Center and US 19 Corridor future land use categories (CPA2016-04001/Ordinance 8923-16) and amending the Future Land Use Map to designate approximately 1,641.35 acres generally located along US Highway 19 between Belleair Road and Curlew Road, including properties east and west of US Highway 19 along the cross streets with these categories (LUP2016-06004, LUP2016-06005, LUP2016-06006/Ordinance 8932-16), both of which were adopted by City Council on December 15, 2016.

The Planning and Development Department worked with HDR, Inc. to develop a new zoning district and design standards for properties on the US 19 corridor (see concurrent case TA2016-12002/Ordinance 8988-17). Ordinance 8987-17 proposes to amend the Zoning Atlas designation of the aforementioned properties to the US 19 (US 19) District. Additionally, the Preservation (P) District is proposed to remain where it is already designated. The proposed amendment implements the vision in the Corridor Plan, and makes the Zoning Atlas consistent with the Future Land Use Map.

The Planning and Development Department determined that the proposed Zoning Atlas amendment is consistent with the Clearwater Community Development Code as specified below:

- The proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Community Development Code.
- The proposed amendment is compatible with the surrounding property and character of the neighborhood.
- The available uses in the US 19 (US 19) District are compatible with the surrounding area.
- The proposed amendment will not adversely burden public facilities, including the traffic-carrying capacities of streets, in an unreasonably or disproportionate manner; and
- The proposed US 19 (US 19) District boundary is appropriately drawn in regard to location and classification of streets, ownership lines, existing improvements, and the natural environment.

The Community Development Board reviewed the proposed amendments at its December 20, 2016 meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

Vice Mayor Jonson moved to approve a Zoning Atlas Amendment from 12 different future land use categories corridor-wide to the US 19 (US 19) and Preservation (P) Districts for property generally located along US Highway 19 between Belleair Road and Curlew Road, including properties east and west of US 19 along cross streets. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 8987-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Caudell moved to pass Ordinance 8987-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretokos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

- 8.5** Impose a temporary moratorium within the City of Clearwater for a period of six months on the operation of any additional dispensing facilities of Dispensing Organizations that dispense Low-THC Cannabis or Medical Cannabis or on the operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and pass Ordinance 8995-17 on first reading.

On November 8, 2016, Florida voters approved an amendment to the Florida Constitution, titled "Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions" (Amendment 2), which has an effective date of January 3, 2017. Amendment 2 has legalized under state law throughout the State of Florida the medical use of cannabis for a "Debilitating Medical Condition," which is defined to mean

“cancer, epilepsy, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, or other debilitating medical conditions of the same kind or class as or comparable to those enumerated, and for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient.”

Amendment 2 has also legalized under state law throughout the State of Florida the operation of a “Medical Marijuana Treatment Center” (MMTC), which is defined to mean “an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their caregivers and is registered by the Department [of Health].”

Amendment 2 requires the Florida Department of Health to adopt specified regulations pertaining to MMTCs within 6 months from the effective date of the amendment, such as procedures for the registration of MMTCs that include procedures pertaining to the issuance, renewal, suspension and revocation of registration, and standards ensuring proper security, record keeping, testing, labeling, inspection, and safety, as well as regulations defining the amount of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be an adequate supply for qualifying patients' medical use, based on the best available evidence. Amendment 2 also authorizes the Florida legislature to enact laws consistent with the Department of Health's constitutional duties.

Currently, Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, allows 6 “dispensing organizations” in the State of Florida to cultivate process, dispense, and transport low-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) cannabis for medical patients suffering from cancer or “a physical medical condition that chronically produces symptoms of seizures,” such as epilepsy, “or severe and persistent muscle spasms.” Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, also allows those 6 organizations to cultivate, process, dispense, and transport “medical cannabis” for eligible patients with terminal conditions.

On March 25, 2016, the Florida Legislature amended Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, to allow municipalities to determine by ordinance the criteria for the number and location of, and other permitting requirements that do not conflict with state law or department rule for, dispensing facilities of such “dispensing organizations” located within its municipal boundaries.

Rule 64-4.002(2)(c)3., Florida Administrative Code, adopted by the Florida Department of Health, also includes “the ability to obtain zoning approval” as a

factor that the Florida Department of Health currently considers when reviewing an application submitted by those seeking to operate as a “dispensing organization” pursuant to Section 381.986, Florida Statutes. It is unclear at this time what zoning-related restrictions the Florida Legislature or the Florida Department of Health will adopt within the next 6 months pertaining to the significantly more locations that potentially will be able to dispense cannabis within the State Florida as a result of Amendment 2.

Due to the historical prohibition of cannabis, the City of Clearwater does not currently have any land development regulations governing the use of real property for purposes of cultivating, processing, distributing, or selling cannabis. In fact, one dispensary of cannabis is already operating within the City of Clearwater pursuant to Section 381.986, Florida Statutes.

In order to promote effective land use planning, the Planning and Development Department and Police Department recommend that Ordinance 8995-17 be adopted while the Planning and Development Department is awaiting the promulgation of regulations by the Florida Department of Health and the possible adoption of laws by the Florida legislature pertaining to the operation of MMTCs and while the Planning and Development Department is researching, studying, and analyzing the potential impact of MMTCs and “dispensing organizations” upon adjacent uses and the surrounding area.

The City of Clearwater Community Development Board unanimously recommended approval of Ordinance 8995-17 at its meeting on December 20, 2016.

In response to a question, Assistant City Attorney Rob Surette said the proposed ordinance is a pause; the Department of Health has published a notice regarding their intent to establish regulations, which will piggyback with existing regulations contained in the statutes. The City Attorney said the County does not intend to regulate the unincorporated areas. The City intends to make the regulatory provisions consistent with the county provisions where possible.

Councilmember Caudell moved to impose a temporary moratorium within the City of Clearwater for a period of six months on the operation of any additional dispensing facilities of Dispensing Organizations that dispense Low-THC Cannabis or Medical Cannabis or on the operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 8995-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Cundiff moved to pass Ordinance 8995-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

- 8.6** Approve the request from the owner of property addressed 2498 Stag Run Boulevard to vacate a portion of a 45-foot Drainage and Utility Easement along the north boundary of their property and pass Ordinance 8986-17 on first reading. (VAC2016-06)

The property owner has requested the vacation of a portion of the drainage and utility easement that runs along the north portion of his property at 2498 Stag Run Boulevard. The pool on this property was approved by Pinellas County in the early 1980s. This property was then annexed into the City of Clearwater where a drainage and utility easement was platted. The pool is encroaching into the easement and the homeowner, in the process of now selling the property, would like to clean up the encroachment by vacating a portion of this platted easement.

The City of Clearwater does not have any utilities in this portion of the easement. Appropriate city departments have reviewed and do not object. The applicant has received all required Letters of No Objection from private utility companies.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to approve the request from the owner of property addressed 2498 Stag Run Boulevard to vacate a portion of a 45-foot Drainage and Utility Easement along the north boundary of their property. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 8986-17 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Jonson moved to pass Ordinance 8986-17 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

9. Second Readings - Public Hearing

- 9.1** Adopt Ordinance 8982-17 on second reading, annexing certain real property whose

post office address is 3071 Grand View Avenue, Clearwater Florida 33759, into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Ordinance 8982-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Hamilton moved to adopt Ordinance 8982-17 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

- 9.2** Adopt Ordinance 8983-17 on second reading, amending the future land use plan element of the Comprehensive Plan of the city to designate the land use for certain real property whose post office address is 3071 Grand View Avenue, Clearwater Florida 33759, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Low (RL).

Ordinance 8983-17 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Jonson moved to adopt Ordinance 8983-17 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

- 9.3** Adopt Ordinance 8984-17 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain real property whose post office address is 3071 Grand View Avenue, Clearwater Florida 33759, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

Ordinance 8984-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Caudell moved to adopt Ordinance 8984-17 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

10. City Manager Reports

- 10.1** Authorize an agreement between the City of Clearwater and the State of Florida,

Department of Economic Opportunity, to receive a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to prepare Comprehensive Plan amendments to address the Peril of Flood requirements in Florida Statutes, authorize the appropriate officials to execute same and adopt Resolution 17-05.

On September 3, 2015, Resolution 15-21 was adopted which entered the City into an agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) as a pilot community for the DEO's Coastal Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan (Project). This Project is currently underway, and aims to provide the City with planning approaches to help reduce the risk of coastal hazards, such as storm surge, flooding, and sea level rise.

On May 21, 2015, Florida Senate Bill 1094, "An Act relating to the peril of flood," (Peril of Flood) was signed into law, which specifies components that must be contained in the coastal management element required for a local government comprehensive plan, including a coastal redevelopment component that addresses how to eliminate inappropriate and unsafe development in the coastal areas when opportunities arise.

Because the City is currently already serving as a pilot community, the DEO selected the City to receive a technical assistance grant in the amount of \$20,000 to evaluate existing comprehensive plan policies and other implementation tools in terms of potential effectiveness in reducing flood risk, all consistent with the Peril of Flood requirements set out forth in Section 163.3178(2)(f), Florida Statutes. The grant funding will be used for consulting services to produce draft comprehensive plan requirements that address engineering solutions that reduce flood risk in coastal areas, and those site development techniques that may reduce losses to the local government and property owners due to coastal flooding. The analysis that was conducted for the current Project will be used to support the additional comprehensive planning work.

Resolution 17-05 Exhibit A is the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and DEO. The City would be contractually obligated to hold a first reading (transmittal public hearing) of the proposed comprehensive plan amendments by June 23, 2017 to send to the State for review and comment.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to authorize an agreement between the City of Clearwater and the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity, to receive a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to prepare Comprehensive Plan amendments to address the Peril of Flood requirements in Florida Statutes, authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**Resolution 17-05 was presented and read by title only.
Councilmember Hamilton moved to adopt Resolution 17-05. The**

motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretkos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

10.2 Authorize the negotiated sale of not-to-exceed \$100,000,000 of Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, and adopt Resolution 17-02.

Currently there is outstanding \$67,715,000 of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009A, with interest rates ranging from 4.325% to 5.250%. Additionally, there is currently outstanding \$39,640,000 of Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, with interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.00%. Current market conditions suggest the City may have an opportunity to refinance all or a portion of these bonds in the near future to achieve an acceptable present value savings in accordance with the City's debt management policy.

The City's debt management policy states: "As a general rule, the present value savings of a particular refunding should exceed 5%." Due to the relatively large size of this potential refunding, the sale resolution authorizes a minimum net present value savings of 4%.

This resolution authorizes the negotiated sale of not-to-exceed \$100,000,000 of Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, and authorizes awarding the sale to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith (broker dealer subsidiary of Bank of America) and the co-managers selected by the City. Only the amount of bonds needed to optimize the refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding balances of the Water and Revenue Bonds, Series 2009A and Series 2011, and to cover associated issuance costs, will be issued.

Vice Mayor Jonson moved to authorize the negotiated sale of not-to-exceed \$100,000,000 of Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2017. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-02 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Caudell moved to adopt Resolution 17-02. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretkos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

10.3 Approve an Interlocal Agreement/Franchise with the City of Largo in order to continue

to provide natural gas service to the citizens of Largo and adopt Resolution 17-03.

On December 6, 2016, the City of Largo Commission approved an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Clearwater, which provides a franchise for Clearwater Gas System to continue to provide natural gas service in Largo.

The Clearwater Gas System has provided service within the City of Largo for the past 45 years under prior franchise agreements.

The effective date shall be the 1st day of the following month after the Interlocal Agreement is approved by the City of Clearwater. The Agreement provides the City of Clearwater a 15-year non-exclusive right to continue to construct, operate and maintain all facilities necessary to supply natural gas to the City of Largo. The agreement also provides for renewal options, which may be extended for an additional 15 years.

The Interlocal Agreement provides for a 6% franchise fee to be paid by the consumers of natural gas within the City of Largo. The prior franchise fee was 6%.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to approve an Interlocal Agreement/Franchise with the City of Largo in order to continue to provide natural gas service to the citizens of Largo. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-03 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Hamilton moved to adopt Resolution 17-03. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretkos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

10.4 Request a lease from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the former Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) construction office located at 3204 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd., authorize the City Manager to execute the lease with FDEP and adopt Resolution 17-04.

The FDOT no longer needs and has vacated the Clearwater Construction Office located at 3204 Gulf-to-Bay (SR 60) Boulevard located east of the intersection of SR60 and Bayshore Boulevard.

The City of Clearwater initially owned the parcel and issued a warranty deed to the FDOT for its use as a construction office in 1957. The deed included a reversion clause that stated that the property would revert back to the City if the FDOT failed to use the site for a Resident Engineer's office within two years. This was not the case.

At some point, the deed was transferred by the FDOT to the FDEP.

Because of the proximity of the site to the Bayshore and Courtney Campbell Causeway trails, the City desires to utilize the site to support trail users, visitors, and residents by providing restrooms, parking, a welcome center, supporting offices and other amenities.

FDEP does not have the ability to directly transfer the property to the City of Clearwater, but has to abide by procedures that would offer the property for sale at fair market value. In lieu of a property transfer and a sale, the FDEP will entertain a request for lease in the amount of \$300 annually.

Vice Mayor Jonson moved to request a lease from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the former Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) construction office located at 3204 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd., authorize the City Manager to execute the lease with FDEP. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-04 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Caudell moved to adopt Resolution 17-04. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretkos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

10.5 Approve the conceptual plan for Cleveland Streetscape Phase III and the Festival Plaza.

This is the final phase of the Cleveland Streetscape and will extend from Missouri Avenue to San Remo Avenue to the East. In addition, the streetscape will also include Gulf to Bay Boulevard from its intersection with Cleveland Street up to the Downtown Gateway at Court Street to the South (i.e. Five Points). Once completed, Cleveland Street will provide a unified cohesive pedestrian-friendly corridor from the Gateway to Downtown. This project will also include the Festival Core, which was identified by the 2nd Century Clearwater (ULI) as a priority project. The Festival Core will be located at the intersection of Cleveland Street and Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard that will provide a much-needed local activity center.

The consultant for Phase III is Frank Bellomo of Community Solution Group. Frank began development of the Master Streetscape and Wayfinding Programs for Downtown in 2002, and continued to help the City implement that vision through the design and implementation of Cleveland Streetscape Phases I and II, Station Square Park and the Downtown Wayfinding project.

The design of the Cleveland Streetscape Phase III will provide a more “Complete Streets” approach to the right-of-way by reducing the vehicular travel lanes from five down to two lanes, one in each direction with a center lane dedicated to left turns, passing and temporary staging by delivery and service vehicles.

The reconfiguration of the roadways will also include realignment of many of the angled intersections into perpendicular intersections, which are safer for pedestrians and motorists alike. This will allow elimination of the two signalized intersections at Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard and Cleveland Street, as well as at Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard and Hillcrest Avenue.

There will be an overall increase in on street parking throughout the corridor, including 45 back-in parking on Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard.

Sidewalks will be replaced and widened as much as practical throughout the project, and designated pedestrian crosswalks will be located at each intersection to provide for interconnected pedestrian ways.

The corridor will also include separate dedicated bike lanes or bikeways in each direction, between the roadway and the pedestrian ways. Specific bike way crossing, separate from the pedestrian crosswalks will be at each intersection.

Green space, including Rain Gardens, will be incorporated along the roadway and throughout the project to add trees, landscaping and will also serve as part of the stormwater treatment of the project.

Bus stations, some with shelters, will be located throughout the project in areas that provide free access to pedestrians while providing safe separation from vehicular traffic.

The existing streetlights will be replaced by a new decorative streetlight system that will be more consistent with the lighting in Phases I and II. In addition, the existing power lines for the streetlights will be relocated underground.

Although the design palette for Phase III will be somewhat simplified from that of phases I and II, it will still carry the same general character and feel. The Festival Core will be the exception. Because this area will be a pedestrian area, there will be a significant use of decorative paving and other site amenities.

A small pocket park will be created at the intersection of Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard and De Leon Street.

The estimated budget for the conceptual design as proposed is approximately \$9,500,000.

Available funding at this time is \$6,000,000 from Pennies for Pinellas and approximately \$1,000,000 from CRA.

In response to questions, Engineering Director Mike Quillen said the utility upgrades are included in streetscape projects and paid via the utility enterprise fund; during stormwater improvement, the upgrades are paid via the stormwater system. Mr. Quillen said the road millage is used for street resurfacing. CRA Executive Director Seth Taylor said staff is recommending moving forward with the streetscaping as it attracts investment. The proposed Mercado can fit in the festival core; if it is determined that it is not the correct location, a new location will be identified.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to approve the conceptual plan for Cleveland Streetscape Phase III and the Festival Plaza. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretkos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

10.6 Approve a Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement between Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Clearwater in the amount of \$2,223,803 for the construction of Druid Trail Phase IV, authorize the appropriate officials to execute same and adopt Resolution 17-06.

This LAP Agreement authorizes the City to build the final section of the Druid Trail which will tie into the terminus of Druid Trail Phase III. Druid Trail Phase IV is an eight foot wide multiuse asphalt trail on Druid Road from Evergreen Avenue (Glen Oaks Park) to the Duke Energy Trail.

Total estimated cost of the project is \$2,911,610 which includes the trail and various intersection improvements. FDOT is willing to fund a maximum of \$2,223,803 of this amount to be used for constructing the trail with federal funds. City funds shall be used to fund the intersection improvements in the estimated amount of \$687,807.

The LAP agreement is to go into effect 4/5/2017 and the project is expected to be completed by July 3, 2018.

Maintenance of the facilities for the trail will be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department and Traffic Operations Division of the Engineering Department.

City staff recommends approval of the LAP agreement and adoption of Resolution 17-06.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

0315-92146-334411-000-000-0000 \$2,223,803

A first quarter amendment will increase budget, only, by FDOT funding in the amount of \$2,223,803 in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 0315-92146, Druid Road Improvements.

Funding is available in CIP 0315-92146, Druid Road Improvements to fund the City portion.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to approve a Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement between Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Clearwater in the amount of \$2,223,803 for the construction of Druid Trail Phase IV, authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-06 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Jonson moved to adopt Resolution 17-06. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretkos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell, Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

10.7 Ratify and Confirm Change Order 2 to Rowland, Inc. of Pinellas Park, in the amount of \$339,757.89 for an Emergency Repair of a Sewer Forcemain on Gulf Boulevard as part of the 2013-14 Sanitary Sewer and Manholes Rehabilitation Project; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same.

February 5, 2015, City Council awarded a 2-year contract to Rowland, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Emergency repair based on Time and Materials unit prices. The original contract included \$900,000 for emergency repair within the sewer collection system, and \$100,000 for emergency repair within the three Water Reclamation Facilities (WRFs). November 3, 2016, City Council approved Change Order 1 to add \$750,000 for emergency repair at three WRFs.

Change Order 2 is for the emergency repair of a 16-inch sewer forcemain, located on Gulf Blvd. in Sand Key area, in the amount of \$339,757.89 for a revised contract total of \$2,089,757.89.

Rowland, Inc. has performed excellent work for the City and agree to hold their competitive unit pricing to continue the work with the City.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

0315-96665-563800-535-000-0000 \$339,757.89

Funding is available in Capital Improvement Project 0315-96665, Sanitary Sewer R&R.

Councilmember Caudell moved to Ratify and Confirm Change Order 2 to Rowland, Inc. of Pinellas Park, in the amount of \$339,757.89 for an Emergency Repair of a Sewer Forcemain on Gulf Boulevard as part of the 2013-14 Sanitary Sewer and Manholes Rehabilitation Project; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

10.8 Reschedule the June 15, 2017 council meeting to Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

To accommodate Council's annual meeting with the Phillies organization in Philadelphia June 16 through 18, staff is requested that Council reschedule the June 15, 2017 council meeting to Wednesday, June 14.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to reschedule the June 15, 2017 council meeting to Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

10.9 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Update regarding Bus Rapid Transit Destinations in St. Pete Beach

The City Manager said PSTA made changes yesterday that differed from what the Vice Mayor suggested at a previous meeting. The changes will be voted on next week.

Vice Mayor Jonson said St. Pete Beach is not an ad valorem tax payer into PSTA. At the August 29 meeting, there was council consensus to support a BRT service in St. Pete Beach if the City of St. Pete Beach pays the fees and capital costs. Since then, PSTA has learned that the St. Pete Beach City Council has an interim mayor and has requested deferral for a decision until after their March election for a new mayor. Vice Mayor Jonson said delaying the decision impacts the design assumption; now is the time to determine if BRT service will go to St. Pete Beach, Treasure Island or Madeira Beach. The technical analysis of these destination sites identified St. Pete Beach as the preferred site. PSTA staff recommends committing to St. Pete Beach, with

PSTA paying for BRT service to 75th Avenue. Vice Mayor Jonson questioned if Council was comfortable with the proposed change.

In response to a question, Vice Mayor Jonson said the Suncoast Trolley stops at 75th Avenue but the Central Avenue Trolleys goes from 75th all the way to John's Pass.

There was consensus to support the BRT service to 75th Avenue, but not beyond.

11. City Attorney Reports – None.

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

Councilmember Cundiff thanked Joe Corvino for his comments regarding transportation and wished him a happy birthday. He said he was in the process of reading a 2001 transportation study regarding guide ways and recommended all to read or re-read the study. He said Dubai has started the engineering process for Skytran because Universal Studios is opening a theme park there. He thanked staff, citizens, and fellow Councilmembers for making his first calendar year on Council a great learning experience and expressed his intention to hold meetings at the library to meet citizens and become a better councilmember.

Vice Mayor Jonson said a link was distributed to Council regarding a Roger Brooks International document, 20 Ingredients to an Outstanding Downtown, and suggested Council read the article as it relates to the City's downtown redevelopment; the website has several resources related to downtowns. He said he was aware citizens were disappointed that the Druid Trail would not be completed this year due to a delay with FDOT.

Councilmember Caudell said there are many things going on and encouraged business leaders to get involved in public-private partnerships; the City cannot do it all but everyone wants the same thing.

13. Closing Comments by Mayor

Mayor Cretkos reviewed recent and upcoming events and congratulated Chuck and Sharon Warrington on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Attest

Mayor
City of Clearwater

City Clerk

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