

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2016

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, Jill Silverboard – Deputy 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 – Mayor Cretekos**3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Cundiff****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 December Service Awards**

Three service awards were presented to city employees.

The December 2016 Employee of the Month Award was presented to Regina Novak, Parks and Recreation.

4.2 Morton Plant Hospital 100th Anniversary Proclamation, 2016 - Kris Hoce, Morton Plant Hospital**4.3 Festival of Trees - Madison Orr Hauenstein, The Arc Tampa Bay Foundation, Executive Director**

Ms. Orr reviewed festival activities and said the event raised \$135,000 for the Arc Tampa Bay. She thanked the City and staff for their continued support and presented the Mayor with a commemorative snow globe.

4.4 Annual Utilities We Care Fund Presentation - Alessandra Scorcioni and Robert DeVore, Customer Service

Ms. Scorcioni provided a video presentation and encouraged all to donate to the We Care Fund.

4.5 Crash Report - Rodney Chatman, Forward Pinellas

Mr. Chatman provided a PowerPoint presentation.

4.6 Library Board Presentation - Paul Brown, Chair

Mr. Brown reviewed the Board's activities for the past year and thanked Library Director Barbara Pickell for her years of service.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 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 – None,

7. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted.

7.1 Approve the Second Amendment to the Building Inspections, Reporting, and Construction Management Services Contract between the City of Clearwater and NOVA Engineering and Environmental, LLC, to increase the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$50,000 per term and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

7.2 Authorize a loan to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. in the amount of \$768,000 to acquire real property located within the 600 block of North Garden Avenue, Clearwater; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute documents to affect closing. (consent)

7.3 Certify Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. as a City of Clearwater Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

- 7.4** Approve settlement of workers' compensation claim 15000095, for Roseanne Mannion, for payment of \$60,000.00 inclusive of attorney fees and costs with a general release of all claims and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the same. (consent)
- 7.5** Approve CorVel Healthcare Corporation's Annual Agreement for the review of Workers Compensation Medical bills and to provide Pharmacy Benefit Management services with discounted network pricing, effective January 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018, pursuant to City Code Section 2.564 (l) (i), services associated with Workers Compensation exempt from bidding and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.6** Award a contract for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) actuarial services for the five-year period ending December 31, 2021 to Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company for a not-to-exceed amount of \$51,950 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.7** Approve a proposal by Construction Manager at Risk, Khors Construction, Inc. of Thonotosassa, Florida in the amount of \$879,139.80, including a 5% contingency, for the renovation of the Long Center Pool located at 1501 N. Belcher Road and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.8** Approve an additional 0.5 FTE for the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) funded programs held at Ross Norton and North Greenwood Recreation and Aquatics Complex for youth ranging in ages from 7-14. (consent)
- 7.9** Approve the seventh amendment to the Capitol Theatre Operating Agreement (CTOA) between the City of Clearwater (City) and Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc. (REH) transferring the Reserve Fund and eliminating future annual payments and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.10** Award a contract (purchase order) to Smith Landscape Services, Inc. of Brooksville, Florida, to provide landscape improvements for Missouri Avenue medians from Bayview Drive to Kingsley Street for a cost of \$152,454.50 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.11** Award a contract (purchase order) to Smith Landscape Services, Inc. of Brooksville, Florida, to provide landscape improvements for Missouri Avenue medians, from Kingsley Street north to Court Street, for a cost of \$177,309.00 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.12** Approve a Joint Use Agreement between the School Board of Pinellas County and the City of Clearwater providing for the joint use of facilities, from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

- 7.13** Approve renewal of the agreement with Religious Community Services, Inc. (RCS) for provision of contractual victim advocacy services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.14** Approve the revised Electronic Surveillance Support Team Multi-Agency Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement for law enforcement services between The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the City of Clearwater, effective upon execution through February 28, 2019, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.15** Approve a purchase order (contract) to Econolite Group Inc. of Jacksonville, FL, in the amount of \$183,750 for Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Cobalt 2100 Signal Controllers and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.16** Award a construction contract to Poole and Kent Company of Florida, of Tampa, Florida in the amount of \$473,000 for Northeast Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Effluent Pump Station Valves and Slide Gate Replacement Project (16-0005-UT), 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)
- 7.17** Approve the second amendment to an existing professional services agreement with Foundation Design LLC (d.b.a MERJE), for the U.S. 19 Master Wayfinding and Signage Plan, to fund Project 2, Citywide Wayfinding in the amount of \$89,850 as described in the Additional Scope of Services, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.18** Approve a Contract (Purchase Order) renewal to Communications International of Vero Beach, FL in the amount of \$ 73,081.00 for the maintenance and repair of the city-wide two-way radio communication system and equipment in accordance with Sec. 2.564(1)(b), Code of Ordinances - Sole Source, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.19** Award a contract (purchase order) to Garland/DBS, Inc., in the amount of \$151,885 for Marshall St. Control Building roof replacement, and storage roof recoating, and Belt Press Building roof repairs, per proposal 25-FL-160879, in accordance with Sec. 2.564(1)(d), Code of Ordinances - Other governmental contracts, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.20** Approve a contract (purchase order) with UniFirst Corporation of Tampa, FL, for General Services/Fleet Division uniforms in the annual amount of \$25,000 with renewal terms, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.21** Approve a Contract (Purchase Order) to Communications International of Vero Beach,

FL in the amount of \$999,978.65 for the Project 25 (P-25) Phase III upgrade of the city-wide two-way radio EDACS communication system infrastructure in accordance with Sec. 2.564(1)(b), Code of Ordinances - Sole Source; authorize lease purchase under the City's Master Lease Purchase Agreement, or internal financing via an interfund loan from the Capital Improvement Fund, whichever is deemed to be in the City's best interest; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

7.22 Appoint Mary Ann Lane to the Nuisance Abatement Board to fill the remainder of an unexpired term through February 28, 2020. (consent)

7.23 Reappoint Desaray Dilday to the Sister Cities Advisory Board as the youth member representative with term to expire December 31, 2020. (consent)

7.24 Approve Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement with Paradise Group, LLC for parking spaces in the Pelican Walk parking garage and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

7.25 Authorize hiring David Levin with the law firm Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen and Ginsburg, P.A., at the rate of \$225.00 per hour not to exceed \$30,000, for representation in the case of Bayesplanade.com, LLC v. City of Clearwater, Case No. 16-000697-CI, a Quiet Title action relating to certain submerged lands where William Blackwood is disputing the City's ownership; approve a Legal Services Agreement; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

7.26 Amend the 2017 State Legislative Priorities to include supporting Ruth Eckerd Hall's legislative funding request for renovations and enhancements. (consent)

Councilmember Hamilton 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 City of Clearwater's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is the principal administrative report documenting the City's expenditures for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016, the City's entitlement allocation was \$681,257 in CDBG and \$265,110 in HOME Program funds for a total budget of \$946,367 from federal funds.

The CAPER document serves as the basis for program monitoring for compliance and for financial audits for all activities conducted during FY 2015-2016, as outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The report provides HUD with necessary information for the Department to meet its requirement to assess each grantee's ability to carry out relevant Community Planning and Development programs in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. It also provides information necessary for HUD's Annual Report to Congress and it provides grantees an opportunity to describe their successes in revitalizing deteriorated neighborhoods and in meeting objectives stipulated in their Consolidated Planning document.

In addition to reporting activities with federal money, a summary of activities conducted with the Florida State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program, Pinellas County Housing Trust Fund Program and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) is also included in the narrative section; however, these numbers are not included in the totals below.

Through the CDBG and HOME program activities, total expenditures were \$1,041,050 in FY 2015-2016, which included funding from the prior year reprogrammed fund budget. Those funds not expended from this year's budget will be programmed in future budgets.

The City of Clearwater's FY 2015-2016 CAPER contains information on the City's assessment of the following activities:

- Assessment of Three to Five Year Goals and Objectives
- Affordable Housing
- Continuum of Care
- Leveraging Resources
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Citizens Comments
- Self-Evaluation

Over 5,700 persons were assisted through Public Services, Public Facilities, Fair Housing and Housing Pool funds.

A brief summary of FY 2015-2016 accomplishments are:

- Closed eleven owner-occupied rehabilitation loans totaling \$287,905.
- Closed ten down payment assistance loans totaling \$137,000.
- Provided a \$100,000 grant to Pinellas County Housing Authority to add ADA ramps to Norton Apartments.
- Provided a \$22,421 loan to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County

to purchase a vacant parcel located at 1407 Kings Highway to build a single family home.

- Provided a \$90,456 loan to Bright Community Trust to acquire and renovate a single family home located at 1546 Illinois Avenue.
- Provided a \$96,161 loan to Bright Community Trust to acquire and renovate a single family home located at 1718 Druid Road East.
- Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. built five new homes in the Stevens Creek Subdivision utilizing NSP3 funds (revolving).
- Provided a \$50,000 grant to Directions for Mental Health for renovations to their treatment and recovery center.
- Provided a \$100,000 grant to the City's Parks and Recreation Department for the demolition of a building and renovation of restrooms, fencing and security at Jack Russell Stadium
- Provided a \$16,944 grant to the City's Park and Recreation Department for concession stand renovations at Phillip Jones Park.
- Provided a \$ 17,000 grant to Intercultural Advocacy Institute for facility improvements.
- Provided a \$61,950 grant to R'Club Child Care for facility improvements at two preschool centers.
- Provided a \$99,000 grant to The Arc Tampa Bay for rehabilitation of their workshop, lounge, kitchen and restroom areas.

The City's Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board is scheduled to approve the FY 2015-2016 CAPER at their meeting on December 13, 2016. The CAPER is due to HUD no later than December 30, 2016.

Vice Mayor Jonson moved to approve the City of Clearwater's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 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 3071 Grand View Avenue; and pass Ordinances 8982-17, 8983-17 and 8984-17 on first reading. (ANX2016-10035)

This voluntary annexation petition involves a 0.198-acre property consisting of one parcel of land occupied by a single family home. The parcel is located on the south side of Grand View Avenue approximately 80 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 west. 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 west. Therefore, the annexation is consistent with Florida Statutes Chapter 171.044.

One individual raised questions regarding if the sewer expansion project would be extended down the entire street and when the public outreach component would begin.

Planning Manager Lauren Matzke said Engineering and Public Utilities are in the process of coordinating a public meeting in January for the residents in the Kapok area to discuss the impacts and improvements of the sewer expansion project.

Councilmember Caudell 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 Grand View Avenue. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 8982-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Cundiff moved to pass Ordinance 8982-17 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 8983-17 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Hamilton moved to pass Ordinance 8983-17 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 8984-17 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Jonson moved to pass Ordinance 8984-17 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 8923-16 on second reading, approving amendments to the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan to support the implementation of the US 19 Corridor Redevelopment Plan and new US 19 future land use categories, establish criteria for plan amendments in the Coastal Storm Area, and update various terms and references. (CPA2016-04001)

On September 15, 2016, the Clearwater City Council approved on first reading amendments to the *Clearwater Comprehensive Plan* to support the implementation of the US 19 Corridor Redevelopment Plan and the establishment of the new US 19 future land use categories. As required by

Florida Statutes, the proposed text amendments were submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and other required State agencies and Pinellas County for review and comment.

The Planning and Development Department received a response from DEO, as well as comments from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). One proposed policy relating to amendments increasing residential density in the coastal high hazard area must be revised to include a reference to the applicable state statutes requiring adequate mitigation. Staff is proposing an amendment to Ordinance 8923-16 to address this comment, as well as others in the agencies' technical assistance comments which are provided for Council's review. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council both identified no adverse issues on regional resources or facilities, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District had no comments for the proposed comprehensive plan amendments. Staff has prepared a response to the state agencies' comments, as well as a motion to amend Ordinance 8923-16 on second reading that incorporates the required revisions to the amendments.

Ordinance 8923-16 was presented and read by title only.

Planning Manager Lauren Matzke reviewed the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The items clarified in the motion to amend were a result of the feedback provided by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to comply with state statutes.

In response to questions, Ms. Matzke said other modifications included minor typographical errors and consolidation of a definition for activity centers.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to amend Item 9.1 as provided by staff (see Exhibit 1). The motion was duly seconded.

In response to a question, Ms. Matzke said staff submitted the amendments for Items 9.1 and 9.2 to the State as one joint package. Any responses provided by the state agencies were separated according to area: Comprehensive Plan or Future Land Use.

Upon the vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Caudell moved to adopt Ordinance 8923-16, as amended, on second and final reading.

One individual complimented the staff and City for their work on this project.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

- 9.2** Adopt Ordinance 8932-16 on second reading, approving a Future Land Use Map Amendment from 17 different future land use categories corridor-wide to the US 19 Regional Center (US 19-RC), US 19 Neighborhood Center (US 19-NC), US 19 Corridor (US 19-C), Preservation (P) and Water/Drainage Feature categories 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. (LUP2016-06004, LUP2016-06005, LUP2016-06006)

On September 15, 2016, the Clearwater City Council approved on first reading amendments to the City's Future Land Use Map designating 4,036 parcels of land ($\pm 1,641.35$ acres in area) as US 19 Regional Center (US 19-RC), US 19 Neighborhood Center (US 19-NC), and US 19 Corridor (US 19-C). These properties are generally located along US Highway 19 between Belleair Road and Curlew Road, including properties east and west of US 19 along cross streets.

As required by Florida Statutes, the proposed large-scale map amendments were submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and other required State agencies and Pinellas County for review and comment. These amendments were transmitted concurrently with Ordinance 8923-16 (CPA2016-04001) making amendments to the *Clearwater Comprehensive Plan*, also on same City Council agenda.

The Planning and Development Department has received responses from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) regarding the proposed future land use amendments. None of the state agencies identified any adverse issues on regional resources or facilities as a result of the proposed amendments. The SWFWMD requested additional analysis indicating the City's ability to serve future development with potable water, which is provided within the City's response to agency comments. The FDOT's letter included several editorial comments for consideration by the City; however, no further action is required at this time.

While reviewing the ordinance and exhibits, Planning and Development Department staff identified several properties where the existing Water/Drainage Feature and Preservation (P) future land use categories had been deleted, but should remain in place. Exhibit A requires additional updates

to state the full category name of Water/Drainage Feature, where previously the Exhibit only referenced Water, and to correct certain addresses for which the unit number should have been placed at the end of the address. Therefore, staff has prepared a motion to amend the ordinance and its exhibits to also include these corrections.

Ordinance 8932-16 was presented and read by title only.

Planning Manager Lauren Matzke reviewed the amendments. SWFWMD requested supplemental analysis indicating the city's ability to serve future developments with potable water, which is a typical comment from the agency. Staff identified a few properties where existing water drainage feature or preservation categories had been proposed to be removed through the amendment and should not have been; corrections have been made in Exhibit A.

In response to questions, Ms. Matzke said staff initially thought the water drainage feature could be removed from several properties; since the designation cannot be removed, the proposed amendment keeps the designation on the future land use map.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to amend Item 9.2 as provided by staff (see Exhibit 2). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cundiff moved to adopt Ordinance 8932-16, as amended, on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded.

One individual expressed concerns with contractor blocking fire exit of the Grand Bellagio.

In response to a suggestion, the City Manager said staff will update Council after staff has addressed the matter.

One individual expressed concerns with construction debris clogging the pipes and questioned if the infrastructure in the area will be enhanced due to the additional development.

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** Certify that the project proposed by Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. is consistent with local plans and regulations and eligible to apply for the State of Florida's Community Contribution Tax Credit Program and adopt Resolution 16-26.

Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. (HEP) is applying for sponsorship under the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program pursuant to Florida Statutes sections 212.08(5) (P), 220.183, 624.5105, F.S.

To become an eligible sponsor, a resolution from the local government is required. Projects designed to provide housing for low-income persons and must be consistent with local plans and regulations including the local government's adopted comprehensive plan.

The Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP) allows any business in Florida to receive up to a 50% credit on their Florida corporate income tax, insurance premium tax or sales tax refund for donations made to local community development projects. Donations must be made to an eligible sponsor conducting an approved community development project. A business may receive no more than \$200,000 in community contribution tax credits for donations made in a business tax year. Once the donation has been approved by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, a copy of the approval letter and approved tax credit application must be submitted with the state tax return or sales tax refund application.

The qualifying proposed project for this sponsorship is to increase corporate cash donations for the remodeling of 16 apartments for low-income or disabled families with a total project cost of \$250,000 to \$400,000.

This project is vital to the surrounding community. HEP employs 60 full - and part-time staff, and over 1,000 volunteers annually to provide homeless and very low-income individuals and families with housing, food, clothing and support services necessary to obtain self-sufficiency and improved quality of life. HEP offers 124 units of Emergency Shelter for individuals and families with children. In addition, the agency operates 233 units of transitional and permanent supportive housing for individuals, veterans and families with children.

The annual HEP operating budget exceeds \$5 million. These expenses consist of all the costs associated with personnel, housing and occupancy, supportive services, food, program and client supplies, the dental clinic, and administration of HEP's 357 bed facility.

No City funding is required.

Councilmember Caudell moved to certify that the project proposed by Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. is consistent with local plans and regulations and eligible to apply for the State of Florida's Community Contribution Tax Credit Program. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-26 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Cundiff moved to adopt Resolution 16-26. 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

- 10.2** Support the submission of a grant application for the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Program to develop a complete streets concept for the Drew Street corridor, from N. Ft. Harrison Avenue to U.S. Highway 19, and adopt Resolution 16-27.

In October, Forward Pinellas issued a call for complete streets projects, asking local governments to submit applications requesting funding for concept design or construction of local complete streets projects, funded through a new competitive grant program. Complete Streets are designed, operated, and maintained for all users, regardless of age or ability, based on the context of the street and the surrounding area, and can serve as catalysts for transformative redevelopment and economic development.

In advance of the formal call for projects, the Skycrest Neighborhood Association voted at its August 30, 2016 meeting to support the development of a complete street conceptual design plan for the segment of Drew Street (S.R. 590) from NE Coachman Road to North Duncan Avenue. At the request of neighborhood representatives the City Council authorized staff to prepare an application requesting funding to develop a complete street concept plan for Drew Street.

Staff has coordinated with Vrana Consulting, Inc. to prepare a grant application for the Drew Street corridor from N. Ft. Harrison Avenue to U.S. Highway 19. This expanded scope connects the Downtown Community Redevelopment Area to the U.S. 19/Drew Street Activity Center and encompasses the original segment which Skycrest Neighborhood Association requested.

The City is requesting \$50,000.00 of funding, and in consideration of the

competitive selection process for determining allocation of available funds, the City is committing to matching \$50,000.00 with \$25,000 in-kind and \$25,000 direct funding. Resolution 16-27 formalizes City Council's support for the grant application (Exhibit A).

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Funds are available in cost code 010-01420-530100, professional services, to fund the cash match committed for this grant application request.

In response to questions, Deputy City Manager Jill Silverboard said staff would require outside service or support to assist with administering the required in-kind work; staff will manage the outside contract.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to support the submission of a grant application for the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Program to develop a complete streets concept for the Drew Street corridor, from N. Ft. Harrison Avenue to U.S. Highway 19. The motion was duly seconded.

Concerns were expressed with the process used to apply for the grant and that the project has evolved into a bigger area.

**Upon the vote being taken, Vice Mayor Jonson and Councilmembers Caudell, Hamilton and Cundiff voted "Aye;" Mayor Cretikos voted "Nay."
Motion carried.**

Resolution 16-27 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Jonson moved to adopt Resolution 16-27. The motion was duly seconded.

In response to a question, it was stated that a unanimous vote of Council weighs favorably with Forward Pinellas, who will continue to look at Complete Streets for other areas in the future.

Planning Manager Lauren Matzke said if the grant is awarded, staff would pursue a planning process that would start with a public engagement component. Staff is aware of the many constraints and challenges associated with Drew Street. A conceptual planning process would allow staff to look at the study area in its many contexts; the solution for one area may not be the solution for another area. Staff would work with professionals to identify solutions that would work with the local constraints of the community.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

10.3 Support PSTA's Planning and Environmental Task Work Order for the planning and design of an intermodal center on property owned by the City Of Clearwater at 710 Court Street and adopt Resolution 16-25.

In 2011, the City acquired property on Myrtle Avenue at Court Street from the Tampa Bay Times consolidating that parcel with existing city property along Myrtle Avenue and Pierce Street for future use as an Intermodal Facility. The acquisition was consistent with the City Council's identification of an Intermodal Facility Project within Penny for Pinellas III for which funding in the amount of \$2,425,000 remains reserved. City staff has been meeting with PSTA in discussion of various iterations of a facility on the property as a preferred location for an intermodal facility.

PSTA is seeking a city resolution defining a preferred site for the intermodal center and the City's intention to sell and/or exchange property for that intermodal facility and supporting all the proposed planning and design work. Resolution 16-25 has been drafted for that purpose.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

PSTA proposes to fund the planning and design phases for the Downtown Intermodal Facility through a \$1.2 million grant so city funding is not involved or requested at this time.

Deputy City Manager Jill Silverboard said the resolution was amended as directed by Council at the work session. The last Whereas Clause was amended to read as follows: "WHEREAS, the City and PSTA will work collaboratively to include other features, as required and feasible, into the planning and design, including a possible ~~cable propelled~~ elevated transit station or other city supported facilities..."

Councilmember Caudell moved to support PSTA's Planning and Environmental Task Work Order for the planning and design of an intermodal center on property owned by the City Of Clearwater at 710 Court Street. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**Resolution 16-25 was presented and read by title only.
Councilmember Hamilton moved to adopt Resolution 16-25. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretikos, Vice Mayor Jonson, Councilmember Caudell,

Councilmember Cundiff and Councilmember Hamilton

11. City Attorney Reports – None.

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

Vice Mayor Jonson said he appreciated the last conversation with council expressing concerns and working through the discussion. He said he attended the Forward Pinellas meeting yesterday; the meeting was well run with a significant amount of time spent on the appraisal of the executive director. He said Councilmember Caudell was voted Vice-Chair of Forward Pinellas.

Councilmember Caudell thanked Madison Hausenstein, The Arc Tampa Bay Foundation, for recognizing her brother, Eddie. She encouraged everyone to slow down due to the recent fog in the area. She congratulated Vice Mayor Jonson on being nominated by PSTA to serve on the MPO board. She wished all a Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Cundiff wished all a Merry Christmas and said he attended an entertaining 2 hour event by Garrison Keillor at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Councilmember Hamilton wished all a Happy Holidays and hoped everyone has a safe holiday and remembers the less fortunate. He thanked Congressman Jolly and his wife who escorted him and his wife around Washington D.C. last week and said it was an honor to see the Congressman cast his final vote. He said the Congressman will be an asset to our community as he will be here full time.

13. Closing Comments by Mayor

Mayor Cretelos reviewed recent and upcoming events and said Clearwater Sister Cities has extended the application deadline for any Clearwater middle school student who wishes to participate in the Young Ambassador's trip.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Attest

Mayor
City of Clearwater

City Clerk