

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2020

6:00 PM

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City Council

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor George N. Cretekos, Councilmember Jay Polglaze, Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton, Vice Mayor Bob Cundiff and Councilmember David Allbritton

Also Present: William B. Horne II – City Manager, Michael Delk – Assistant City Manager, Pamela K. Akin City Attorney and Rosemarie Call – City Clerk

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

Unapproved

1. Call to Order – Mayor Cretekos

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Main Library.

2. Invocation – Rev. William F. Sherman from Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4.1 March Service Awards

One service award was presented to a city employee.

Mayor Cretekos offered sympathies for the recent passing of former Clearwater Police Chief Sid Klein.

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 City Council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Councilmember Polglaze moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 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, less Item 7.7.

- 7.1** Approve the purchase of Excess property insurance, including Bridges, Boiler and Machinery and Terrorism coverages, from April 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021, at the level of insurance provided for in this agenda item, at an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 and at the property rate of \$0.347 per \$100 of values through April 1, 2021, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.2** Authorize a purchase order to Fastenal Company, for citywide Facility MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) Industrial and Building Supplies with related Equipment, Accessories, Supplies and Vending Services, in the amount not to exceed \$1,230,000 for the period of April 1, 2020 through January 25, 2023, per Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.564(1)(d) Other Government Entities Contracts, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.3** Approve a Purchase Order in the amount of \$120,000 with Long and Associates, Inc., Engineer of Record, to provide design services for the Compressed Natural Gas filling station on Hercules Avenue and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.4** Approve a partnership agreement with 3 Score Softball Club and the City of Clearwater for use of city fields for senior adult programs from March 19, 2020 through March 18, 2021 with the option of five additional one-year renewals to be approved by the City Manager or his designee and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.5** Approve a proposal by Construction Manager at Risk, Certus Builders of Tampa, Florida in the amount of \$108,375 for renovations and construction of restrooms at Phillip Jones Park located at 1190 Russell Street and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.6** Approve a proposal by Construction Manager at Risk Keystone Excavators, Inc. of Oldsmar, Florida in the amount of \$956,158.59 for Phase II site improvements at Countryside Sports Complex located at 3060 McMullen Booth Road and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.7** Authorize the Clearwater Police Department (CPD) to accept a Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program grant, to update the Department's Naloxone (Narcan) supply in the valued amount of \$39,438 and

authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

See below.

- 7.8** Approve a proposal from Construction Manager at Risk Certus Builders in the amount of \$1,030,588 for construction of a restroom at the Seminole Boat Ramp (16-0020-PL) and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.9** Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, St. Petersburg, and Tarpon Springs for funding the Tampa Bay Estuary Program match of a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant to develop a social marketing campaign focused on reducing sanitary sewer overflows and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.10** Authorize the award of Invitation to Bid 16-20, Corrosion Control Chemical poly/ortho blend, to Shannon Chemical Corporation of Malvern, PA, in an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$110,000, with the option for two, one-year extensions at the City's discretion, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.11** Request for authority to institute a civil action on behalf of the City against General Underground, LLC to recover \$1,818.10 for damages to city property. (consent)
- 7.12** Request for authority to institute a civil action on behalf of the City against ACERBO, Inc. to recover \$1,579.97 for damages to city property. (consent)
- 7.13** Request for authority to initiate foreclosure actions on behalf of the City to recover amounts owed on municipal liens imposed against certain real property. (consent)

Vice Mayor Cundiff moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, less Item 7.7, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 7.7** Authorize the Clearwater Police Department (CPD) to accept a Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program grant, to update the Department's Naloxone (Narcan) supply in the valued amount of \$39,438 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

In February 2020, the Resource Management Committee approved submission of a grant application under the Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program. That grant is now awarded and CPD seeks approval to accept it.

The Opioid crisis has significantly impacted the State of Florida and Pinellas

County. In 2018, there were 238 opioid-related deaths in Pinellas County, up from 150 in 2015. Pinellas County EMS reported 5,306 overdose related transports in 2019. Clearwater Police Department Officers and Clearwater Fire/Rescue respond to opioid related overdose calls for service on a routine basis.

In 2016, the Clearwater Police Department became the first law enforcement agency in the Tampa Bay region to deploy opioid antagonist Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan, to selected field personnel. In 2017, the Police Department equipped all field personnel with this life saving drug.

In 2019, Clearwater Police Department personnel deployed Narcan 21 times and responded to over 280 specific overdose incidents.

Providing opioid antagonists, such as Narcan, is a central tenant of the Pinellas County Opioid Task Force's Strategic Plan.

In January 2020, the Florida Police Chief's Association (FPCA) made available the Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program to municipal Police Departments. The Police Department applied for, and received, a similar grant award through the HEROS Program in 2018.

The Clearwater Police Department applied for this grant to replace its current Narcan supply; the majority of this supply is set to expire in May 2020. The Clearwater Police Department was awarded a grant allotment, to replace 290 packages of Narcan Nasal Spray (Naloxone HCl, 4mg). Each officer/field personnel is equipped with two doses of this life saving drug. The approximate value to the grant award is \$39,438.

There will be no direct adverse impact to the Police Department annual operating budget nor is there a required match.

One individual spoke in support.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to authorize the Clearwater Police Department (CPD) to accept a Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program grant, to update the Department's Naloxone (Narcan) supply in the valued amount of \$39,438 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** Amend the City's fiscal year 2019/20 operating and capital improvement budgets at first quarter and pass Ordinances 9385-20 and 9386-20 on first reading.

The fiscal year 2019/20 operating and capital improvement budgets were adopted in September 2019 by ordinances 9323-19 and 9324-19. Section 2.521 of the City's Code of Ordinances requires the City Manager to prepare a quarterly report detailing income, expenditure estimates, collections, the explanation of significant variances, as well as the financial status of all capital improvement projects.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to amend the City's fiscal year 2019/20 operating and capital improvement budgets at first quarter. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 9385-20 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Polglaze moved to pass Ordinance 9385-20 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Councilmember Polglaze, Councilmember Hamilton, Vice Mayor Cundiff and Councilmember Allbritton

Ordinance 9386-20 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Bob Cundiff moved to pass Ordinance 9386-20 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Councilmember Polglaze, Councilmember Hamilton, Vice Mayor Cundiff and Councilmember Allbritton

9. Second Readings - Public Hearing

- 9.1** Adopt Ordinance 9378-20 on second reading, vacating a portion of a dedicated right-of-way, described as that part of Lots 1 and 12, Midway Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 4 of the public records of Pinellas County, Florida.

Ordinance 9378-20 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Hamilton moved to adopt Ordinance 9378-20 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and

upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Councilmember Polglaze, Councilmember Hamilton, Vice Mayor Cundiff and Councilmember Allbritton

- 9.2** Adopt Ordinance 9379-20 on second reading, vacating a 70-foot drainage and utility easement, as described in Official Records Book 5880, Page 3443 of the public records of Pinellas County, Florida.

Ordinance 9379-20 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9379-20 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Councilmember Polglaze, Councilmember Hamilton, Vice Mayor Cundiff and Councilmember Allbritton

10. City Manager Reports

The City Manager said the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) passed a motion that will be developed into an emergency order that will be issued tomorrow. The order will close all public beaches and county public beach parking; details of the closures will be worked out tomorrow. The BOCC are scheduled to meet tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

*In response to questions, the City Manager said the County Administrator is sensitive to how the order is composed and intends to work with the municipalities along the beaches. The City Attorney said what City Council adopted yesterday (Resolution 20-11**) closed the public bathing beaches and allowed the Emergency Manager to regulate parking as necessary. The Resolution included language that closed beach parking but ensured there was parking for the businesses. She said BOCC's action will supersede the City's action; the beach will close two days earlier than the Council had intended. The County closure will end when the City's closure would have ended (16 days).*

It was stated that the county is closing all public beaches tomorrow at 11:59 p.m.

11. City Attorney Reports

The City Attorney provided copies of Resolution 20-12. The resolution

amends the resolution adopted last night (Resolution 20-11). She said the amendment removes subsection in Section 2, which addressed the closure of businesses after 10:00 p.m. The exceptions included in the subsection were not broad enough and since the County is not closing all businesses at 10:00 p.m., staff is recommending deleting that provision. She said concerns were raised regarding manufacturing, distribution, industrial businesses that were not included in the resolution. She said some of these businesses may be implementing split or extended shifts in order to comply with the social distancing standards for employees.

In response to questions, the City Attorney said the County's order includes ceasing the sale or services of alcohol in restaurants at 10:00 p.m.; packaged stores are not restricted. The County's order supersedes the City's order; the Governor's executive order could supersede a county order.

Resolution 20-12 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Polglaze moved to adopt resolution 20-12. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Cretekos, Councilmember Polglaze, Councilmember Hamilton, Vice Mayor Cundiff and Councilmember Allbritton

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

Councilmember Allbritton congratulated the winners of the election and said he looks forward to working with them. He thanked Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Cundiff and Councilmember Polglaze for their service and said he enjoyed working with them. Councilmember Polglaze thanked the Mayor for helping him make the difficult decision to close the beaches, and hoped Council helped encourage the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners to do the same.

Councilmember Hamilton said it was a tough decision to close the beaches. He thanked Mayor Cretekos, Vice Mayor Cundiff and Councilmember Polglaze and said it has been pleasure serving with them. He congratulated the winners of the election and said he is personally glad the election is over. He said he was getting tired of hearing what a lousy job we've been doing. According to some literature, the city went to hell in a handbasket. Some candidates were talking about transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility and said he doesn't know how much more transparent Council can be

as they are not allowed to take action unless it happens on the dais in front of public. The injection of partisan politics in the races was disturbing and he said no thought is ever given to political party when a decision is made among council. There is no place for partisan politics on this council and shame on the political parties for getting involved.

Vice Mayor Cundiff encouraged all to visit restaurants, in small groups, over the next couple of weeks and help the restaurants stay in business

13. Closing Comments by Mayor

Mayor Cretelos reminded all that city scheduled events were cancelled, encouraged all to wash their hands and practice social distance and to support local businesses throughout the community.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest

Mayor
City of Clearwater

City Clerk