

# City of Clearwater

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Main Library - Council Chambers**

**City Council**

To ensure public safety and comply with the Governor's Safer at Home order in response to the COVID-19 virus, the Clearwater City Council will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. using communications media technology.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, issued by the Office of Governor Ron DeSantis on March 20, 2020, municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location, and utilizing communications media technology such as telephonic or video conferencing, as provided by Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Frank Hibbard, Vice Mayor David Allbritton, Councilmember Mark Bunker and Councilmember Kathleen Beckman

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton

**Also Present:** William B. Horne II – City Manager, Micah Maxwell – Assistant City Manager, Michael Delk – Assistant City Manager, Pamela K. Akin City Attorney, Rosemarie Call – City Clerk, and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk.

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

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#### **1. Call to Order – Mayor Hibbard**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. using communications media technology.*

#### **2. Invocation – Rev. Donna Oberkresser from Central Christian 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** Manufacturing Month Proclamation, October 2020 - Megan Meiers, Bay Area Manufacturers Association and Monin.

**4.2** School Tax Extension - Beth Rawlins

*Ms. Rawlins provided information supporting the school tax extension, which is a dedicated local source of funding that goes beyond state funding. School tax fund expenditures are monitored by an independent citizens oversight*

*committee who meet every 90 days. She said the program has been well executed in Pinellas and has received great support from voters in the past.*

- 4.3** Fire Prevention Week Proclamation, October 4-10, 2020 - Fire Marshall James Warman
- 4.4** Public Natural Gas Week Proclamation, October 4-10, 2020 - Chuck Warrington, Clearwater Gas System
- 4.5** United Way Month Proclamation, October 1-30, 2020 - Chuck Warrington, Clearwater Gas System
- 4.6** Excellence in Youth Sportsmanship Awards - Michelle Leach, Athletics Supervisor and Carla Scrivener, Athletics Manager

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

- 5.1** Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 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**

*Nick Fritsch said he supports the referendum on The Landings because it will improve the quality of life and employment opportunities for Clearwater families.*

*Jonny Bush said he opposes the referendum on The Landings because it the last green space on Keene Road and it should be preserved.*

*Carolyn Bradham thanked all those who attended the Downtown District ribbon cutting; it was well attended and received a lot of press. She met with the Downtown Clearwater Merchants Association regarding the Cleveland Street Closure Pilot Program; DCMA members requested a minimum of 6 months for the program, that starts in March, to ensure seasonal business is captured.*

*Scott Souza thanked Council for attending the Downtown District ribbon cutting and said the DCMA does not support the lighting project in the proposed location.*

*Mike Riordon supported the referendum on The Landings and questioned how much water would no longer be pumped up once the golf course is closed.*

*It was stated that 29 million gallons were pumped in 2019.*

*Bill Jonson said the League of Women Voters opposed the referendum on The Landings after reviewing the public records and determining the planning process was flawed.*

*Elizabeth Davis submitted an eComment opposing The Landings referendum that was read into the record by the City Clerk (see page 19).*

*Barbara Fisher submitted a comment opposing The Landings Referendum that was read into the record by the City Clerk (see page 20).*

## **7. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted.**

- 7.1** Approve an Interlocal Agreement between City of Clearwater and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to provide staffing, telephone services and other administrative services for the CRA, provided for the reimbursement of certain expense by the CRA to the City, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.2** Approve a local government contribution of \$610,000 in General Fund Reserves to be set aside as a commitment for the Minimum Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding that is required for Blue Pierce, LLC, as Successor-in-Interest to Blue Sky Communities, LLC, (Blue Sky) to receive a basis boost in the State of Florida's Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) for an 81-unit affordable housing development project at 610 Franklin Street; approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Development and Purchase and Sale of Property (Amendment) between the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Clearwater, the City of Clearwater and Blue Pierce, LLC (Blue Pierce); and authorize appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.3** Approve an Easement Termination and Release with Tarpon Springs Housing Authority, a public body corporate and politic established pursuant of Chapter 421 of the Florida Statutes whose principal address is 500 S. Walton Avenue, Tarpon Springs, FL, 34689 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.4** Authorize award of Invitation to Bid (ITB) 03-20R, Landscaping Maintenance Services:

Zone 5 - Northwest, to Average Joe Landscape, LLC for an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$95,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, with the option for one one-year term extension and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

- 7.5** Renew Grant and Financial Assistance Agreement between the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the city of Clearwater, necessary to facilitate a current mutual aid agreement between the two entities, effective upon execution through June 30, 2021, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.6** Award a construction contract to Steve's Excavating and Paving Inc.-- of Dunedin, Florida, for the 2021 Underdrain project via Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20-0028-EN, in the annual amount of \$300,000 for an initial one-year term with an option to renew for three additional one-year renewal terms on a unit price basis and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.7** Award a construction contract to Hinterland Group Inc., of Riviera Beach, Florida, for the 2021 Stormwater Pipe Lining annual maintenance via Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20-0021-EN in the yearly amount of \$1,000,000 for an initial one-year term with an option to renew for three additional one-year renewal terms on a unit price basis and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.8** Authorize a purchase order to American Lighting and Signalization (ALS) for streetlight maintenance and repairs in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 through August 2, 2021, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.564(1)(d) Other Government Entities Contracts, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.9** Approve the conveyance of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy Florida, LLC, d/b/a Duke Energy, for the installation, operation and maintenance of electric facilities to support Duke's new transformer and electrical facility installation for the new restrooms at the Seminole Boat Ramp project at 302 Seminole Street and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.10** Approve the Professional Services Agreement between Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. (IEM) and the City of Clearwater for developing a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) document and related services in the amount of \$131,660.00 and authorize appropriate officials to execute the same. (consent)
- 7.11** Authorize an increase of \$600,000 to Purchase Order 900709 to GSA Security, Inc. of Tampa, FL, for the Purchase, Installation, Maintenance, and Repairs of Security Cameras; for a revised total amount of \$1,000,000 for the three-year term expiring on June 24, 2022, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.564(1)(d) Exceptions to Bid - Other Government Entities' Bids and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

- 7.12** Approve a Purchase Order increase to Crown Castle, Inc., of Clearwater, FL, in the amount of \$58,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$137,000 for remainder of this term ending September 30, 2022, to accommodate increased internet service provision, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.13** Authorize a piggyback off of the State of Florida Department of Management Services Contract DMS-08/09-071, for SUNCOM long distance service, State AIN Centranet lines, and toll-free lines, in an amount not to exceed \$134,220 for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.564 (1)(d) Other Government Entities and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.14** Authorize the purchase of vehicles (heavy and light duty) and equipment as approved in the 20/21 Fiscal Year Budget for a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,535,100.00, per the recommended contracts in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.564 (1)(d) Other Government Entities; declare surplus effective upon receipt of new vehicles and equipment and authorize for disposal at auction the vehicles and equipment being replaced in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.622, or trade-in if in the best interest of the city in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.621, Sale of Surplus Property - Exceptions, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.15** Approve the purchase of vehicle parts for heavy and light duty vehicles and equipment for the 20/21 Fiscal Year Budget, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances, Sections 2.564 (1)(b) Sole Sources, 2.564 (1)(c) Small Dollar Purchases, and 2.564 (1)(d) Other Government Entities Bid and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 7.16** Approve the reappointments of Kathleen Agnew and John Doran to the Clearwater Housing Authority Board with terms to expire September 30, 2024. (consent)
- 7.17** Approve the 2021 City Council Meeting Schedule. (consent)

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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 request from the owner of property addressed as 1140 Eldridge Street, Clearwater, to vacate a platted utility easement, described as the East 10 Feet of the West 81.75 feet of Lot 7, Green Field Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 28, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, and pass Ordinance 9412-20 on first reading.

The property owner at 1140 Eldridge St., Clearwater, has requested that the City vacate a platted 10-foot Utility Easement located entirely on their property.

The easement vacation will allow the property owner to construct a loading dock on their property.

There are no utilities present within this easement. City staff have reviewed the utility easement vacation request and have no objection.

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to approve the request from the owner of property addressed as 1140 Eldridge Street, Clearwater, to vacate a platted utility easement, described as the East 10 Feet of the West 81.75 feet of Lot 7, Green Field Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 28, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance 9412-20 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to pass Ordinance 9412-20 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

- 8.2** Approve the proposed first amendment to an existing Development Agreement between the City of Clearwater and East Shore International Enterprises, LLC and 411ES, LLC which provides a one-year extension for site plan approval; adopt Resolution 20-41, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (HDA2019-03001; 400/405/408/409/411 East Shore Drive).

**Development Proposal:**

No changes have been made to the proposed first amendment to an existing Development Agreement presented at the September 17, 2020 City Council meeting.

Brian J. Aungst, representative of 411ES LLC (property owner), is requesting a one-year time extension for site plan approval of the approved Hotel Development Agreement (HDA2019-03001) for the referenced project located at 400/405/408/409/411 East Shore Drive.

On July 18, 2019, the City Council approved a Development Agreement along with a concept plan and elevations as part of application HDA2019-03001. Consistent with applicable Florida Statutes and the City's Community Development Code the agreement was transmitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on August 1, 2019 rendering the effective date August 31, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 6.1.3.3 of the agreement, "The Developer shall obtain appropriate site plan approval pursuant to a Level One or Level Two development application within one (1) year from the effective date of this Agreement..."

Based on the City's Level II Flexible Development application schedule the latest Community Development Board Meeting at which site plan approval could have been granted prior to the expiration of the Agreement (August 31, 2020) was August 20, 2020. This would have required the submittal of a complete application on or before the application deadline of noon June 1, 2020.

The applicant provides that they were unable to submit a complete application by the above noted application deadline date of noon June 1, 2020. It should be noted that the August CDB meeting was cancelled. It should also be noted that the applicant does have a complete Flexible Development application (FLD2020-05012) which was reviewed at the Development Review Committee meeting of September 3, 2020.

The granting of the one-year time extension request will amend Section 6.1.3.2 as follows:

6.1.3.2 The Developer shall obtain appropriate site plan approval pursuant to a Level One or Level Two development application within ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years from the effective date of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Code and shall then obtain appropriate permits and certificates of occupancy in accordance with the provisions of the Code. Nothing herein shall restrict Developer from seeking an extension of site plan approval or other development orders pursuant to the Code or state law. In the event that work is not commenced pursuant to issued permits, or certificates of occupancy are not timely issued, the City may deny future development approvals and/or certificates of occupancy for the Project and may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 10.

No changes to the approved conceptual site plan or elevations are proposed. The approved development agreement provides for the demolition of all structures on the 1.115-acre site and building a single, six-floor hotel with 74 hotel rooms (66.367 units per acre) and a 57-slip marina facility with 22 slips available to the public and 35 slips available only to guests of the hotel. The 74 proposed units include 55 units otherwise permitted by the Resort Facilities High Future Land Use classification, an additional eight units from the Hotel Density Reserve through *Beach by Design* and an additional 11 units which the applicant intends to transfer to the site through a Level Two Transfer of Development Rights application. The building will be 65 feet in height (from Base Flood Elevation) to roof as otherwise permitted utilizing the Height Bonus Schedule for the Marina District of *Beach by Design* for property totaling one



acre or more on both sides of East Shore Drive and the provision of a publicly accessible Boardwalk. The proposal includes a tropical modern architecture, which is consistent with and complements the tropical vernacular envisioned in *Beach by Design*.

#### **Changes to Development Agreements:**

Pursuant to Section 4-606.I., CDC, a Development Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties, provided the notice and public hearing requirements of Section 4-206 are followed. The amendment to the approved agreement is solely to extend the time frame by which time site plan approval must be obtained by one year to August 31, 2021.

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to approve the proposed first amendment to an existing Development Agreement between the City of Clearwater and East Shore International Enterprises, LLC and 411ES, LLC which provides a one-year extension for site plan approval and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Resolution 20-41 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Resolution 20-41. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

### **9. Second Readings - Public Hearing**

- 9.1** Adopt Ordinance 9410-20 on second reading, amending the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 to reflect increases and decreases in revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Special Development Fund, Special Program Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Gas Fund and Airpark Fund.

**Ordinance 9410-20 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9410-20 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

- 9.2** Adopt Ordinance 9411-20 on second reading, amending the Capital Improvement Budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 to reflect a net decrease of \$1,421,666.

**Ordinance 9411-20 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Ordinance 9411-20 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

## **10. City Manager Reports**

- 10.1** Accept a Gas Utility Easement from Jones Properties, LLC, for the construction, installation, and maintenance of gas utility facilities on real property located at 14219 Walsingham Road, Largo, FL and adopt Resolution 20-48.

Jones Properties, LLC (Grantor) has granted a non-exclusive five-foot wide natural gas easement, on property located at 14219 Walsingham Road, in Largo (Parcel ID# 07-30-15-00000-430-1000) for the installation of a natural gas distribution line. This main line will serve a commercial restaurant (Localz Bar & Grill).

The easement grant is sufficient for the City to maintain and replace its facilities as necessary in perpetuity, or until such time as the City determines to abandon its use.

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to accept a Gas Utility Easement from Jones Properties, LLC, for the construction, installation, and maintenance of gas utility facilities on real property located at 14219 Walsingham Road, Largo, FL. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Resolution 20-48 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Resolution 20-48. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

- 10.2** Accept a Sidewalk Easement from Central Properties Inc., as Trustee of the Baymont Trust, for the repair, maintenance, and replacement of a public sidewalk on real property located at 499 Mandalay Avenue and adopt Resolution 20-42.

The Sidewalk Easement will allow the city rights for repair, maintenance, and replacement of a public sidewalk on the commercial site.

The City Engineering Department recommends acceptance of the easement.

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to accept a Sidewalk Easement from Central Properties Inc., as Trustee of the Baymont Trust, for the repair, maintenance, and replacement of a public sidewalk on real property located at 499 Mandalay Avenue. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Resolution 20-42 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Resolution 20-42. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

- 10.3** Continue to November 19, 2020: Approve Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) proposal from Skanska, Inc. of Tampa, FL, for the renovations of the Clearwater Main Library for Imagine Clearwater (17-0031-EN) at the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$6,420,156.69 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

December 19, 2019, City Council approved RFQ #52-19 selecting Skanska as CMAR to provide construction services for Imagine Clearwater.

A 2015 Urban Land Institute study recommended that the library become more activated and connected to the adjacent park through the addition of more flexible and collaborative spaces. Architecture firm Williamson Dacar Associates was engaged to design the renovations including new entryway and staircase at the south side, new gallery and cafe space, and general upgrades to the first-floor public areas.

Construction documents for the renovations to the Clearwater Main Library are complete and Skanska has provided GMP proposal to construct the renovations at the Main Library.

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-October and will be completed in mid-September of 2021.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

ENGF180013-CONS-CNSTRC \$6,420,156.69

Resolution 19-34 was passed on November 21, 2019, establishing the City's intent to issue Florida Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 to finance and/or reimburse a portion of the costs of acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, expansion, improving, and equipping of the Imagine Clearwater Project. Ordinance 9357-20 passed on February 6, 2020 authorized the issuance of the bonds.

A first quarter budget amendment will increase capital project ENGF180013, Imagine Clearwater, by \$30,000,000 in future bond proceeds revenue.

*In response to questions, Assistant City Manager Micah Maxwell said Library staff have been working the last 1.5 months in preparing the library for construction, which includes packing materials for storage and identifying surplus materials. While staff awaits the final decision on the renovations at the library, the Main Library will remain closed. The remobilization of library staff to reopen the Main Library will take some time. He said the Main Library could reopen the third week in October.*

*It was stated that the Clearwater Going Home Coalition is working with several non-profits in the community to respond to the needs of the homeless community who use the Main Library and are hoping the City can partner with them. Peace Memorial Church, who provides homeless outreach services, will be closed for a period of time for renovations. It was commented that the Coalition should formalize their request of the City in writing for council consideration.*

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to continue Item 10.3 to November 19, 2020. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

**10.4 Confirm COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation and adopt Resolution 20-53.**

*Division Chief of Emergency Management Jevon Graham said the State continues to reopen slowly and reminded all we are still in a national health crisis. Although Pinellas' numbers are leveling out, he encouraged all to continue wearing masks, social distancing and cleanliness practices.*

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to confirm COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation. The motion was duly seconded and carried**

unanimously.

**Resolution 20-53 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to adopt Resolution 20-53. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Beckman

**10.5** Recommend an appointment to the PIE Noise Abatement Task Force Committee, as the Clearwater at-large representative.

The Noise Abatement Task Force is comprised of a diverse group of members representing local communities, the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, Federal Aviation Administration - Air Traffic Control, airlines, cargo carriers, general aviation and the military. The individuals work collectively to identify ways to minimize aircraft noise exposure to surrounding communities.

The City Council is being asked to recommend an individual who will serve as the Clearwater at-large representative. The Pinellas County Board of Commissioners is expected to make the appointment at their October meeting.

Staff has received applications from:

Greg Hembree  
Christina Joseph  
Sean Schrader  
Blaise Sciarra  
Andre Sknoieczny

*One individual said that pilot experience was not needed and that the Committee prefers an individual who understands the community.*

*Discussion ensued with support expressed to appoint Sean Schrader.*

**Vice Mayor Allbritton moved to recommend Sean Schrader to the PIE Noise Abatement Task Force Committee, as the Clearwater at-large representative. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**10.6** Declare library materials surplus pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.622, surplus sales over \$5,000; authorize a donation to designated not-for-profit organizations pursuant to Section 2.624 (5), exceptions to auction sale; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Seeking Council's authorization for the donation of city-owned library materials consisting of paperbacks, hardcovers, DVDs, CDs and audio books in the quantity of 55,000 items valued at \$59,000 to local non-profit organizations. Due to scheduled Imagine Clearwater construction at the Main Library, the City was tasked with sorting through and relocating library materials. The items identified as surplus are no longer needed for municipal public use and are valued as follows:

- Book (hardback/paperback) \$1 each
- DVD \$2 each
- CD (Music/Audio Book) \$2 each

Eight non-profit organizations were contacted, with four accepting donations at this time. Requesting authorization to donate to the following non-profit organizations:

- AmVets, Clearwater, FL ~ pickup donations at no charge; items are delivered to the Tampa warehouse and a \$100 voucher is offered to local veterans, which they in turn select what they want/need; all leftovers are then sold and all proceeds go back into the AmVets organization which provides assistance, jobs and services to our veterans.
- HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program), Clearwater, FL ~ pickup donations at no charge; items not suitable for their program will go into the Thrift Store to be sold to the general public. 100% of proceeds from the store directly benefits HEP program and clients.
- Hospice, Clearwater, FL ~ pickup donations at no charge; items are sold at their thrift stores; all proceeds are used for patient care.
- Salvation Army, Clearwater, FL ~ pickup donations at no charge; items are sold at their thrift stores; valuables are auctioned. All proceeds are used for adult rehabilitation programs, social programs and homeless programs.

*The Mayor stated he had a voting conflict as his wife is the Development Director for the Salvation Army, which has been identified as a recipient of donated library materials, and would not participate in the discussion or vote.*

*In response to a question, Library Assistant Director Linda Rothstein said staff follows the established professional protocols to identify materials as surplus. The protocols consider the circulation numbers, usage and condition. Due to limited space, this practice is conducted regularly to maximize space and house materials that are being used by patrons.*

**Councilmember Beckman moved to declare library materials**

surplus pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.622, surplus sales over \$5,000; authorize a donation to designated not-for-profit organizations pursuant to Section 2.624 (5), exceptions to auction sale; and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

## **11. City Attorney Reports – None.**

## **12. Other Council Action**

### **12.1 Resolution on the HUD Proposed Rule - Councilmember Beckman**

*Councilmember Beckman requested consideration to adopt a resolution opposing the proposed HUD's rule change to equal access. She said an intake person is looking at an individual and making a judgment with their good faith belief on what their gender is and does not take the word of the adult into account, is an unnecessary step that leads to discrimination. Studies show that transgender people are less likely to seek the services needed if that step is imposed. She said she realizes the deadline for the City to submit comments has passed but said it would be a good statement for the City to make.*

*Discussion ensued with comments made that the comment period for rule change has closed and a city resolution would have no effect. It was stated that Councilmember Beckman submitted a passionate letter opposing the rule change on her personal council letterhead during the submission period.*

*No action taken.*

## **13. Closing comments by Councilmembers (limited to 3 minutes)**

### **Proclamations**

*Councilmember Beckman questioned who wrote the CGS proclamation heard this evening and the process of reviewing proclamations. She said she did not believe some of the information included in the proclamation was factually accurate.*

*The Mayor said council policy allows organizations to approach the Mayor and request a proclamation. A majority of the proclamations are*

*innocuous and support the organizations work. The CGS proclamations was presented as part of the Public Natural Gas Week.*

*The City Attorney said the Mayor is the only individual who signs the proclamation.*

*In response to a question, CGS Managing Director Chuck Warrington said the proclamation language was developed by CGS Communications Coordinator and was shared with Public Communications for the press release. He said controversial press releases are typically vetted through the Sustainability Coordinator.*

*The Mayor said he wanted a future presentation by an expert regarding the majority of energy being produced currently on this peninsula and discuss the losses in transmission.*

*Councilmember Beckman congratulated the Tampa Bay Lightning on their Stanley Cup win. She congratulated the DCMA on their ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday. She thanked Public Communications for the Go Vote signs on the old city hall building.*

*Councilmember Bunker said he appreciated hearing that people received their ballots in the mail today.*

#### **14. Closing Comments by Mayor**

*The Mayor congratulated St. Cecilia for being named a Blue Ribbon School. He congratulated the Tampa Bay Lightning on the Stanley Cup win and for spending 2 months in the bubble in Canada, away from their families. He said Creative Loafing named Pour Yours as the best wine bar in the Tampa Bay region and Clear Sky was named the best restaurant in Clearwater. He encouraged all to stay prepared for hurricanes. He said Clearwater residents will vote on the referendum question that will appear on their ballot for a potential lease of open recreation space for industrial research and technology use. He reminded all that Cleveland Street remains closed and the Main Library is closed to the public due to renovations.*



**15. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.*

Attest

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Mayor  
City of Clearwater

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City Clerk

## City Council on 2020-10-01 6:00 PM

Meeting Time: 10-01-20 18:00

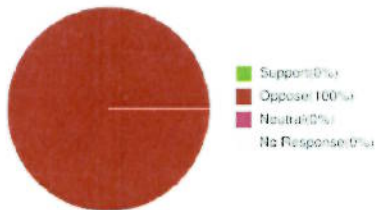
### eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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#### Overall Sentiment



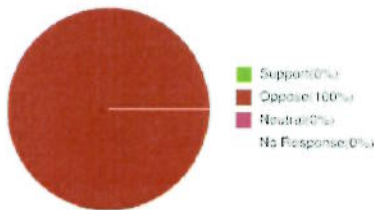
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
6. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda	1	0	1	0

**Sentiments for All Agenda Items**

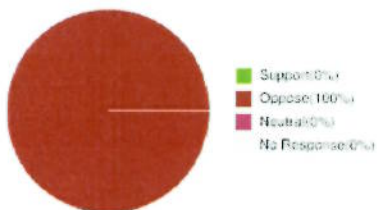
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**Overall Sentiment**



**Agenda Item: eComments for 6. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda**

**Overall Sentiment**



**Elizabeth Davis**

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Submitted At: 1:56pm 09-30-20

My name is Beth Davis, I am a 35 year resident, working hard to educate the residents and voters of Clearwater to "Save the Landings", currently a 70 acre, public golf course. We need to vote "No" in November to be a part of our Greenprint commitment, when it seems that most of city council is not. I am proud that in this short, unusual pandemic lifestyle, from May 21 to today, Sept 30, we have earned the support of The League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club to vote No! to this city referendum. Greenspace will never come back. It is in our hands to save. Of all of the environmental space in Clearwater, 20% is on the beach, 10% in Central Clearwater from the intercoastal water downtown to US 19; 70% is east of 19, and most of that is Cooper's point, not a point of recreation. If we in Central Clearwater hope to share in the vision of "work, live, play" we need to save the Landings golf course. I look forward to the session when you put on the agenda and discuss and debate in detail all of the city owned vacant paved property, lying empty of a potential park/ Greenspace, revenue, business and/or housing. I look forward to your agenda including the Greenprint commitments monthly with your plan to deliver progress, not just wait for a report. To those of you in the many neighborhoods that have had surprise development impact your own quality of life and home value, all for the sake of money, please vote No! Join us. We can do better.

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## Call, Rosemarie

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Thank you for your response. Joelle Wiley Castelli already responded to my query and I sent her the following:

My comment was for an item not of the agenda: The Landings Referendum:

I am disturbed that the Landings Referendum is being put on the ballot without any public discussion. The precious remaining green space in our town would be given away for a million dollar annual lease. The idea of jobs is just that, an idea. Since the leasing company is planning to build on spec and since this same company has other buildings in the county that are currently unoccupied, the plan is "a hope and a prayer" and for this, we give up too much. Also, the idea of light industrial on Keene is jarring since the road is a lovely green strip through residential. It might require some rezoning – again, a bad idea.

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Ms. Fisher,

I apologize for the difficulty. I will check with vendor but in the mean time, please email me your comment. I will accept it.

Sincerely,  
Rosemarie

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