

COUNCIL MEETING

Municipal Building
175-5th Street North
Second Floor Council Chamber

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

**March 27, 2025
1:30 PM**

Welcome to the City of St. Petersburg City Council meeting. The public may address City Council in person.

The public must attend the meeting in person to speak during public hearings or quasi-judicial hearings. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting or have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 893-7448. If you are deaf/hard of hearing and require the services of an interpreter, please call our TDD number, 892-5259, or the Florida Relay Service at 711, as soon as possible. The City requests at least 72 hours advance notice, prior to the scheduled meeting, for accommodations.

To assist the City Council in conducting the City's business, we ask that you observe the following:

1. If you are speaking under the Public Hearings, Appeals or Open Forum sections of the agenda, please observe the time limits indicated on the agenda.
2. Placards and posters are not permitted in the Chamber. Applause is not permitted except in connection with Awards and Presentations.
3. Please do not address Council from your seat. If asked by Council to speak to an issue, please do so from the podium.
4. Please do not pass notes to Council during the meeting.
5. Please be courteous to other members of the audience by keeping side conversations to a minimum.
6. The Fire Code prohibits anyone from standing in the aisles or in the back of the room.
7. If other seating is available, please do not occupy the seats reserved for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing.

The public can also attend the meeting in the following ways:

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 - +1 253 215 8782 or
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- Watch, listen, and participate on your computer, mobile phone, or other device by visiting the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/97570954614>

The public can participate in the meeting by providing public comment for agenda items other than public hearings and quasi-judicial hearings in the following ways:

- If attending the Zoom meeting by computer or other device, use the “raise hand” button in the Zoom app.
- If attending the Zoom meeting by phone only, enter *9 on the phone to use the “raise hand” feature.

The “raise hand” feature in the Zoom meeting indicates your desire to speak but does not allow you to speak immediately. You must use the “raise hand” feature at the time the agenda item is addressed. All “raised hands” will be lowered after each agenda item. When it is your turn to speak, your microphone will be unmuted. At the conclusion of your comments or when you reach the three-minute limit, you will be muted. Please be advised that at all times the chair has the authority and discretion to re-order agenda items, and in the event the meeting is disrupted by violations of the rules of decorum, to accept public comment by alternate means, including by email only.

Regardless of the method of participation used, normal rules for participation apply, including the three-minute limit on comments, the requirement that any presentation materials must be submitted to the City Clerk in advance of the meeting, and the rules of decorum. Public comments must be submitted before the public comment period has closed.

A. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call.

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

B. Approval of Agenda with Additions and Deletions.

C. Consent Agenda (see attached)

Open Forum

The City Council receives public comment during Open Forum and on agenda items with limited exceptions consistent with Florida law. All issues discussed under Open Forum must be limited to issues related to the City of St. Petersburg government. If you wish to address City Council on subjects other than public hearing or quasi-judicial items listed on the agenda, please sign up with the Clerk. Only City residents, owners of property in the City, owners of businesses in the City or their employees may speak during Open Forum. If you wish to address City Council through the Zoom meeting, you must use the “raise hand” feature button in the Zoom app or enter *9 on your phone at the time the agenda item is addressed. When it is your turn to speak, you will be unmuted and asked to state your name and address. At the conclusion of your comments or when you reach the three-minute time limit, you will be muted. All “raised hands” will be lowered after each agenda item. Regardless of the method of participation used, normal rules apply, including the three-minute time limit on comments, the requirement that any presentation materials must be submitted in advance of the meeting and the rules of decorum. If live public comment is disrupted by violations of the rules of decorum, the chair is authorized to accept public comment by alternate means, including by email only.

D. Awards and Presentations

1. [CFY Scholarship Recipients](#)

E. New Ordinances - (First Reading of Title and Setting of Public Hearing)

F. Reports

1. [A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to approve the City of St. Petersburg \(“City”\) North Shore Park Seagrass Mitigation Bank’s Long-Term Management State and Federal Funds \(“Funds”\) to demonstrate perpetual management financial assurance related to the long-term management costs associated with the Seagrass Mitigation Bank Project; approving a transfer in the amount of \\$178,250 from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund \(0001\) to the Seagrass Mitigation Fund \(6121\); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \\$178,250 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Seagrass Mitigation Fund \(6121\), resulting from the above transfer, to the Engineering and Capital Improvements Department, Engineering Administration Division \(130.1341\), Seagrass Mitigation Bank NS Project \(20578\); providing that the total amount shall not exceed \\$667,000.00 when the Mitigation Bank reaches the long-term management phase \(ECID Project No. 16099-120; Oracle Nos. 15476 and 20578\); and providing an effective date.](#)
2. [A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 23-11-SCS/RSFF\(S\) to the professional services agreement dated April 13, 2023 between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. \(“Consultant”\) for Consultant to provide utility billing analysis, dual register](#)

meter/customer analysis, and a supplement to the Combined System Financial Feasibility and Rate Study Report for the upcoming public utility bonds for the FY26 Water Resources Utility Rate Study Program in an amount not to exceed \$65,000; providing that the total Task Order, as amended, shall not exceed \$192,000; and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 25145-130; Oracle No. 20989)

3. Resolutions Related to Billing and Collections Policy and Procedures on Utility Bill Relief
 - (a) A resolution approving the Policies and Procedures attached hereto (“Policies and Procedures”) establishing a process that authorizes the Billing and Collections Department (“Department”) to take the actions set forth therein on requests for relief for a leak adjustment of a flooded structure pursuant to the Policies and Procedures; superseding Resolution 2025-109; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution and the Policies and Procedures; and providing an effective date.
 - (b) A resolution approving the Policies and Procedures attached hereto (“Policies and Procedures”) establishing a process that authorizes the Billing and Collections Department (“Department”) to take the actions set forth therein on requests for relief of a mechanical water meter high read in the absence of a leak pursuant to the Policies and Procedures; superseding Resolution 2025-110; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution and the Policies and Procedures; and providing an effective date.

G. New Business

1. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee, or other relevant committee, for a presentation and discussion regarding the public Scooter Share Program. (Council Member Gabbard)
2. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee, or other relevant committee, to discuss selling price flexibility for unbuildable surplus lots larger than 250 square feet. (Council Member Givens)
3. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Public Services and Infrastructure Committee for a discussion on sunseting the Intown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). (Council Member Floyd)
4. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee, or other relevant committee, to discuss creating a new "single-family hybrid housing" classification, limiting corporate ownership, and permitting zoning for owner-occupied homes. (Council Member Givens)

H. Council Committee Reports

1. March 13, 2025 Budget, Finance, and Taxation Committee - Action Item
 - (a) A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept the proposals submitted by Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc. to provide property insurance coverage effective April 1 2025, at a total estimated cost of \$9,658,325, which cost includes the broker fee to be paid to Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc.; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate these transactions; and providing an effective date.

I. Legal - 4:00 P.M.

1. [An attorney-client session, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011\(8\), in conjunction with the lawsuit styled Heriberto A. Sanchez-Mayen v. City of St. Petersburg, Officer Michael Thacker and Officer Sarah Gaddis, Case No: 8:24-cv-00690-WFJ-TGW.](#)

On Thursday, March 27, 2025 in City Council Chambers, at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, an attorney-client session, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8), will be held in conjunction with the lawsuit styled Heriberto A. Sanchez-Mayen v. City of St. Petersburg, Officer Michael Thacker and Officer Sarah Gaddis, Case No: 8:24-cv-00690-WFJ-TGW. Any or all of the following persons will be attending: Copley Gerdes; Brandi Gabbard; Mike Harting; Lisset Hanewicz; Deborah Figgs-Sanders; Gina Driscoll; Corey Givens, Jr.; Richie Floyd; Mayor Kenneth Welch; Rob Gerdes; Jacqueline M. Kovilaritch, City Attorney; Jeannine Williams, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Joseph P. Patner, Executive Assistant City Attorney; Martin Musichi, Assistant City Attorney. The open City Council meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida. During the public meeting, the session will be closed at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the closed session may be heard, and only those persons described above together with a certified court reporter will be allowed to be present. The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations and/or strategy related to litigation expenditures. At the conclusion of the closed session the meeting will be re-opened to the public and the closed session will be terminated.

J. Public Hearings and Quasi-Judicial Proceedings - 5:01 P.M.

Public Hearings

*NOTE: The following Public Hearing items have been submitted for **consideration** by the City Council. If you wish to speak on any of the Public Hearing items, please obtain one of the YELLOW cards from the containers on the wall outside of Council Chamber, fill it out as directed, and present it to the Clerk. You will be given 3 minutes **ONLY** to state your position on any item but may address more than one item.*

1. [Confirming Preliminary Assessment for Lot Clearing Number LCA 1663](#)
2. [Confirming Preliminary Assessment for Lot Clearing Number LCA 1666](#)
3. [Confirming Preliminary Assessment for Lot Clearing Number LCA 1667](#)
4. [Ordinance 607-H, an ordinance relating to utility rates and charges; amending Chapter 27, Subsection 27-6 of the St. Petersburg City Code; amending the water charges for leak adjustment relief; adding adjustment relief for abnormal events; adding adjustment relief for abnormal events following a declared state of local emergency; providing an explanation of words struck through and underlined; establishing a date to begin calculating new charges and applying new adjustment relief for billing purposes; and providing an effective date.](#)

K. Open Forum

L. Adjournment

Consent Agenda A
March 27, 2025

NOTE: The Consent Agenda contains normal, routine business items that are very likely to be approved by the City Council by a single motion. Council questions on these items were answered prior to the meeting. Each Councilmember may, however, defer any item for added discussion at a later time.

(Procurement)

(City Development)

(Community Enrichment)

(Public Works)

1. A Resolution accepting a Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal in the amount of \$7,845,654 from Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc. (“Ric-Man”) for construction phase services for Phase 5 of the Downtown Watermain Replacement Program; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the Second Amendment to the Design Build Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Ric-Man dated July 18, 2023 to incorporate the GMP proposal into the Design Build Agreement and modify other necessary provisions (ECID Project No. 21058-111; Oracle No. 20695); and providing an effective date.
2. A Resolution approving a Change Order request to the Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal from PCL Construction, Inc. (“PCL”) dated January 9, 2025 to increase the GMP amount by \$583,009 for additional construction phase services for the Citywide Seawall Inspection, Renovation and Replacement – FY 21 Project; providing that the total GMP amount shall not exceed \$2,187,654; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and PCL dated May 16, 2024 to incorporate the Change Order request to the GMP proposal into the Agreement and modify other necessary provisions; and providing an effective date (ECID Project No. 21092-110; Oracle Nos. 16723, 17257, 17938, 18583 and 19185).
3. A Resolution accepting the Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal dated February 20, 2025, in the amount of \$641,177 from Biltmore Construction Co., Inc. (“CMAR”) for construction phase services for the Traffic Operations Bldg. - Roof Restoration Project (“Project”); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the Construction Manager at Risk Agreement between the City and CMAR that includes the GMP Proposal for the Project and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; (ECID Project No. 24135-130; Oracle Project No. 19777) and providing an effective date.

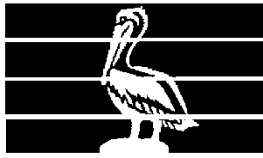
(Appointments)

(Miscellaneous)

4. A resolution approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,105,760 from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001) to the Finance Department, General Accounting Division (320-1913), FY24 Storm #3 Gen Admin Depts Project (20432), for rental charges billed to the City of St. Petersburg by Luxe Flush during Hurricane Helene; and providing an effective date.

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CONSENT



AGENDA

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CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Consent Agenda B March 27, 2025

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(Procurement)

(City Development)

1. A resolution approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$39,000 from the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001) to the MT Lighting Dimmer System Project (21051); and providing an effective date.
2. Authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a license agreement for a period of three (3) years with Don Saunders for the use of certain land within Albert Whitted Airport for the storage of a privately-owned aircraft within a storage hangar, subject to certain terms and conditions. Requires affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of City Council.
3. Authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a five (5) year license agreement with the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, on behalf of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP), to utilize certain City-owned submerged lands in the westerly basin of Bayboro Harbor, for an aggregate fee of \$10.00 for the entire term, to operate the USFSP Haney Landing Sailing Center, subject to certain terms and conditions. Requires an affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of City Council.
4. Authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a license agreement for a period a five (5) years with Reichart Enterprise, LLC, d/b/a High Altitude Aviation, a Florida limited liability company, for use of the "Blue" Hangar, containing approximately 3,080 square feet of hangar and office space, located within Albert Whitted Airport for aircraft repair and maintenance operations, subject to certain conditions. Requires affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of City Council.
5. Authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a Lease Agreement with Hap O'Neill, Incorporated, a Florida corporation, for the operation of a marina on City-owned waterfront property located at 6701 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida, for a term of ten (10) years, subject to certain conditions. Requires affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of City Council.
6. Authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a license agreement with Greater Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, for use of the Vearl Scott Neighborhood Family Center located at 1201 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida, within City-owned Campbell Park, for a period of thirty-six (36) months for an aggregate fee of \$36.00, subject to certain terms and conditions; and waiving the reserve for replacement requirement for City Council

Resolution No. 79-740A. Requires affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of City Council.

(Community Enrichment)

(Public Works)

7. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 21-04-AEC/W(A) to the architect/engineering agreement dated August 5, 2021, as amended, between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (A/E) for A/E to provide continued project management services, continued proposed alignment drawings, additional services associated with 60% and 100% final design submittals, signage and pavement marking plans and continued construction manager coordination services related to the Yacht Club Estates Reclaim Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$119,476.97; providing that the total Task Order, as amended, shall not exceed \$299,438.96 (ECID Project No. 24108-130; Oracle No. 19698); and providing an effective date.
8. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Task Order No. 24-01-APD/M(A) to the Architect/Engineering Agreement dated February 25, 2025 between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Alta Planning + Design, Inc. ("A/E") for A/E to provide project management and coordination, database assembly, project identification and prioritization, a compliance roadmap, a city policy integration plan, a sidewalk master plan, and public outreach related to the Sidewalk Master Plan Project in an amount not to exceed \$272,764.29 (ECID Project No. 24201-130; Oracle No. 19174); and providing an effective date.

(Appointments)

9. A resolution confirming the appointments of Carolyn Warren, Sherri Harrod, Colette Florido, and H. Roy Adams as members on the City of St. Petersburg Advisory Commission On Aging, each to serve a term ending on December 31, 2025; confirming the appointments of Aria J. Garling, Herb Casey, Carmen Ruiz, Lisa Kinsella, Shari Hooker, Jane Haskell, and Susan Brehm as members on the City of St. Petersburg Advisory Commission On Aging, each to serve a term ending on December 31, 2026; confirming the appointments of Tom Moore and Lottie Cuthbertson as members on the City of St. Petersburg Advisory Commission On Aging, each to serve a term ending on December 31, 2027; and providing an effective date.

(Miscellaneous)

10. Budget, Finance, and Taxation Committee Meeting Minutes (February 27, 2025)
11. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes (January 23, 2025)
12. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes (February 20, 2025)
13. Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes (February 13, 2025)
14. Public Services and Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes (February 13, 2025)

MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Note: An abbreviated listing of upcoming MEETING AGENDA Council meetings.

City Council Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m., City Council Chamber