

# COUNCIL MEETING

Municipal Building  
175-5<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Second Floor Council Chamber

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG**

**August 14, 2025  
3:00 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:

- Watch live on Channel 15 WOW!/Channel 641 Spectrum/Channel 20 Frontier FiOS
- Watch live online at [www.stpete.org/TV](http://www.stpete.org/TV)
- Listen and participate by dialing one of the following phone numbers
  - +1 312 626 6799 or
  - +1 646 876 9923 or
  - +1 253 215 8782 or
  - +1 301 715 8592 or
  - +1 346 248 7799 or

- +1 669 900 6833 and entering webinar ID: 971 5034 1527#
- Watch, listen, and participate on your computer, mobile phone, or other device by visiting the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/97150341527>

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. [Gulf of Mexico Climate and Resilience Community of Practice “Spirit of the Community Award”](#)

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

Setting September 4, 2025 as the public hearing date for the following proposed Ordinance(s):

1. [FY26 Utility Rates and Charges](#)

(a) Ordinance 616-H, an ordinance relating to sanitation rates and charges; amending Chapter 27, Section 27-557 of the St. Petersburg City Code; amending rates and charges for sanitation services; providing for severability of provisions; providing an explanation of words struck through and underlined; establishing a date to begin calculating new rates for billing purposes; and providing an effective date.

(b) Ordinance 615-H, an ordinance relating to utility rates; amending section 27-405, Subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) of the St. Petersburg City Code; amending the stormwater utility fee; amending the tiered rate structure fees for single family residential parcels; providing for severability of provisions; providing an explanation of words struck through and underlined; establishing a date to begin calculating new rates for billing purposes; and providing an effective date.

(c) Ordinance 617-H, an ordinance relating to utility rates and charges; amending Chapter 27, Sections 27-4 (c), 27-6, 27-109 (b), 27-109 (d), 27-113 (b), 27-141 (a), 27-141 (b),

27-142 (a), 27-143 (b), 27-144, 27-146 (b), 27-146 (d), 27-177 (a), 27-177 (d), 27-250 (a), 27-283 (a), 27-284 (a), 27-284 (d), and 27-337 of the St. Petersburg City Code; amending owner liability for certain charges; adding adjustment relief for pool refills following a declared state of emergency; amending charges for potable water connection; amending base and volume charges for water service; amending various service charges; amending wholesale water service charges for the City of Gulfport; amending fire service charges; amending rates and charges for irrigation only accounts; amending rates and charges for commercial water only accounts; amending rates and charges for reclaimed water service; amending sewer capacity fee; amending retail and wholesale wastewater service charges; amending grease management fees; providing for severability of provisions; providing an explanation of words struck through and underlined; establishing a date to begin calculating new charges for billing purposes; and providing an effective date.

**F. Reports**

**G. New Business**

1. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Committee of the Whole for a comprehensive report on arts funding, grants and other programs. (Council Member Driscoll)

**H. Council Committee Reports**

**I. Legal**

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

**Quasi-Judicial Proceedings**

*Swearing in of witnesses. Representatives of City Administration, the applicant/appellant, opponents, and members of the public who wish to speak at the public hearing must declare that he or she will testify truthfully by taking an oath or affirmation in the following form:*

*"Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"*

*The oath or affirmation will be administered prior to the presentation of testimony and will be administered in mass to those who wish to speak. Persons who submit cards to speak after the administration of the oath, who have not been previously sworn, will be sworn prior to speaking. For detailed procedures to be followed for Quasi-Judicial Proceedings, please see yellow sheet attached to this agenda.*

1. Appeal of the Development Review Commission (DRC) approval of a Special Exception and related site plan to convert an existing commercial building into a supply pantry which is a social service use. The subject property is located at 2200 and 2230 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street South. (City File 25-32000001) [Quasi-Judicial]

**K. Open Forum**

**L. Adjournment**

# CONSENT AGENDA

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## **Consent Agenda A August 14, 2025**

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**Note:** An abbreviated listing of upcoming Council and Council Committee meetings.

**Health, Energy, Resiliency & Sustainability Committee**

*Thursday, August 21, 2025, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 100*

**City Council Meeting**

*Thursday, August 21, 2025, 1:30 p.m., City Council Chamber*