

COUNCIL MEETING

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

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

October 8, 2015
3:00 PM

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. Awards and Presentations

1. [St. Pete's Promise - Lakewood High School.](#)
2. [Proclamation recognizing October 4th-10th as Fire Prevention Week.](#)
3. [Proclamation recognizing Universal Music Day.](#)
4. [Proclamation recognizing the month of October as Florida Native Plant Month.](#)
5. [Proclamation recognizing October 17, 2015 as St. Petersburg Science Festival Day.](#)
6. [Proclamation recognizing Tampa Bay Seagrass Day.](#)

D. Reports

1. [Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg Update. \(Vice-Chair Foster\)](#)

E. Legal

1. [Revised resolution to the Pinellas County Tourist Development Council and the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners to preserve that portion of the Bed Tax revenues used to fund past borrowing for a Major League Stadium in Pinellas County.](#)

F. Adjournment

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

September 17, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

SUBJECT: St. Pete's Promise - Lakewood High School

PRESENTER: Richard Engwall
St. Pete's Promise, Mayor's Office

SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:

Agenda of October 8, 2015

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

July 8, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Proclamation recognizing October 4th-10th, 2015
as Fire Prevention Week.

PRESENTER: Mayor Kriseman

SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:

Agenda of October 8, 2015

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

September 2, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Proclamation recognizing Universal Music Day.

PRESENTER: Mayor Kriseman

SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:

Agenda of October 8, 2015

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

August 3, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Proclamation recognizing Florida Native Plant Month.

PRESENTER: Mayor Rick Kriseman

SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:

Agenda of October 8, 2015

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

September 28, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing October 17, 2015 as St.
Petersburg Science Festival Day.

PRESENTER: Mayor Kriseman

SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:

Agenda of October 8, 2015

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA PRESENTATION

October 1, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Tampa Bay Seagrass Day Proclamation Presentation

PRESENTER: Steve Kornell, Council Member

SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:
Agenda of October 8, 2015

Steve Kornell
Council Member

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT ITEM

September 17, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg Report/Update

PRESENTER: Gina Burkett, Head of School
Jocelyn Lister, Development Manager

SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:
Agenda of October 8, 2015

Amy Foster, Vice Chair
District 8

RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD ALLOCATE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX REVENUES FORMERLY BUDGETED FOR TROPICANA FIELD DEBT SERVICE (APPROXIMATELY \$6.5 MILLION DOLLARS) UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE TAMPA BAY RAYS WILL NOT BUILD A NEW STADIUM IN ST. PETERSBURG OR PINELLAS COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Tourist Development Council ("TDC"), an advisory council, makes recommendations to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC") for the effective operation of the special projects or uses of the tourist development tax revenues raised by the tax levied; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC has previously approved a tourist development plan and such plan has been amended from time to time (such plan, as it has been amended, is hereinafter referred to as the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the current Plan provides an allocation of tourist development tax revenues (in the approximate amount of \$6.5 million dollars) for the payment of debt service on bonds issued by the City of St. Petersburg, Florida to finance the construction, reconstruction or renovation of Tropicana Field (home of the Tampa Bay Rays); and

WHEREAS, these bonds have been fully paid and such allocation of tourist development tax revenues (approximately \$6.5 million dollars) for the payment of Tropicana Field bonds expired on September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County recently received proposals for development of the Toy Town Site; and,

WHEREAS, some or all of the proposals may be requesting the allocation and approval of tourist development tax revenues for initial construction and/or ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg City Council ("Council") desires to ensure that tourist development tax revenues in an amount no less than the recently completed funding (i.e., approximately \$6.5 million dollars) ("Minimum Contribution") will continue to be available as a potential source of funding for a new stadium for the Tampa Bay Rays in St. Petersburg or another location in Pinellas County, unless and until it is concluded that the Tampa Bay Rays will not build a new stadium in St. Petersburg or another location in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2015-93, Council expressed its desire for St. Petersburg to remain the home of the Tampa Bay Rays for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Council believes it is essential to reserve the Minimum Contribution as a source of funding for a new Tampa Bay Rays stadium in St. Petersburg or another location in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes the City and the Tampa Bay Rays need to act soon to provide a path forward on the Tampa Bay Rays stadium issue and that it would be unreasonable to reserve the Minimum Contribution indefinitely due to lack of resolution of that issue; and

WHEREAS, Council is willing to contribute to the funding of a new Tampa Bay Rays stadium in St. Petersburg and intends to evaluate potential sources of such funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that this Council hereby respectfully requests that the Tourist Development Council and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners not take any action which would allocate tourist development tax revenues formerly budgeted for Tropicana Field debt service (approximately \$6.5 million dollars), unless and until it is concluded that the Tampa Bay Rays will not build a new stadium in St. Petersburg or another location in Pinellas County.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND FORM



City Attorney (Designee)

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