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ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

August 13, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Members & Alternate: Chair Brandi Gabbard, Vice Chair Ed Montanari, Amy Foster, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman; Alternate – Deborah Figgs-Sanders
Support Staff: Linnie Randolph, Legislative Aide

A. Call to order

B. Approval of agenda

C. Approval of minutes – May 14, 2020

D. New Business

1. Update from Tallahassee
   ~ Dr. Jeff Sharkey & John Rodriquez

2. 2021 Legislative Session
   b. Penny Amendment
   c. Building Permit Special Revenue Fund Discussion

3. 2021 Council Priority Discussion

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 8, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.
ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Report

May 14, 2020

Present: Chair, Brandi Gabbard, Vice Chair Ed Montanari, Amy Foster, Deborah Figgs-Sanders

Absent: Lisa Wheeler-Bowman

Also: Council member Robert Blackmon, Assistant City Attorneys Jane Wallace, Michael Dema and Brett Pettigrew, Chief of Policy and Public Engagement Kevin King, Government Affairs Director John Rodriguez, Capitol Alliance Group Managing Partner Dr. Jeffrey Sharkey, Neighborhood Affairs Administrator, Rob Gerdes, Florida State Senators Darryl Rouson and Jeff Brandes, Florida State Representatives Jennifer Webb, Wengay Newton and Ben Diamond

Support Staff: Linnie Randolph

A. Call to Order – 10:15 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda – CM Figgs-Sanders moved approval, all members voted in favor.

C. Approval of February 27, 2020 Minutes – CM Figgs-Sanders moved approval, all members voted in favor.

D. New Business

1. Committee Chair Brandi Gabbard gave opening remarks.

2. Legislative Session 2020 Updates

   State Representative Wengay Newton gave his highlights of the 2020 Legislative Session.
   • The State House passed unanimously the $93 billion budget and were successful in preventing the Sadowsky Trust Fund from being swept, thus providing $370 million for affordable housing.
   • 3% pay increase for all state employees
   • $100 million for Florida Forever Environmental Land Preservation Fund
   • Raised the starting and existing minimum teacher pay to $47,500
   • $35 million of reoccurring funding for Florida’s historically black colleges and universities
   • Greek Service organization license plates
   • $800,000 for construction of the Florida Slavery Memorial and the Florida Holocaust Memorial at the Capitol Complex
- $21 million to fund construction of the new 2nd District Court of Appeals courthouse in St. Petersburg

State Representative Jennifer Webb expressed her deep concerns for the residents in Florida and her district regarding recovery from the Covid-19 Crisis. She stated that there can be no additional monies allocated for relief without a special session which she has called for. She then went on to list her 2020 Legislative actions.

- Derelict Vessel and Water Safety Bill – made good progress
- Urban Agriculture – did not pass this year
- Lateral Lines - in the anti-pollution bill
- Florida Insurance – for condo owners
- Long Term Care Wait Time Reduction
- Baker Acting in the School System
- School Solar Bill

State Representative Ben Diamond highlighted the accomplishments of the City of St. Petersburg in their planning and ingenuity while working through the Covid-19 crisis. Instead of reiterating last session’s actions he wanted to focus his time on two current topics which will play a key role in the 2021 Session.

- Budget shortfalls on a State and Local level. He feels that we will need Federal support in order to maintain critical programs. Last year’s state budget was funded 77% by sales tax. The budget that was passed this year was based on funding projections prior to the Covid crisis. He feels we will have to go back and rework a lot of this budget.
- State’s Unemployment Office. The unemployment system is broken and needs to be fully addressed. The current system makes it harder for citizens to prove their eligibility. The duration and the amount of money allotted by this system is lower than most other states. He feels it is critical that we go back and address these issues.

Senator Darryl Rouson thinks over all 2020 was a good session with a lot of accomplishments.

- Senator Rouson said the majority of calls coming into his office are in regard to unemployment and the broken system.
- SB374 – Housing Discrimination Bill – HUD funding issue – passed both chambers
- SB1378 – Derelict Vessel – did not pass either chamber
- SB122 – Jordan’s Law – passed both chambers
- Fine Arts Bill – did not pass
- Florida Competitive Workforce Act – adding orientation and gender to the civil rights bill

Senator Jeff Brandes highlighted where we are with Covid and the measured steps of Governor DeSantis to reopen the State. Senator Brandes also pointed out some of the reopening steps and additional budget priorities.

- St Pete College and the establishment of a high school on their downtown campus.
- Private laterals
- Budget & Special Session possibly in November
• Property Insurance increases

Council Chair Ed Montanari asked about creating a supply chain for PPE for front line workers from the State. Representative Newton replied that the State is working on this by determining the exact needs and connecting people. He doesn’t feel this will be a State funded program but could be taken up in the next session.

Committee Chair Brandi Gabbard discussed two issues that came up during 2020 Session that we tracked as a City. HB 459 regarding Building Design did not pass. Also, HB1371/SB1000 regarding Flashing Beacons in cross walks did not pass as well. We will continue to follow these items in the 2021 Session should they return.

3. Council Priorities & End of Session Updates
Dr. Jeffery Sharkey supplied an overview on the bills City Council identified as priority at the start of Session.
   a. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: At this time the Sadowsky Trust Fund has not been used for anything other than affordable housing.
   b. Urban Agriculture: Florida Farm Bureau doesn’t think the City of St. Pete needs to change existing State policies. The City can develop its own Ordinance to get urban agriculture established.
   c. Private Laterals: the language from this bill was included in an Environmental Anti-Pollution bill.
   d. Vessel Safety Revisions: this language was added to a transportation bill HB395 but it did not pass. We will track and support in 2021 Session
   e. Fire Arm Safety: Several Fire Arm bills were submitted this Session and none of them passed out of committee.
   f. Carter G Woodson Funding: $1 million request did not pass

Government Affairs Director John Rodriguez gave a brief update on the 2021 Session. 2021 Session will start on March 2 nd and runs to April 30 th. Committee weeks won’t start until after the elections in November. Fiscal year starts July 1 st so all bills and budget will have to be finalized by then.

4. Emerging Issues for 2021 Session
   a. Penny Amendment: The proposed glitch amendment – related to Penny money for Affordable Housing. Neighborhood Affairs Administrator, Rob Gerdes, provided a brief update on what this bill will entail. He stated that we are looking to get more traction in the 2021 Session.
   b. Building Permit Special Revenue Fund Discussion: Council Member Robert Blackmon is requesting support on moving forward on a process to draw down these funds. CM Blackmon’s idea is to use these funds for supporting affordable housing. CM Blackmon would like to peruse this further in the 2021 Session. Committee discussion on how to best address this next Session.

Meeting adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

The Next LAIR meeting will be held on: TBD
I. RE-OPEN FLORIDA & BUDGET UPDATE

Governor DeSantis signed Florida’s final $92.2 billion budget highlighting historic funding increases for teachers, state workers and the environment, but also over $1 billion in vetoes to help offset the dramatic loss of state revenues.

II. BUDGET APPROVAL DETAILS

Governor DeSantis Budget for 2021 FY

Governor Ron DeSantis vetoed $1 billion in spending from the $93.2 billion state budget.

Vetoes

The $92.2 billion budget includes cuts:

- $225 million in state funding for SHIP affordable housing from Sadowski Trust Fund, some portion of which will be offset by $250 million in federal money for rental and mortgage assistance directed to Florida under CARES Act funding.
- Another $20 million was vetoed from the Florida Job Growth Grant fund, an economic development effort and favorite of DeSantis – delineating scores of his own priorities had to be sacrificed in balancing the budget.
- $134.6 million in state aid to local governments were vetoed, and about $60 million in rate increases for residential and adult day care providers.
- Dozens of city water and sewer projects, which typically draw millions of dollars in state spending — also were vetoed.

Not Vetoed

DeSantis retained the $625 million for water improvements and Everglades restoration, the second-year installment on a four-year, $2.5 billion effort.

Governor supported a 3% across-the-board pay raise for state workers beginning in October.
Teacher pay raise package totals $500 million and is aimed at bringing base salaries to $47,500 in Florida, the level sought by the governor.

State Reserves - The $1 billion in cuts adds to the State’s existing reserves, bringing the new reserve totals to $6.3 billion. Reserve amounts included in the budget are:

- $2.3 billion in unallocated General Revenue
- Includes projected reversions of $781.6 million. This does not include adjustments for COVID-19 revenue losses.
- $1.7 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- $1.5 billion in unallocated Trust Funds
- $0.8 billion in Tobacco reserve
- In addition to the $6.3 billion in state reserves, the State also has drawn $4.6 billion in federal CARES money to help cover the costs associated with combating the coronavirus resulting in an estimated $10.9 billion reserve fund.

III. RE-OPEN FLORIDA

➤ Phase II Still on Pause

On June 5th, Florida entered Phase 2 of the Governor’s ‘Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step.’ plan, but after only three weeks and a series of record increases in infections, positivity rates and hospitalizations, the Department of Professional and Business Regulation’s Secretary Halsey Beshears, announced the suspension of on premise consumption of alcohol at bars statewide.

Last week, Secretary Beshears traveled the State of Florida hosting regional meetings with local brewery and bar owners, concerning a thoughtful, safe and measured re-opening.

Governor DeSantis has issued a series of Executive Orders that impact mortgage foreclosure, rental evictions, local government virtual meetings, retail operations and nursing home testing and contract tracing. More are expected.

➤ Back To School this Fall

Questions remain regarding school opening in the Fall. Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran declared all schools to provide an in-person learning option five days a week by way of emergency order.

Following the order, the teachers union lobby in Tallahassee (Florida Education Association), swiftly acted to sue Governor DeSantis citing the order unfairly threatens to withhold funding from any districts that don’t comply.

This week, with days until the school year begins in many Florida districts, the FEA was granted an emergency hearing (Thursday) to hear arguments on the state’s motion to dismiss for improper venue. Another hearing for a separate motion to dismiss and the union’s motion for an injunction is set for 9 a.m. Friday.

➤ Unemployment Rate
Florida had an estimated **73,955 first-time unemployment claims August 1**, a **drop of nearly 20 percent from the previous week** as the state continues to try to recover economically from the coronavirus pandemic. 3.48 million unemployment applications were filed since mid-March.

- Florida’s unemployment rate dropped to **10.4 percent** in June, as the state started the second phase of its economic-recovery effort amid the coronavirus pandemic.
- The rate was down from an adjusted rate of **13.7 percent** in May.
- The latest numbers indicate an estimated 1.02 million Floridians were out of work in June, a decrease of 298,000 from May, according to the Department of Economic Opportunity.

- **COVID-19** - As of August 6, there were 504,768 positive cases in Florida residents and 7747 deaths

**IV. 2021 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

- **St Pete Appropriations Requests**
  - **Carter G. Woodson African American Museum** - $1 million

- **Penny for Pinellas Revision for Affordable Housing** - Proposed amendment to s. 212.0559(2)(d)(1)(e) F.S.

Develop county support for amendment to section 212.055(2) F.S., the “Penny for Pinellas” one-cent local option sales surtax program to support infrastructure in Pinellas County from 2020–2029. This approval explicitly authorized the use of surtax funds for “land acquisition for affordable housing,” which was added to the statutory definition of “infrastructure” through the Community Renewal Act adopted in 2009.

Propose a “glitch language” to remove various sources of ambiguity in the current statutory language would provide the Cities in Pinellas County with greater certainty in its efforts to expand access to affordable housing and make it easier for the Cities to partner with non-profit organizations and private developers in the provision of such affordable housing.

- **Vessel Legislation**

CAG worked diligently with **Rep Webb and Sen Rouson** and City Attorney staff on development of **HB 1407 and SB 1378, the vessel safety and mooring legislation** filed on behalf of the City. CAG worked for months to secure support from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the 3 major boating and marine industry stakeholder groups on language that would require “move over” vessel safe distancing on the water around emergency vehicle vessels and regulations limiting mooring within 20 feet of mangroves and upland vegetation. Neither bill moved through their full committees of reference due to House concerns over the fines and fees included in the version.

- **Mid-Block Crosswalk Replacement** - May return
HB 1371 (Traffic and Pedestrian Safety) by Representative Fine failed but may return. Bill designed to improve crosswalk safety but, created the potential for lowering pedestrian safety while costing local governments significant retrofit requirements.

V. 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES

- January 5 – February 19, 2021 – Interim Committee meetings
- March 2 – April 30, 2021 – Regular Committee Session

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### CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
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<td>Concealed Weapons or Concealed Firearms Licensing</td>
<td>Requires applicant to have undergone mental health evaluation &amp; been determined to be competent or provide letter from specified profession as to competency.</td>
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<td>Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels</td>
<td>Authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified circumstance.</td>
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<td>Sanitary Sewer LATERALS</td>
<td>Encouraging counties and municipalities to, by a specified date, establish a sanitary sewer lateral inspection program; requiring a seller of real property to disclose any known defects in the property’s sanitary sewer lateral, etc.</td>
<td>Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Passed - Judiciary Rules, Laid on the table - monitor.</td>
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<td>Removes housing discrimination as cause of action for relief &amp; damages stemming from violations of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992; revises timeframe &amp; conditions under which aggrieved person may commence civil action after alleged discriminatory housing practice.</td>
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<td>Growth Management</td>
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<td>Criminal Sentencing</td>
<td>Increases sentence points requiring nonstate sanction; revises calculation of highest &amp; lowest permissible sentences.</td>
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<td>Florida Tourism Marketing</td>
<td>Postpones the sunset of the Florida Tourism Marketing Corp from 7/1/20 to 10/1/28.</td>
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<td>Nonservice Animals</td>
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#### IMPORTANT ISSUES
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| CS/CS/CS/SB 998 - Hutson | Housing | Authorizing a board of county commissioners to approve development of affordable housing on any parcel zoned residential, commercial, or industrial | Passed - Community Affairs
Passed - Infrastructure and Security
Passed - Appropriations | monitor | dead |
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| HB 1371 - Fine            | Traffic and Pedestrian Safety | Requires pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals | Passed - Infrastructure and Security
Subcommittee on Transportation & Tourism Appropriations
Subcommittee on State Affairs Committee | oppose | dead |
| SB 1000 - Perry           | Traffic and Pedestrian Safety | Requires pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals | Passed - Infrastructure and Security
Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations | oppose | dead |
| HB 1407 - Webb            | Vessels | Revises penalties for abandoned marine vessels, prohibits mooring of vessel to mangroves & vegetation on public lands; revises civil penalties. | Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee on Ag & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on State Affairs Committee | support | dead |
| SB 1378 - Rouson          | Vessels | Revises penalties for abandoned marine vessels, prohibits mooring of vessel to mangroves & vegetation on public lands; revises civil penalties. | Environment and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary Rules | support | dead |
| HB 6001 - Sabatini        | Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms | Removes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed firearm into college or university facility. | Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Higher Education & Career Readiness Subcommittee on Judiciary Committee | defeat | dead |

**no senate companion**

| HB 6003 - Hill            | Firearms | Removes provisions authorizing seizure of firearms from persons in certain circumstances, prohibition on firearms ownership or possession. | Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Justice Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary Committee | defeat | dead |

**no senate companion**

**Bills that were the subject of City Council Resolutions:**

| SB 50 | 2019-570 | Beverage Container Deposits | Passed by City Council | support | dead |
| HB 1407/ SB 1378 | 2019-572 | Support Marine Vessel Safety | Passed by City Council | support | dead |
| HB 9155 | 2019-573 | $1,000,000 for Carter G. Woodson Museum | Passed by City Council | support | dead |
| HB 381/SB 306 | 2019-574 | Support Sadowski Housing Trust Fund | Passed by City Council | support | dead |
| Amend to Ag bill | 2019-575 | Urban Agriculture | Passed by City Council | support | dead |
### CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
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**Appropriation Projects**

**City Requests**

- **HB 9155 (Diamond/Rouson)** $1,000,000 Carter G. Woodson Museum for planning & design of expansion Died in Appropriations Committee
  - 5 year work plan
  - 40th Ave N Bridge - is on FDOT work plan for 2023

**Community Partner Requests**

- **HB 2141 – Toledo** $5,000,000 Ecosphere Restoration Institute Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Statewide Restoration and Aquaculture Program Died in Appropriations Committee
- **HB 3737 – Latvala** $724,685 St. Petersburg College - Nursing Simulation Expansion Vetoed by Governor; See HB 5001 (line item 134)
- **HB 3765 – Newton** $2,500,000 Police Athletic League of St. Petersburg Renovation Included in HB 5001 signed into law
- **HB 4147 – Grant** $300,000 University of South Florida - St. Petersburg - Citizen Scholar Partnership Vetoed by Governor; See HB 5001 (line item 150)
- **HB 9157 – Diamond** $736,700 St. Petersburg College - Industrial Workforce Business Incubator Died in Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
2020 City Council Legislative Priorities

Affordable Housing:
SB 306/HB 381 - Protect State Housing Trust Fund and Local Government Trust Fund from being swept into other funds

Urban Agriculture:
“Florida Urban Agriculture Act” will be filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature and proposes to preserve local governments’ authority to regulate urban agriculture under certain conditions to further the growth of farmland and promote the establishment of new farms and agricultural uses within dense urbanized land areas of the State.

Private Laterals:
SB 150 – encouraging counties and municipalities to, by specific date, establish a sanitary sewer lateral inspection program; providing parameters for such a program.

Vessel Safety Revisions:
Proposed changes to Chapter 327 will be filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature which propose to resolve these issues by addressing special hazards and officer safety, providing for the declaration of a public nuisance for certain vessels, funding the stored vessels study mandated in 2019, and providing a mangrove vegetation buffer/protection zone for vessels.

Fire Arm Safety:
A Resolution supporting SB 94, SB 134, SB 266, SB 270, SB 310, SB 428, SB 460, SB 548, SB 558, SB 586, SB 634, SB 652, HB 6009, HB 117, HB 201, HB 245, HB 289, HB 451, and any other proposed legislation which supports the ability of local governments to respond to the continuing and ever worsening gun violence and massacres by firearms; opposing HB 6001, HB 6003, HB 183 and any other proposed legislation which seeks to remove existing safeguards in place to prevent potential violence; urging the Pinellas County Delegation to support certain legislation; instructing the City Clerk to transmit this resolution to certain persons and entities

Funding Priorities:
HB 9155 - Carter G. Woodson Museum
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 306, HB 381 AND ANY OTHER PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO SAFEGUARD THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO BE USED ONLY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida has the third highest homeless population in the nation, and 31 percent of all homeowners in Florida and 18 percent of all renters spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of affordable housing is to increase the supply of safe, affordable housing for individuals and families with very low to moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s affordable housing trust is funded by the Sadowski Act which established documentary stamp tax revenues as a funding source for Florida’s affordable housing programs, including the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program and the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program; and

WHEREAS, the Sadowski Act does not safeguard affordable housing trust dollars from being repurposed, making the fund a target for legislators looking to fund other items; and

WHEREAS, Section 215.32, Fla. Stat., grants authority to the State Legislature to transfer unappropriated cash balances from state trust funds to either the General Revenue Fund or Budget Stabilization Fund; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the State Legislature has transferred over $2 billion from the affordable housing trust fund to the General Revenue Fund or Budget Stabilization Fund; and

WHEREAS, raiding the affordable housing trust fund year after year will diminish its effectiveness for years; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation SB 306 and HB 381 have been filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature and propose to safeguard the affordable housing trust fund by restricting the use of the funds in the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation SB 306 and HB 381 seek to prevent sweeping Florida affordable housing trust dollars to fund unrelated budget items or deficits; and
WHEREAS, affordable housing trust funds are vital to the City of St. Petersburg in its comprehensive efforts to assist the citizens of St. Petersburg by increasing the supply of safe, affordable housing for individuals and families with very low to moderate incomes and in combatting homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that City Council urges the Florida Legislature to support SB 306, HB 381 and any other proposed legislation which would safeguard the affordable housing trust fund to ensure that affordable housing funds are used only for affordable housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Senate President, the House Speaker and the Pinellas County Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 7th day of November 2019.

Charlie Gerdes, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED FLORIDA URBAN AGRICULTURE ACT; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, due to the application of current laws related to agricultural activities, it is necessary to distinguish between farms on traditional rural farm land and the emerging trends toward urban agriculture; and

WHEREAS, urban agriculture is any new or existing food cultivation land use, including but not limited to recreational, residential, community, commercial or not-for-profit gardening or farming that occurs within a dense urban area but does not include vegetable gardens for personal consumption on residential properties; and

WHEREAS, there are benefits of urban agriculture to spur economic development, including the provision of fresh foods in cities, community revitalization, and adaptive reuse of vacant lands; and

WHEREAS, municipalities should retain the right to reasonably regulate urban agriculture to protect existing urban land uses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed “Florida Urban Agriculture Act” will be filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature and proposes to preserve local governments’ authority to regulate urban agriculture under certain conditions to further the growth of farmland and promote the establishment of new farms and agricultural uses within dense urbanized land areas of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that City Council urges the Florida Legislature to support the “Florida Urban Agriculture Act.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Senate President, the House Speaker and the Pinellas County Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 7th day of November 2019.
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Charlie Gherits, Chair Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST:  
Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk
2019-576

A RESOLUTION REGARDING PRIVATE LATERALS; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the environment and the residents of St. Petersburg that private sewer laterals are maintained in good working order; and

WHEREAS, private sewer laterals belong to the property owner and are not City owned infrastructure but are connected to and have a significant influence on City owned infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a defective private sewer lateral can result in sanitary sewer overflows as well as inflow and infiltration which will increase the burden on the City’s sewer collection system; and

WHEREAS, SB 150 has been filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature and proposes to establish a sanitary sewer line inspection program and would require a seller of real property to disclose any known defects in the property's sanitary sewer lateral.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that City Council urges the Florida Legislature to support SB 150.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Senate President, the House Speaker and the Pinellas County Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 7th day of November 2019.

Charlie Gerdes, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 327 VESSEL SAFETY, FLORIDA STATUTES; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2017, following an extended pilot program to test local regulation of anchoring and mooring, the Florida Legislature determined the authority to regulate anchoring and mooring of vessels should reside with the State; and

WHEREAS, there are locations along Florida’s coasts where vessels are taking advantage of the current law to remain anchored in one location for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, vessels which remain in a stationary or stored position for long periods of time have a higher likelihood of becoming hazardous or derelict; and

WHEREAS, sensitive aquatic habitats are threatened by the long-term anchoring and mooring of vessels and the presence of at risk or derelict vessels upon the waterways of the City and the State; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019 Florida legislative session, the City of St. Petersburg (the “City”) advocated for vessel mooring legislation, HB 1319 by Representative Ben Diamond and SB 1530 by Senator Darryl Rouson, that authorized effective means of enforcing existing laws related to “Vessels at Risk of Becoming Derelict” and new guidelines for special boating hazards, which did not pass the full legislature; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019, at the request of City officials, representatives from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) toured the waters around St. Petersburg and observed conditions and concentrations of stored vessels and agreed to work with the City to improve legal enforcement of Vessels at Risk of Becoming Derelict; and

WHEREAS, both the City and FWC have agreed upon several measures to increase the safety of officers charged with enforcement of laws upon the waterways of the State and the boating public at large; and

WHEREAS, proposed changes to Chapter 327 will be filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature which propose to resolve these issues by addressing special hazards and officer safety, providing for the declaration of a public nuisance for certain vessels, funding the stored vessels study mandated in 2019, and providing a mangrove vegetation buffer/protection zone for vessels; and
WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will provide some limited control over anchored vessels while preserving anchoring and mooring options.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that City Council urges the Florida Legislature to support the proposed changes to Chapter 327, Florida Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Senate President, the House Speaker and the Pinellas County Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 7th day of November 2019.

Charlie Gerdes, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: Chan Srinivas, City Clerk
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 94, SB 134, SB 266, SB 270, SB 310, SB 428, SB 460, SB 548, SB 558, SB 586, SB 634, SB 652, HB 6009, HB 117, HB 201, HB 245, HB 289, HB 451, AND ANY OTHER PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH SUPPORTS THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RESPOND TO THE CONTINUING AND EVER WORSENING GUN VIOLENCE AND MASSACRES BY FIREARMS; OPPOSING HB 6001, HB 6003, HB 183 AND ANY OTHER PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH SEEKS TO REMOVE EXISTING SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE TO PREVENT POTENTIAL VIOLENCE; URGING THE PINELLAS COUNTY DELEGATION TO SUPPORT CERTAIN LEGISLATION; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has adopted the most extreme pre-emption law in the country to make it impossible for local governments to respond to the continuing and ever worsening gun violence and massacres by firearms; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg is preempted by Florida law from enacting any prohibitions on its own because § 790.33, Florida Statutes, provides that the State of Florida has occupied the whole field relating to the regulation of firearms and ammunition to the exclusion of all existing and future county, city, town or municipal ordinances or any administrative regulations or rules adopted by local or state government relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has refused to close the many loopholes that allow the free flow of guns to criminals and the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, citizens expect our local governments to proactively take actions to improve public safety while the Florida Legislature prohibits us from taking many of the actions needed to keep guns away from gangs and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation has been filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature which would support the ability of local governments to respond to the continuing and ever worsening gun violence and massacres by firearms; and
WHEREAS, SB 134 and HB 6009 propose to repeal the pre-emption law §790.33, Fla. Stat., and return to local government the power to take action on gun violence; and

WHEREAS, SB 652 and HB 201 propose to create an Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force to investigate system failures and the causes of high crime rates and gun violence incidents in urban core neighborhoods and communities, and to develop recommendations for solutions, programs, services, and strategies for improved interagency communications between local and state government agencies which will help facilitate the reduction of crime and gun violence in urban core neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, handguns and other concealed weapons or firearms have no place in a legislative policy making setting, learning environment, passenger airport terminal or theater, and HB 245, SB 428, and SB 634 propose to keep handguns and other weapons out of child care facilities, performing arts centers and theaters, and away from schools, houses of worship, government buildings and guarded beaches; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has the power to reduce the flow of guns to felons, spouse abusers and the mentally ill, and HB 451, SB 270, SB 94, SB 548, SB 586, SB 460 and HB 289 propose to require background checks for sale or transfer of firearms and ammunition, and that all firearm sales or transfers be conducted through and processed by a licensed dealer, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, HB 117 proposes to require that an applicant for a concealed carry license pass a mental health evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has the power to improve public safety, and SB 558 proposes to prohibit large capacity magazines, SB 266 proposes to require safer keeping of loaded firearms, and SB 310 proposes to prohibit the creation of a firearm from a three-dimensional printer or an additive manufacturing process so as to not be detectable by metal detectors used for security checks; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature should consider the danger associated with not passing this legislation that provides reasonable and sensible measures to help prevent potential violence when and where practicable; and

WHEREAS, certain bills, including HB 6001, HB 6003 and HB 183 have been filed and propose to remove safeguards that are in place such as proposing the repeal § 790.222, Fla. Stat. relating to a ban on bump-fire stocks, removing the requirement of a license to carry a concealed firearm, and allowing concealed carry by an elected member to a governing body meeting, and would potentially further endanger the citizens and law enforcement of the City of St. Petersburg by increasing the numbers and dangers of guns and firearms.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that City Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to support SB 134, HB 6009 and any other similar legislation repealing the pre-emption law § 790.33, Florida Statutes to return to local government the power to take action on gun violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to support SB 652 and HB 201 and create an Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force to investigate and facilitate the reduction of crime and gun violence in urban core neighborhoods and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to support HB 245, SB 428, SB 634 and any other similar legislation that keeps handguns and other weapons out of child care facilities, theaters, schools, houses of worship, government buildings and guarded beaches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to support HB 451, HB 289, SB 94, SB 270, SB 460, SB 548, SB 586 and any other similar legislation which would reduce the flow of guns and ammunition to felons, spouse abusers and the mentally ill by requiring that sales and transfers of firearms and ammunition be conducted through and processed by licensed dealers, with background checks including mental health evaluations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to support SB 558, SB 310, SB 266 and any other similar legislation to improve public safety by prohibiting large capacity magazines, prohibiting the printing of 3D firearms, and requiring safer storage of loaded firearms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to oppose HB 6001, HB 6003, HB 183 and any other similar legislation that seek to remove safeguards that are in place such repealing § 790.222, Fla. Stat. which bans bump-fire stocks and removing the requirement of a license to carry a concealed firearm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Senate President, the House Speaker and the Pinellas County Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 7th day of November 2019.
Charlie Gerdts, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR THE DR. CARTER G. WOODSON AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM ("MUSEUM") BY THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG; URGING THE PINELLAS COUNTY DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AND PASS LEGISLATION FOR FUNDING; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Museum is a former community center for a public housing project in the center of St. Petersburg’s historic African American district and has an incredibly rich history of serving the community; and

WHEREAS, the Museum has been transitioned into a museum over the past ten (10) years and also serves as an educational facility; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Museum is to preserve, present and interpret African American history and to engage a broad and diverse audience through these activities, and also to promote an understanding among various groups that comprise the St. Petersburg community to enhance the ability as a society to respect, value diversity and foster equal rights and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the central focus of programming at the Museum is the history of African Americans in the St. Petersburg community and throughout the African Diaspora, and the Museum serves to preserve this rich history for present and future generations of St. Petersburg residents and visitors to St. Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, in the 2020 legislative session, the City is requesting an appropriation of $1 million, for planning and design of an expansion of museum facilities; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated project is to build out the Museum into a better functioning museum for historic exhibits, events and school educational programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that City Council requests that the Pinellas County Delegation make a deliberative and thorough effort to support the appropriation request for funding for the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum for planning and design of an expansion of museum facilities.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Senate President, the House Speaker and the Pinellas County Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 7th day of November 2019.

Charlie Gordes, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk
MEMORANDUM

To: Rob Gerdes, Neighborhood Affairs Administrator
From: Brett B. Pettigrew, Assistant City Attorney
Date: October 14, 2019
Subject: Proposed “glitch bill” to eliminate ambiguity with respect to use of infrastructure sales surtax funds for affordable housing land acquisition

In November 2017, pursuant to Florida Statutes section 212.055(2), Pinellas County voters approved a fourth round of the “Penny for Pinellas” one-cent local option sales surtax program to support infrastructure in Pinellas County from 2020–2029. This approval explicitly authorized the use of surtax funds for “land acquisition for affordable housing,” which was added to the statutory definition of “infrastructure” through the Community Renewal Act adopted in 2009.

Adoption of a “glitch bill” to remove various sources of ambiguity in the current statutory language would provide the City with greater certainty in its efforts to expand access to affordable housing and make it easier for the City to partner with non-profit organizations and private developers in the provision of such affordable housing.

Specifically, such a “glitch bill” could accomplish the following goals:

- Clarify the scope of housing types by replacing “residential housing project” with “residential housing.” This would remove an undefined term used nowhere else in the Florida Statutes and eliminate the stigmatized term “project.” But most importantly, it would clarify that affordable housing built on the land is not limited to large- and mid-rise apartment complexes and can be tailored on a per-development basis to fit the needs of each community.

- Clarify that “land acquisition” may be accompanied by demolition and site preparation work needed to make the land usable for affordable housing.

- Clarify how long land acquired pursuant to this statute must be used for affordable housing by explicitly providing a minimum compliance period that starts from the time the land is acquired with surtax proceeds.

- Clarify that authorization for a ground lease is not limited to the construction phase by explicitly authorizing reconstruction, renovation, recapitalization, and residential occupancy as permissible uses of a ground lease.
• Clarify that the affordable housing built on the land can be accompanied by ancillary facilities that benefit the residents and other members of the community.

With those clarifications in mind, please consider the following proposed amendment to Florida Statutes section 212.055(2)(d)(1)(e), with changes shown in strikethrough–underline format:

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. Any expenditure for land acquisition, expenditure for a, demolition of existing structures, or other site preparation, subject to the following conditions: (i) the land is used for residential housing project in which; (ii) at least 30 percent of the units on the land are affordable to individuals or families whose total annual household income does not exceed 120 percent of the area median income adjusted for household size; if; (iii) the land is owned by a local government or by a special district that enters into a written agreement with the local government to provide such housing; and (iv) the land is used in accordance with these conditions for a period of at least 50 years from the date of acquisition. The local government or special district may enter into a ground lease with a public or private person or entity for nominal or other consideration for the construction, reconstruction, renovation, recapitalization, or residential occupancy of the residential housing project on land acquired pursuant to this sub-subparagraph. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, “residential housing” may include, in addition to any housing unit, any facility ancillary to such a housing unit, including a laundry facility, community room, or child care center.
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I am hopeful that you will find this a helpful place to start a discussion on this matter, and I look forward to answering any questions or concerns on the proposed language above.
TO: Members of City Council

DATE: January 30, 2020

COUNCIL DATE: February 6, 2020

RE: Affordable Housing Proposal

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ACTION DESIRED:

Respectfully requesting a referral to the February 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole to discuss an alternative way to draw down on the Building Permit Special Revenue Fund that was discussed at the January 16, 2020 Budget, Finance and Taxation Committee.

RATIONALE:

While we are finding creative ways to fund affordable housing, I propose we institute the linkage fees at the maximum feasible cost per square foot on new construction permits and charged to the developers. However, we will credit those fees by the funds in the Building Permit Special Revenue Fund until it is brought down to the compliance amount. The linkage fee would sunset or be eliminated once we are in compliance with HB447. This would prevent a new tax (linkage fee) on developers and provide about $10 million towards affordable housing.

Robert Blackmon, Council Member
District 1