

**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

February 22, 2018
3:45 pm – City Hall – Room 100

Members & Alternate: Chair Ed Montanari, Amy Foster, Brandi Gabbard, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman; Charlie Gerdes, Alternate

Support Staff: Cindy Sheppard, City Council Administrative Officer

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- D. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. October 19, 2017 and November 20, 2017
- E. New/Deferred Business
 - 1. ***2018 Legislative Priorities – John Rodriguez, Director Government Affairs***
- F. Upcoming Meeting and Agenda Tentative Issues
 - 1. ***Date TBD: Review of 2018 Legislative Session***
- G. Upcoming Meetings Agenda Tentative Issues

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (LAIR)

Thursday, October 19, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Committee Chair Montanari, Committee Members Foster and Gerdes.

Also Present: Councilmember Nurse, Councilmember Kornell, Assistant City Attorney Jane Wallace, City Administrator Dr. Gary Cornwell, Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Director Sally Everett and Assistant to the City Clerk Cortney Phillips

Absent: Vice-Chair Wheeler-Bowman. Committee Member Kennedy, Jr.

Committee Chair Montanari called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and then undertook a roll call to establish the presence of a quorum. The meeting commenced with the following members present: Amy Foster and Charles Gerdes. Committee Member Gerdes moved for approval of the agenda. All were in favor of the motion. Committee Member Gerdes moved for approval of the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Capitol Alliance Group representatives Jeff Sharkey and Taylor Biehl gave a presentation to the Committee. Mr. Sharkey reported that the legislative session has been moved up two months. The biggest issue this year in Tallahassee is the budget. The State budget is highly constrained this year according to the State's Office of Economic and Demographic Research. The State was anticipating having a \$52 million surplus. However, Hurricane Irma has cost the State \$141 million. State economists have predicted that Hurricane Irma will probably cost the State \$800 or \$900 million through tax losses. House Speaker Richard Corcoran has emphasized that no member projects will be funded this year.

The presentation continued with the discussion of the Home Rule battle. Some House representatives have indicated that laws should be passed that apply uniformly to the State. It is anticipated that a variety of bills will be filed that will apply uniformly throughout the State. The League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties are very concerned about applying laws uniformly. There is strong interest in infrastructure development and strengthening. Rebuilding homes and schools in South Florida is a going to be a big issue.

Committee Chair Montanari inquired about vacation rentals and AirBnB. Mr. Sharkey reported that AirBnB has hired ten lobbyists, and this will be a big issue this year. Councilmember Nurse stated that the most dangerous bill is the CRA Bill, and he hopes to find a way to communicate the successes of CRAs to State Senator Brandes. Committee Member Gerdes indicated that home rule based laws are not good. One law Committee Member Gerdes is concerned about regards the requirement of spending reserves before allowing a change to the millage rate. Ms. Everett strongly urged all Councilmembers to go to Tallahassee this year. Committee Chair Montanari reported

that the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce travels to Tallahassee with Leadership of St. Petersburg, and he would like to coordinate a trip with them that includes Councilmembers.

The discussion of Home Rule/Preemptions continued among the Committee. Committee Member Foster moved that the Legal Department draft a resolution supporting Home Rule. All were in favor of the motion.

Committee Chair Montanari introduced Committee Member Kennedy Jr.'s item regarding funding for Civics education. Ms. Everett report that the University of Central Florida is going back to ask again for funding, and there people working hard to make sure there is money for Civics education.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Montanari adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

The next LAIR meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 1:15 p.m.

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Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (LAIR)

Monday, November 20, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Wheeler-Bowman, Committee Members Foster, Gerdes and Kennedy, Jr.

Also Present: Chair Rice, Councilmember Nurse, Assistant City Attorney Jane Wallace, City Administrator Dr. Gary Cornwell, Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Director Sally Everett and Office Systems Specialist Paul Traci

Absent: Committee Chair Montanari

Committee Vice-Chair Wheeler-Bowman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and then undertook a roll call to establish the presence of a quorum. The meeting commenced with the following members present: Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Amy Foster, Charles Gerdes and James R. Kennedy, Jr. Committee Member Gerdes moved for approval of the agenda. All were in favor of the motion. Committee Member Gerdes moved to defer approval of the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Ms. Everett opened the discussion with a review of the important issues chart. The chart is a listing of State House and Senate bills. Four of the House bills are ready for floor action. The Sports Franchise Facilities bills would prevent any professional sport franchise from using Tropicana Field or Al Lang Stadium for improvements or new buildings. The Local Government Fiscal Transparency bill, House Bill 7, is also ready for floor action. This bill would restrict bonding and require use of reserves before revenue could be raised. The Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) bills would severely restrict CRA activities for which TIF money could be used. The Senate version of this bill is not as restrictive as the House bill. The Prohibited Discrimination bills were filed by Senator Rouson and Representative Diamond. These bills have never been heard in a committee. Both Growth Management bills requires local governments to address protection of property rights in their comprehensive plans. These bills are not on the agenda in either of its three committees. The Local Tax Referendum Bills are moving in both the House and Senate. This legislation would move the date of surtax referendum to a general election. These bills would also require a super majority of a local legislative body to raise taxes, but it would not affect our City Council. The Pinellas Construction Licensing Board is a bill that needs to be monitored because it is a local issue. The Sports Development bills would eliminate the program that sets up a grant process for professional sports franchises. The Tree & Timber Trimming bills would preempt urban areas, such as the City of St. Petersburg, from regulating tree trimming. The Local Government Lobbyist Registration bill would require lobbyists to register with the City Clerk.

Ms. Everett continued her presentation by discussing City requests, such as the 40th Avenue North Bridge and the Woodson Museum. The \$6.035 million request was filed by Representative Diamond and Senator Brandes. Committee member Kennedy inquired about the source of funding. Ms. Everett responded that the funding would come from the Transportation fund, but it is not a designated source. The \$1 million request for the Woodson Museum would build out the museum, so that it resembles more of a museum instead of a community room.

Ms. Wallace explained the proposed resolutions regarding Home Rule, Prohibited Discrimination, Firearms, Texting while Driving and Waterborne Transportation Appropriation. Committee member Gerdes moved for approval of all resolutions. All were in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, Committee Vice-Chair Wheeler-Bowman adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

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Bills	Issue/Title	Description	Last Action	Preferred Outcome	Final Action
HB 3 – Grant, M.	Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability	Provides transparency & accountability provisions applicable to economic development agencies & tourism promotion agencies. prohibits sanctuary policies	Passed House 87-20 Received in Senate messages	monitor	
HB 9 - Metz	Federal Immigration Enforcement	prohibits sanctuary policies	Passed House 71-35 Received in Senate messages No Senate companion	Oppose	
SB 308 - Steube	Federal Immigration Enforcement	prohibits sanctuary policies	Referred to Judiciary and Rules TP'd	Oppose	
HB 13 - Avila	Sports Franchise Facilities	Prohibits sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving facility on leased public land; requires lease of facility at fair market value; provides requirements for contract to fund construction, reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of facility.	Passed House 75-27 Received in Senate messages	Oppose	
SB 352 - Garcia	Sports Franchise Facilities	Companion to HB 13	Referred to Commerce & Tourism, Approp and Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development Approp	Oppose	
HB 7 - Burton	Local Govt Fiscal Transparency	Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post certain voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post certain property tax information & history on websites	Passed House 91-12 Received in Senate messages	Oppose/amend	
SB 1426	Local Government Fiscal Transparency	Similar to HB 7	Passed Community Affairs, Now in Appropriations, then Rules		

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HB 17 - Raburn	Community Redevelopment Agencies	revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies	Passed 3rd reading – 01/12/2018, In Senate messages	Oppose	
SB 432 - Lee	Community Redevelopment Agencies	Companion to HB 17	Passed 1 of 4 committees, Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	Oppose	
SB 66 -Rouson	Prohibited Discrimination	Creating the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments	Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Rules	Support	
HB 347-Diamond	Prohibited Discrimination	Companion to HB 347	Careers & Competition, Judiciary, and Commerce	Support	
HB 207 - McClain	Growth Management	Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans	Agriculture & Property Rights, Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs, and Commerce	Monitor	
SB 362-Perry	Growth Management	Companion to HB 207	Community Affairs, Environmental Preservation & Conservation, and Rules	Monitor	
SB 272 – Brandes	Local Tax Referenda	Revising the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election	Passed Community Affairs and Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, now in Appropriations, then Rules.	Monitor	
HB 317 - Ingoglia	Local Tax Referenda	Companion to HB 272	Passed House 84-27 Received in Senate messages	Monitor	
SB 402 - Rouson	Pinellas Construction Licensing Bd	Revising the composition of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board; authorizing the board to regulate local licensure and discipline local contractors; subjecting the board to periodic audits;	Referred to Community Affairs, Appropriations, and Rules	Monitor	

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HB 423 - Rodrigues	Higher Education	USF consolidation	Passed Post-Secondary Ed and passed Higher Education Appropriations, Now in Education	Oppose/Amend	
HB 1137 - Peters	Pinellas County Construction Licensing Bd	Companion to SB 402	Passed Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs, passed Careers & Competition, on agenda of Government Accountability	Monitor	
HB 6005-Avila	Sports Development	Repeals state funding for sports facility development by local government.	Careers & Competition, Commerce Committee	Monitor	
SB 778 – Lee	Sports Development	Companion to HB 6005	Commerce & Tourism, Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development	Monitor	
HB 521-Edwards	Tree & Timber Trimming	Preempts to state regulation of trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees & timber on private property	Approps, Appropriations, Rules	Oppose/Amend	
SB 574- Steube	Tree & Timber Trimming	Companion to HB 521	CS now in Government Accountability	Oppose/Amend	
HB 7003	Local Govt Ethics Reform	Provides that contractual relationships held by business entities are deemed held by public officers; provides ethics training requirements; requires local lobbyist registration	Passed Community Affairs, now in Environmental Preservation & Conservation, then Rules	Monitor	
HB 7005	Local Govt Lobbyist Registration TF	Creates Local Government Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund within Commission on Ethics	Passed on 3 rd reading – 01/12/2018	Monitor	
HB 871 -Fant	Government Actions Discriminating Against Businesses	prohibits certain discriminatory actions by governmental entities against business entities	Careers & Competition, Judiciary, Commerce	Oppose	
HB 1033 - Toledo	Dockless Bicycle Sharing	Provides insurance requirements for bicycle sharing company; provides for preemption.	Criminal Justice, Justice, Judiciary	Oppose	

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SB 1290 -Baxley	Government Actions Discriminating Against Businesses	prohibits certain discriminatory actions by governmental entities against business entities.	Criminal Justice, Justice Appropriations, Judiciary	Oppose	
HB 815 -Avila	County and Municipal Public Officers & Employees (travel)	Requires that request to travel outside of state by county & municipal public officers be approved by governing board at publicly noticed meeting	Passed Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs, and passed Public Integrity & Ethics, now in Government Accountability	Oppose/amend	
SB 1180 -Steube	County and Municipal Public Officers & Employees (travel)	Companion to HB 815	Passed Ethics and Elections, on 2/20 agenda of Community Affairs, then Rules	Oppose/amend	
HB 773 - LaRosa	Vacation Rentals	Requires uniform application of local law, ordinance, or regulation relating to vacation rental	TP'd by Government Accountability, then Commerce Committee	Oppose	
SB 1640 - Simmons	Vacation Rentals	Companion to HB 773	Passed Community Affairs, now in Regulated Industries, then Appropriations		
HB 1303	West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority	Specifying that each member of the authority has an absolute right to use its own reclaimed water for certain purposes, etc	Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, then Government Accountability Committee	oppose	dead
SB 1710	West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority	Companion to HB 1303	Environmental Preservation and Conservation, then Community Affairs, then Rules	oppose	dead
HB 6041 - Stevenson	Division of Historical Resources	Related to SB 1296	on second reading calendar		
HB 1019	Financial Reporting	Related to HB 11	In Government Accountability		

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Appropriation Projects*

City Requests

HB 4447	40 th Ave N Bridge (Diamond)	\$6.035 million	not in either budget
HB 3383	Woodson Museum (McGhee/Rouson)	\$1 million	in Senate budget for \$250,000

Community Partner Requests

HB 2731	TEC Garage	\$400,000	
HB 3035	USFSP-Family Study Center	\$300,000	In House budgets
HB 2197	USFSP Center/Innovative Teaching & Learning	\$260,413	
HB2295(withdrawn)	USFSP- Family Study Center	\$300,000	
HB 2461	USFSP STEM Facility	\$18 million	
HB 2469	USFSP STEM Programs	\$2.5 million	
HB 3305	USFSP Civic Fellows	\$263,458	
HB 4351	Forward Pinellas Waterbourne Transportation	\$500,000	
HB 3649	Warehouse Arts District	\$500,000	
HB 4445	JHACH - Management of Postpartum Depression		
HB2449	FL Holocaust Museum	\$750,000	Funded in House for \$ 300,000
HB 2451	TBARTA-regional transit plan	\$ 1 million	
HB 2509	PSTA transit App	\$475,000	
HB2719	RClub hurricane hardening	\$534,760	
HB 3313	Bill Edwards Foundation – Arts & Education program	\$750,000	
HB 3489	JHACH training first responders re. devel. disabled	\$100,000	
HB 3655	Pinellas Co Orphan grounding restoration	\$604,735	
HB 3369	Pinellas Bayway Utility Undergrounding Study	\$25,000	

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HB 4437	American Craftsman Museum, Inc.	\$2,000,000
HB 4439	Mahaffey Theater Expansion	\$1,000,000
HB 4441	The Florida Orchestra - Beyond the Bay	\$750,000
SB	Inflow Abatement Program (Rouson)	\$21,500,000

*filed or identified as of 12/28

NO. 2017-678

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 196, HB 219, SB 456 AND ANY OTHER PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH SUPPORTS THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RESPOND TO THE CONTINUING AND EVER WORSENING MASSACRES BY FIREARMS; URGING THE PINELLAS COUNTY DELEGATION TO OPPOSE OR 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 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 Congress is considering legislation to allow the spreading of silencers which will make it still harder to locate the source of gunfire; 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, the Florida Legislature has the power to reduce the flow of guns to felons, spouse abusers 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, the sale of semi-automatic and magazine clips with 30 or more rounds are used, not for hunting or for personal protection, but rather as weapons of war which we have seen with unbelievably bad results; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation has been filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature which would support the ability of local governments to respond to these continuing and ever worsening massacres by firearms; and

WHEREAS, SB 196 and HB 219 have been filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature and propose to prohibit the sale or transfer of assault weapons or large-capacity ammunition magazines, with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, SB 456 has been filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature and proposes to prohibit the importation, transfer, distribution, transport, sale, giving or possession of a bump-fire stock in this state; and

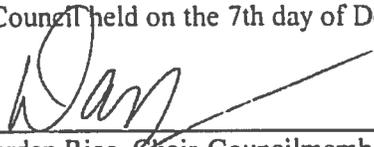
WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature should consider the danger associated with not passing this legislation that provides reasonable and sensible measures to help prevent potential violence when and where practicable.

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 196, HB 219, SB 456 and any other legislation which would make it more difficult for criminals to access guns instead of easier.

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 December, 2017.



Darden Rice, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST:



Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk



NO. 2017-679

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 347, SB 66 AND ANY OTHER PROPOSED LEGISLATION EXTENDING NON-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg is dedicated to providing an inclusive and diverse city, with programs, policies, and support of events and organizations that support the City's LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg is ranked number one in Tampa Bay and the West Coast of Florida with a perfect score of 100 for the Human Rights Campaign's 2017 Municipal Quality Index and has been for three (3) years in a row; and

WHEREAS, existing law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap or marital status; and

WHEREAS, Florida's LGBT community is currently left out of statewide non-discrimination protections and this means that it is still legal to fire someone, evict them from housing, or deny them service at a restaurant just because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation HB 347 and SB 66 have been filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature and propose to extend non-discrimination protections on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, by enacting employee non-discrimination legislation and boosting its attractiveness to skilled and innovative labor, Florida can boost its total economic output by \$5.46 billion over the next 10 years linked to the creation of 35,759 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, employers across the nation compete to recruit the best trained and most innovative workforce, and today's top workers seek to live in diverse, creative and cutting-edge communities; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be treated fairly under the law, and businesses that are open to the public should be open to everyone on the same terms.

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 HB 347, SB 66 and any other proposed legislation extending non-discrimination protections on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

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.

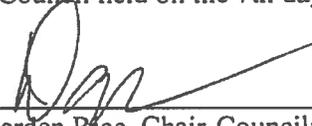
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ATTEST:



Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk



Darden Rice, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council



NO. 2017-680

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 121, SB 90 AND ANY OTHER PROPOSED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT OF THE BAN ON TEXTING WHILE DRIVING AS A PRIMARY OFFENSE; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 316.305, F.S., is the "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law" and bans a person from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of Section 316.305, F.S., is permitted only as a secondary action when an operator of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of another provision of chapter 316, F.S., the "Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law," chapter 320, F.S., relating to motor vehicle licenses, or chapter 322, F.S., relating to driver licenses; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation HB 121 and SB 90 have been filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature and propose to authorize enforcement of the ban on texting while driving as a primary offense.

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 HB 121, SB 90 and any other proposed legislation authorizing enforcement of the ban on texting while driving as a primary offense.

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.

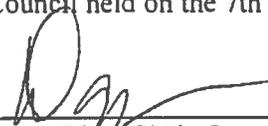
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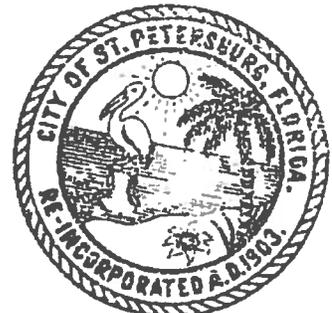
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ATTEST:



Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk



Darden Rice, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

NO. 2017-681

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND A PILOT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF WATERBORNE TRANSPORTATION IN PINELLAS COUNTY; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, growing Pinellas County's waterborne transportation industry is an integral part of the solution to Tampa Bay's transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, several entrepreneurs have invested their own dollars to establish waterborne transportation services that are currently operating and filling a gap in the area's public transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, as the metropolitan planning organization and land use planning agency for Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas is uniquely positioned to facilitate the strategic investment of public dollars to more effectively use the area's more than 46 miles of navigable waterways as a means to move people from place to place; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation is being filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature to fund the creation of a pilot discretionary capital program which will be used to assist local governments and/or service providers in funding the infrastructure that supports waterborne transportation; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would further authorize Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, to establish the pilot discretionary program which is designed to support development and expansion of waterborne transportation in Pinellas County with the ultimate goal to facilitate strong ridership growth and resilient public-private partnerships in this transportation sector.

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 any proposed legislation which would fund the creation of a pilot discretionary capital program which will be used to assist local governments and/or service providers in funding the infrastructure that supports waterborne transportation in Pinellas County.

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.

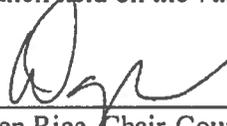
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ATTEST:



Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk



Darden Rice, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council



NO. 2017-682

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOME RULE
POWERS; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK
TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO
CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida voters amended the State Constitution in 1968 to confer broad Home Rule powers to counties and cities, and in doing so, expressed a desire for broad Home Rule powers in the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Home Rule powers provide the ability for local elected officials to respond in a timely manner to matters of local importance; and

WHEREAS, shifting the governance of local issues to the State Legislature weakens the ability of municipal citizens to address the unique concerns of their communities and safeguard issues of perennial importance to their communities; and

WHEREAS, reducing Home Rule powers leaves local communities without effective tools to address important concerns of their residents and businesses, in a manner best suited to their needs; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation has been filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature that would eliminate or reduce Home Rule powers by prohibiting local governments from imposing or adopting certain ordinances, regulations, rules, licenses or other requirements, that would preempt and repeal by operation of state law any existing local regulations, and that would limit local governments in modifying existing regulations; and

WHEREAS, HB 521 and SB 574 proposes to preempt local governments from adopting regulations relating to trimming, removal or harvesting of trees and timber on private property, and further propose to prohibit a municipality from requiring mitigation, including but not limited to, the planting of trees or the payment of a fee, for the removal or harvesting of trees or timber from private property; and

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 432 propose to preempt local government with regard to community redevelopment agencies (CRA) and provisions of those bills include outlining a process by which CRAs will be terminated, limiting the use of CRA funds, and increasing reporting and accountability measures.

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 Home Rule powers of local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to oppose legislation that would preempt local regulations to the State by prohibiting local governments from imposing or adopting certain ordinances, regulations, rules, licenses or

other requirements, legislation that would preempt and repeal by operation of state law any existing local regulations, or legislation that would limit local governments in modifying existing regulations.

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.

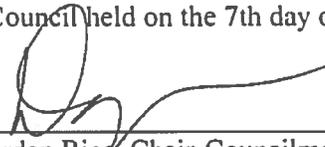
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Darden Rice, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

NO. 2018-64

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 1261, SB 970 AND ANY OTHER PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION ANYONE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND SEEKING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DRUG RELATED OVERDOSES; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Examiners Report in 2017 found that 3,550 deaths in Florida were caused by overdose, which is a 40% rise since 2015, and Florida's total drug related deaths rose by 22% from 2015 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Florida's opioid related deaths increased by 35% to 5,725 opioid related deaths in 2016, and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has reported an average of 17 opioid deaths per month in Pinellas County in 2017, which is a 78% increase since 2016; and

WHEREAS, Section 893.21, F.S., is Florida's "Good Samaritan" overdose immunity law and provides that a person acting in good faith who seeks medical assistance for an individual experiencing a drug related overdose may not be charged, prosecuted, or penalized for possession of a controlled substance; and

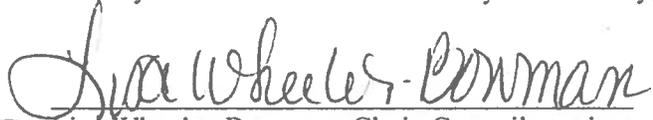
WHEREAS, proposed legislation HB 1261 and SB 970 have been filed for consideration during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature and propose to amend and expand Section 893.21, F.S., by extending immunity to arrests, including alcohol overdoses, extending immunity to those who have a good faith belief of such overdose, expanding the list of offenses for which a person may receive immunity, and providing that a person seeking medical assistance in accordance with the statute may not be penalized for a violation of a condition of pretrial release, probation or parole as a result of seeking such assistance.

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 HB 1261, SB 970 and any other proposed legislation providing for immunity from criminal prosecution anyone acting in good faith and seeking medical assistance for drug related overdoses.

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 1st day of February,
2018.



Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST:



Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk



NO. 2018-40

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE REFORM LEGISLATION AIMED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN TREATED AS ADULTS BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION SHOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO REPLACING PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION WITH A JUDICIAL WAIVER PROCESS IN WHICH A JUVENILE COURT JUDGE WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER A CHILD IS FIT TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT, REQUIRING CHILDREN PROSECUTED AS ADULTS TO BE HELD IN JUVENILE FACILITIES INSTEAD OF ADULT JAILS, AND INCREASING SPENDING FOR JUVENILE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; REQUESTING THE PINELLAS COUNTY DELEGATION AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SUCH LEGISLATION; INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, children are developmentally different from adults and these differences are documented by research on the adolescent brain and acknowledged by the U.S. and state supreme courts, as well as state and federal laws that prohibit youth under age 18 from taking on major adult responsibilities such as contracting, voting, jury duty, and military service; and

WHEREAS, the juvenile justice system is designed for, and more effective at, rehabilitating children who fall into the delinquency system than the adult corrections system, which focuses on punishment rather than rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, children who are placed under the commitment of the juvenile court system are required to receive age-appropriate services and education, and remain closer to their families, all of which reduces the likelihood of future offending; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that prosecuting children in adult court does not to deter crime, and that a child prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system is 34% more likely to be rearrested for a felony than a child who remains in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, it is harmful to both public safety and children's well-being to confine youth in adult jails, where they are significantly more likely to be physically and sexually assaulted or to commit suicide; and

WHEREAS, adult jails are not designed to house children separately from adults, as required by law, and thus often hold children in solitary confinement and deprive them of adequate educational services, which, in turn, makes them less likely to succeed in school and more likely to reoffend; and

WHEREAS, most of the children tried as adults in Florida are charged with non-violent offenses; and

WHEREAS, Florida's reliance on prosecutorial discretion can lead to disparate sentencing under similar circumstances creating a system of "justice by geography," which disproportionately harms children of color and children with disabilities and mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, children prosecuted as adults receive an adult criminal record when convicted, which can diminish their future education and employment opportunities and strip them of the right to vote, enlist in the military, or receive financial aid for college before they even turn 18; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, more than 14,000 children have been prosecuted as adults in Florida, ninety-eight percent of whom are "direct filed" in adult court by prosecutors with no hearing, oversight, or input from a judge; and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of only 13 states that allows its children to be prosecuted as adults for criminal offenses and one of only three states that do not allow a juvenile court judge to participate in the decision to prosecute a child as an adult; and

WHEREAS, Florida prosecutes more children as adults for criminal offenses than any other state, and the Sixth Judicial Circuit transferred 100 children to adult court in Fiscal Year 2016- 2017, the second-highest number of any judicial circuit, with the First Judicial Circuit having the highest number; and

WHEREAS, even if prosecutors did not have sole discretion to transfer children to the adult system through "direct file," children could still be transferred to the adult system through the "judicial waiver" process—a process in which a judge is involved in the decision to prosecute a child as an adult—which, according to a 2017 public opinion poll, 70% of registered Florida voters believe is the better way for the state to decide whether to prosecute children as adults; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2017 public opinion poll, seventy-four percent of registered Florida voters believe children should be held in a system separate from adult offenders; and

WHEREAS, the oversight, training, and expertise of juvenile court judges uniquely qualifies them to advise on the suitability of the adult court for a child.

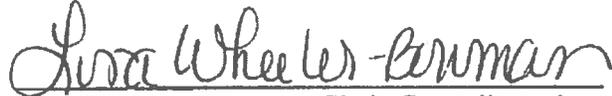
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Petersburg, Florida supports comprehensive reform legislation aimed to limit the number of children treated as adults by the criminal justice system, which comprehensive legislation should include but not be limited to replacing prosecutorial discretion with a judicial waiver process in which a juvenile court judge would determine whether a child is fit to be tried as an adult, requiring children prosecuted as adults to be held in juvenile facilities instead of adult jails, and increasing spending for juvenile mental health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Petersburg, Florida requests the Pinellas County Delegation and the Florida Legislature to adopt such legislation.

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

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at a regular session of the City Council held on the 18th day of January, 2018.



Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council



ATTEST:

Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk

