

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

January 16, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.
Sunshine Center Auditorium
330 5th Street N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

AGENDA

Members & Alternate: Chair Ed Montanari, Amy Foster, Brandi Gabbard, 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 – October 17, 2019
- D. Election of 2020 Committee Chair and Vice Chair
- E. New Business
 1. Review of 2020 City Council Legislative Priorities
 - a. Resolutions of City Council Support
~ *Jane Wallace*
 2. Mayor and Administration Legislative Priorities
~ *Kevin King / John Rodriguez*
 3. St. Petersburg Chamber Priorities & Tallahassee Days Update
~ *Matt Lettelleir*

Next Meeting:

- April 23, 2020 – Session Recap

Attachments:

Support Material for New Business Items

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
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COMMITTEE

Report

October 17, 2019

Present: Ed Montanari, Chair, Charlie Gerdes, Brandi Gabbard, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman

Also: Assistant City Attorney, Jane Wallace; Assistant City Attorney Heather Judd; Chief of Policy and Public Engagement, Kevin King; Government Affairs Director, John Rodriguez; Capitol Alliance Group Managing Partner, Dr. Jeffrey Starkey

Legislative Aide – Linnie Randolph

1. **Call to Order – 11:05 am**
2. **Approval of Agenda – CM Gabbard moved approval, all members voted in favor.**
3. **Approval of September 12, 2019 Minutes – CM Gabbard moved approval, all members voted in favor.**

Chair Montanari opened the meeting with a description of the backup materials stating that the committee had received the state and federal legislation priorities from current committee members, PSTA (draft) and Forward Pinellas. Chair Montanari's goal for this meeting is to come up with a list of priorities that all can agree on that work in conjunction with other organizations in Pinellas County.

Government Affairs Director John Rodriguez brought two handouts for the committee: a list of important dates and a list he prepared showing important issues for the City. January 14th is the last day to file a bill. House members are only allowed six (6) bill slots per session.

Dr. Sharkey discussed the committee week schedule. He encouraged getting bills in early, so they have time to get through committee. Dr. Sharkey asked the Chair if he'd like him to walk through the list of priorities from the last meeting. The Chair agreed.

Carter G. Woodson Museum: we are working to support funding as a primary focus.

Sewer Laterals: Dr. Sharkey spoke with Senator Brandes - there is no House member yet on this one. Dr. Sharkey thinks this was a timing issue and perhaps next year we file this one earlier.

Derelict Vessels: Working with Representative Diamond and Florida Fish and Wildlife. Once we get the language set it will need a bill slot. Representative Diamond is tracking this one and is committed and wants to help. If he cannot, then Representative Webb will take it.

Urban Agriculture: CM Gabbard stated that Assistant City Attorney Michael Dema has been working on a stand-alone bill called the Florida Urban Agriculture Act and they are hopeful this will be one of Representative Webb's bills.

Sadowski Trust Funds: Dr. Sharkey stated that housing is still trending this session and there are several bills already filed. CM Gabbard said HB 381 and SB 306 have both been filed this week which would exempt state and local government housing trust funds from being swept.

CM Wheeler-Bowman stated that in all of this discussion and review of bills that have been filed there is nothing on gun violence. CM Wheeler-Bowman said that she sees some bills but none of them appear to be a priority. Dr. Sharkey said that Senate President Galvano asked Senator Lee to hold a series of meetings this session that would address these issues.

CM Gabbard said she would like to put forward the idea of having 4 or 5 directives that we as a Council care about. Mr. King said that the goal of these meetings is to come up with 4 or 5 Council priorities, not necessarily administration priorities. The Mayor will have his own list of priorities. Chair Montanari agreed and according to what was said at the last meeting these are the top priorities: Urban Agriculture, Private Sewer Laterals, Sadowski Trust Funds, infrastructure issues relating to bridges and fire arm safety.

CM Wheeler-Bowman added Carter G. Woodson funding to the list.

Chair Montanari stated that there would be two lists, one stating Council's legislative priorities and the other stating Council's funding priorities.

CM Gabbard asked if there has been any conversation with Senator Rouson regarding tenant protection bills. She said it was her understanding that CM Foster has had conversations with the Senator regarding this matter. Assistant City Attorney Heather Judd said staff members have met to discuss this item and a lot of this is working within Chapter 83.

CM Gerdes added derelict vessels to the legislative priority list. CM Gabbard stated that the derelict vessel bill was filed last year and if it is already on the list it should stay.

Mr. King said the Mayor and administration are on board with all of the items that were currently listed and that any additional high priority from administration will be shared with Council.

Motion to have legal draw up a resolution on each item listed as a priority. CM Gabbard moved approval and the motion passed unanimously. The five resolutions will be: Sadowski Trust Funds, Private Sewer Laterals, Urban Agriculture, USF Consolidation, and Derelict Vessels.

CM Gerdes suggested putting together a resolution on fire arms as there are a few bills that are positive. Attorney Wallace advised that she and CM Wheeler-Bowman have been working on this and are waiting on bills to be filed but will put that together now.

The next LAIR will occur before the end of the year – date to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm



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

2019-572

**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

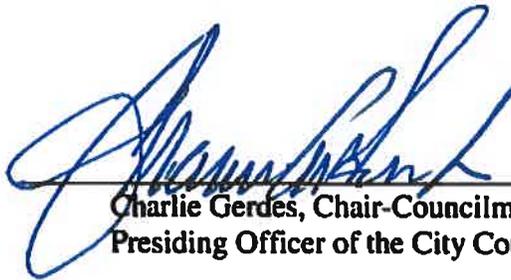
WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will provide some limited control over anchored vessels while preserving anchoring and mooring options.

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 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

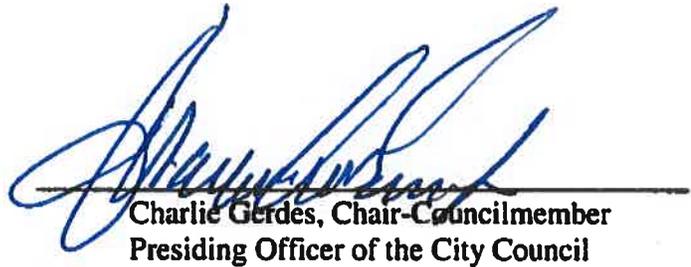
WHEREAS, the anticipated project is to build out the Museum into a better functioning museum for historic exhibits, events and school educational programs.

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.

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

ATTEST: 
Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk



2019-574

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

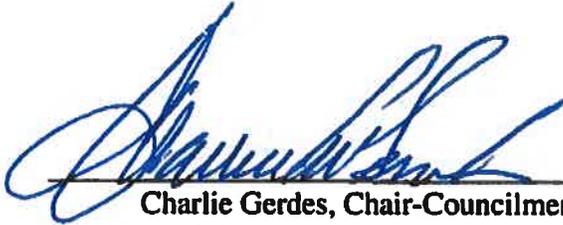
WHEREAS, affordable housing trust funds are vital to the City of St. Petersburg in its comprehensive efforts to assist the citizens of St. Petersburg by increasing the supply of safe, affordable housing for individuals and families with very low to moderate incomes and in combatting homelessness.

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.

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

ATTEST: 
Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk



2019-575

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.



Charlie Gerdes, 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

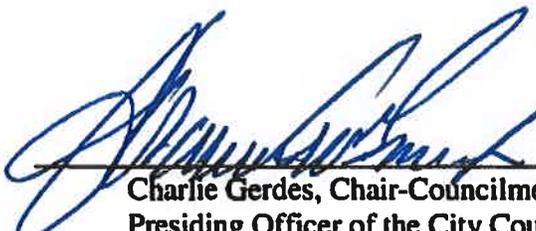
WHEREAS, SB 150 has been filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature and proposes to establish a sanitary sewer line inspection program and would require a seller of real property to disclose any known defects in the property's sanitary sewer lateral.

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.

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

ATTEST: 

Chan Srinivasa, 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.

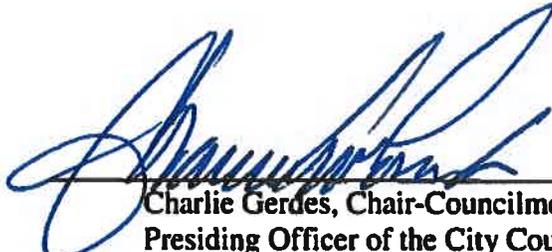
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Pinellas County Delegation to support SB 558, SB 310, SB 266 and any other similar legislation to improve public safety by prohibiting large capacity magazines, prohibiting the printing of 3D firearms, and requiring safer storage of loaded firearms.

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.

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

ATTEST: 

Chan Srinivasa, City Clerk





2020 State Legislative Priorities

USF- St. Petersburg

Academic and Research Program Funding:

STEM, Nursing, Engineering, College of Marine Science

Higher Education Access Program Funding Increases:

PATHe and FUSE

Arts and Museum Funding:

HB 9155- Carter G. Woodson Museum- (\$1,000,000)

Division of Cultural Affairs Grant

Tampa Bay Innovation Center Incubator:

HB 3213- \$2M request for construction

Transportation:

HB 2483- TBARTA operations and 41-mile Regional Rapid Transit Project

Affordable Housing:

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

Behavioral Health Funding:

Increase funding for behavioral and mental health programs including:

HB 2219 - Davis-Bradley Community Involvement Center – (\$300,000)

HB 2251 - Integrated Care and Coordination for Youth (\$825,000)

HB 2287 - Community Health Centers of Pinellas – (\$500,000)

HB 2651 - Central Florida Behavioral Health Network's Pinellas County Marchman Act Project (\$1,549,025)

HB 2653 - Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services - Crisis Stabilization Units (\$750,000)

Additional Agenda Items:

Business Rent Tax:

Support further reduction of the Business Rent Tax

Communications Service Tax (CST):

Support reduction of the Communications Service Tax

Diversity and Inclusion:

Support the Florida Competitive Workforce Act which provides that sexual orientation and gender identity are impermissible grounds for discrimination

Education:

Support maximizing early learning investments through pay-for-performance, increased accountability and workforce development in early education

Support the alignment of VPK assessments to developmental standards

Enterprise Florida:

Support fully funding Enterprise Florida to help attract businesses to the state

Film Industry:

Support the reinstatement of tax credits to encourage filming in Florida as a economic development tool

Urban Agriculture Amendment:

Support allowing not-for-profit gardening in dense urban land areas

Visit Florida:

Support fully funding Visit Florida to overcome effects of Red Tide on tourism

Appropriations:

Restore the \$500,000 Workload Adjustment for a total of \$1,916,000 for the Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (NCPEP) to increase employment opportunities

St. Pete Day Chamber Trip to Tallahassee



Share your part of St. Pete's story. Join the St. Pete Chamber as we travel to Tallahassee to share the St. Pete story with the Florida State Legislature.

Opportunities for all businesses and community members to celebrate what makes our city great and participate in high level meetings with legislative leaders advocating for our city and region.

Date: February 2020
Audience: Chamber Public Policy Committee, Board of Governors, Chamber PAC, Business and Community Leaders



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- 5 reception registrations

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\$1,500 LUNCH SPONSOR (DAY 1 OR DAY 2)

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- 1 full registration (including hotel, transportation, and meals)
- 5 luncheon registrations

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- 1 full registration (including hotel, transportation, and meals)
- 1 Evening Reception Registration