

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

May 14, 2020 @ 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to the City of St. Petersburg City Council Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Committee Meeting. The agenda and supporting documents are available on the City's website at www.st.pete.org/meetings or by emailing city.clerk@stpete.org.

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

May 14, 2020 @ 10:15 a.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 – February 27, 2020
- D. New Business
 - 1. Opening Comments & Updates
~ *Brandi Gabbard*
 - 2. Legislative Session 2020 Updates
 - a. Representative Jennifer Webb
 - b. Representative Wengay Newton
 - c. Representative Ben Diamond
 - d. Senator Darryl Rouson
 - e. Senator Jeff Brandes
 - 3. Council Priorities & End of Session Updates
~ *Dr. Jeffery Sharkey & John Rodriguez*
 - a. Affordable Housing Trust Fund (SB 306/HB 381)
 - b. Urban Agriculture
 - c. Private Laterals (SB 150)
 - d. Vessel Safety Revisions
 - e. Fire Arm Safety
 - f. Carter G. Woodson Funding (HB 9155)
 - 4. Emerging Issues for 2021 Session
 - a. Penny Amendment
 - b. Building Permit Special Revenue Fund Discussion

Attachments:

Support Material for New Business Items

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE

Report

February 27, 2020

Present: Committee Chair Brandi Gabbard, Committee Vice Chair Ed Montanari,
Committee Alternate Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Darden Rice

Absent: Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Amy Foster

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 Sharkey, Assistant City Administrator Tom Green, Transportation and Parking Management Director Evan Mory, St. Pete Chamber Advocacy Manager Matt Lettelleir, Planning and Development Director Elizabeth Abernethy, Neighborhood Affairs Administrator Rob Gerdes, Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton

Legislative Aide: Linnie Randolph

A. Call to Order – 10:40 a.m.

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

C. Approval of January 16, 2020 Minutes – CM Figgs-Sanders moved approval, all members voted in favor.

D. New Business

1. Mid-Session Update on Council Priorities

Committee Chair Brandi Gabbard opened the new business portion of the agenda by recognizing Dr. Jeffery Sharkey and Mr. John Rodriguez for a brief update on the status of Council Priorities.

- a. Affordable Housing:** SB 306/HB 381 – In regard to protecting the Sadowski Fund for Affordable Housing only. Unsure at this time but it is possible portions of this fund could be pulled and used in supplement the Florida teacher salary increase.
- b. Urban Agriculture:** No stand-alone bill for this item. Assistant City Attorney Michael Dema drafted amendment language to be attached to the Florida Department of Agriculture package that was moving through committee. Agriculture package is not moving in the House. Attorney's office is reviewing the possibility of creating a City Ordinance that would cover the zoning change required for community agriculture. If this is legally sound Committee Chair Gabbard will create a New Business Item to be brought to Council for a vote.
- c. Private Laterals:** SB 150 – This Senate Bill is moving slow and there is no House companion bill. Senator Joe Gruters is looking at adding private lateral amendment

language to SB 1450 Environmental Enforcement. Dr. Sharkey will follow up on this and get the Council a copy of the amendment language to review before supporting.

- d. Vessel Safety Revisions:** SB 1378/ HB 1407 regarding derelict vessels. Representative Webb has been diligent in gathering stakeholders. The House position is that there should be no new fines. Our bill language had new fines attached. The language was tweaked and is now moving through the House as part of the Transportation package.
- e. Fire Arm Safety:** a variety of Senate and House Bills have been filed relating to gun safety. Committee Chair Gabbard asked which of the many gun control bills were moving. Dr. Sharkey confirmed that there are many bills related to fire arms and that none of them appear to be moving at all. Most of the filed bills were never even heard in committee.
- f. Funding Priorities:** HB 9155 – regarding funding for the Carter G Woodson Museum. This bill is currently with the Appropriations Committee with expected movement. Legislative team is feeling positive about this one passing.

2. Mid-Session Issues

a. HB 459 – Building Designs

Planning and Development Director Elizabeth Abernethy stated that this item is no longer moving through committee and companion Senate bill was not scheduled for committee. This is something we'll want to watch for next session. This bill is basically a preemption on design regulations on single family or duplex within the zoning code stating anything related to design is building code issue and can't be in the zoning code. Ms. Abernethy stressed the importance for the City to maintain design standards on Accessory Dwellings and Historic Preservation.

b. Penny Amendment (Housing)

Neighborhood Affairs Administrator Rob Gerdes gave a brief update on using Penny for Pinellas funds for housing affordability. 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. The City was able to get a little traction on moving this forward and have a Senator interested in sponsoring. The Senator wants to see more overall support from stakeholders in Pinellas County. Mr. Gerdes stated that he will start reaching out to County partners early this fall to build a coalition of County support so we're ready to move forward next session. Committee Chair Gabbard agrees that Affordable Housing should be a priority next year.

c. HB 1371/SB 1000 – Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

Transportation and Parking Management Director Evan Mory and Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton spoke on the importance of our pedestrian flashing beacons at our crosswalks throughout the City. Mr. Mory gave a brief history of pedestrian deaths and noted that with the installation of the flashing pedestrian beacons the numbers of deaths have been reduced. These bills

support the intent to change the current yellow rectangular rabid flashing beacons to red. This change would cause the City to have to either remove or replace the beacons currently in place. According to Mr. Mory we can convert 20 % of the 93 beacons currently in place. The cost to the City would be \$6 million. Mr. Mory introduced a draft resolution to the Committee to review and asked that it be promoted to a full Council meeting for discussion.

Mr. Blanton of Forward Pinellas addressed the Committee and explained that the FDOT has officially adopted a safety target of zero fatalities and a Complete Streets policy that enables the flashing beacons with design standards as to how and where they are placed. The passing of these bills would be a huge step backwards for FDOT. *“By setting unreasonably narrow standards for their use and ignoring the wisdom of transportation professionals, the bills will force the removal of hundreds of safe mid-block crosswalks supported by RRFBs across the state.”* Forward Pinellas as the County’s MPO expresses their strong opposition to these bills.

Council Member Darden Rice asked for more details on replacing the lights and the cost associated with replacement. Mr. Mory said the cost to convert came directly from a staff report from FDOT then explained the set up and testing for each new/replaced signal. Committee Vice Chair Montanari asked follow-up procedural questions pertaining to the status of both bills and a question to Mr. Blanton regarding the support from other MPOs in the state. At the end of discussion Committee Vice Chair Montanari made the motion to approve the resolution as the LAIR Committee and to move the resolution to full Council for review and discussion. The motion was approved unanimously. It will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Darden Rice asked about HB 1372 regarding vacation rentals. Discussion followed with the feeling that if this bill gets through the House and Senate that it may be vetoed by the Governor. There is a strong push back on the preemption bills. CM Rice also wanted to add HB 715 and SB 1656 to the legislative radar as it pertains to reclaimed water will have a huge impact on our City and Tampa Bay Water.

d. St. Pete Days – Chamber Update

St. Pete Chamber Advocacy Manager Matt Lettelleir addressed the Committee with an update from St. Pete Days in Tallahassee. Mayor Rick Kriseman, Council Chair Ed Montanari, and Council Member Brandi Gabbard joined over two dozen Chamber members in Tallahassee to promote and showcase St. Petersburg in the best way possible. Council Chair Montanari reflected on the trip stating it was a really good trip and highly encourages more Council Members to attend next year. Committee Chair Gabbard asked if it was possible for the Chamber to schedule our trip earlier in the session. Ms. Gabbard also stated that having more Council Members in attendance would make it easier to divide and attend more meetings.

Committee Chair Gabbard added the City of Largo’s Federal priority list in the packet as a reminder that this is something we should look at in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next LAIR Committee meeting will be held on **April 23, 2020** in the Sunshine Center Auditorium.

CS/CS/HB 459 - Building Designs

General Bill by Commerce Committee and Business & Professions Subcommittee and Overdorf

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Building Designs: Provides that regulations relating to building design elements may not be applied to certain structures; authorizes substantially affected person to file petition with FBC to review local government regulations; provides requirements for such petition; provides requirements for commission when considering petition; requires commission to issue nonbinding advisory opinion within specified timeframe.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Last Event: Died on Second Reading Calendar on Saturday, March 14, 2020 12:00 AM

Referred Committees and Committee Actions

House Referrals

Business & Professions Subcommittee

On agenda for: 01/15/20 1:00 PM

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Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

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Commerce Committee

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Related Bills

Bill #	Subject	Relationship
SB 954	Building Design	Compare

Bill Text

Committee Substitute 2

Committee Substitute 1

A [519577](#), Overdorf ([COM](#))

Date Filed: 02/05/20, Line#: 30

House(c): Adopted Without Objection 02/06/2020 02:50 PM

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D [679085](#), Overdorf ([BPS](#))

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Staff Analysis

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House	Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee 1/28/2020 3:43:44 PM
House	Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee 1/24/2020 5:23:17 PM
House	Business & Professions Subcommittee 1/16/2020 9:49:37 AM
House	Business & Professions Subcommittee 1/13/2020 4:05:36 PM

Vote History

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Bill History

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H Added to Second Reading Calendar	02/07/2020 - 5:39 PM			c2

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H 1st Reading	02/07/2020 - 5:39 PM			c2
H Bill referred to House Calendar	02/07/2020 - 3:19 PM			c2
H CS Filed	02/06/2020 - 5:28 PM			c2
H Laid on Table under Rule 7.18(a)	02/06/2020 - 5:28 PM			c1
H Reported out of Commerce Committee	02/06/2020 - 5:11 PM		<u>Commerce Committee</u>	c1
H Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee	02/06/2020 - 2:50 PM		<u>Commerce Committee</u>	c1
H Added to Commerce Committee agenda	02/04/2020 - 3:57 PM		<u>Commerce Committee</u>	c1
H Now in Commerce Committee	01/28/2020 - 3:46 PM		<u>Commerce Committee</u>	c1
H Reported out of Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	01/28/2020 - 3:46 PM		<u>Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee</u>	c1
H Favorable by Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	01/28/2020 - 2:57 PM		<u>Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee</u>	c1
H Added to Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee agenda	01/24/2020 - 4:10 PM		<u>Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee</u>	c1
H Now in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	01/20/2020 - 2:14 PM		<u>Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee</u>	c1
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H Referred to Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	01/20/2020 - 2:14 PM		<u>Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee</u>	c1
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H Added to Business & Professions Subcommittee agenda	01/13/2020 - 4:00 PM		<u>Business & Professions Subcommittee</u>	—
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Statutes Referenced by this Bill

Statute

125.01

125.56

163.3202

553.73

(*) Not the latest version

Other Bill Citations

SB 954, SB 1330

SB 954

CS/CS/CS/HB 203*, SB 954

SB 710, SB 954

CS/CS/CS/HB 1371 - Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

General Bill by State Affairs Committee and Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee and Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee and Fine and Caruso (CO-SPONSORS) Altman

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Traffic and Pedestrian Safety: Specifying pedestrian crosswalks that may be controlled by yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices; requiring removal of such devices from, and authorizing retrofitting of, certain crosswalks; requiring the Department of Transportation to request that the Federal Government allow replacement of yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices with red rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices; providing requirements for such replacement if such request is granted; providing a declaration of important state interest, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Last Event: 03/14/20 S Died in Infrastructure and Security on Saturday, March 14, 2020 12:00 AM

Referred Committees and Committee Actions

House Referrals

Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

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Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

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State Affairs Committee

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Senate Referrals

Infrastructure and Security

Appropriations

Related Bills

Bill #	Subject	Relationship
CS/SB 1000	Traffic and Pedestrian Safety	Compare

Bill Text

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A [171317](#), DuBose

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House: Adopted 03/09/2020 03:03 PM

Committee Substitute 3

D [600521](#), Toledo

Date Filed: 03/04/20, Line#: 0

House: Superseded by Substitute 03/06/2020 03:11 PM

SA [142711](#), Toledo

Date Filed: 03/04/20, Line#: 57

House: Adopted 03/06/2020 03:10 PM

Committee Substitute 2

A [530915](#), Fine (SAC)

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A [549129](#), Fine (SAC)

Date Filed: 02/19/20, Line#: 28

House(c): Adopted Without Objection 02/20/2020 12:37 PM

Committee Substitute 1

D [130257](#), Fine (TTA)

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A [219477](#), Fine (TIS)

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House	Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee 2/7/2020 5:04:10 PM
House	Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee 1/29/2020 4:58:20 PM
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Vote History

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H Message sent to senate	03/09/2020 - 5:58 PM			e2
S In Messages	03/09/2020 - 5:51 PM			e2
H CS passed as amended; YEAS 118, NAYS 1	03/09/2020 - 3:18 PM			e1
H Amendment 171317 adopted	03/09/2020 - 3:03 PM			e1
H Read 3rd time	03/09/2020 - 2:59 PM			e1
H Amendment 171317 filed	03/08/2020 - 7:03 PM			e1
H Added to Third Reading Calendar	03/06/2020 - 6:46 PM			c3
H Placed on 3rd reading	03/06/2020 - 3:11 PM			c3
H Amendment 600521 superseded by substitute	03/06/2020 - 3:11 PM			c3
H Amendment 142711 adopted	03/06/2020 - 3:10 PM			c3
H Read 2nd time	03/06/2020 - 2:28 PM			c3
H Amendment 142711 filed	03/04/2020 - 6:53 PM			c3
H Amendment 600521 filed	03/04/2020 - 4:17 PM			c3
H Bill added to Special Order Calendar (3/6/2020)	03/03/2020 - 7:18 PM			c3
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H Bill referred to House Calendar	02/21/2020 - 2:42 PM			c3
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H CS Filed	02/20/2020 - 7:01 PM			c3
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H Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	01/28/2020 - 1:51 PM		Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	—
H Added to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee agenda	01/24/2020 - 4:01 PM		Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	—
H Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	01/17/2020 - 9:18 AM		Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	—
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H 1st Reading	01/14/2020 - 11:19 PM			—
H Filed	01/13/2020 - 10:20 AM	Fine		—

Statutes Referenced by this Bill

Statute
[316.0756](#)

Other Bill Citations
[CS/SB 1000](#)



CS/SB 1000 - Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

General Bill by Infrastructure and Security and Perry (CO-SPONSORS) Mayfield

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Traffic and Pedestrian Safety: Requiring a pedestrian crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at an intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; requiring, by a specified date, the entity with jurisdiction over a public highway, street, or road with a certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that the crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals, etc.

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Senate Referrals

Infrastructure and Security

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Favorable With Committee Substitute (*final action*)

Votes: Yeas 6 Nays 1

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

On agenda for: 02/18/20 4:00 PM

Recommendation: Favorable With Committee Substitute (*final action*)

Votes: Yeas 7 Nays 0

Appropriations

Related Bills

Bill #	Subject	Relationship
CS/CS/CS/HB 1371	Traffic and Pedestrian Safety	Compare

Bill Text

Committee Substitute 1

P [684990](#), Appropriations

Date Filed: 02/19/20, Line#: 0

A [961378](#), Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, Perry

Date Filed: 02/18/20, Line#: 26

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A [308030](#), Infrastructure and Security, Perry

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Senate(c): Replaced by Committee Substitute 01/28/2020 06:12 PM

A [511452](#), Infrastructure and Security, Perry

Date Filed: 01/26/20, Line#: 50

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Staff Analysis

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Vote History

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Event	Time	Member	Committee	Ver.
S Subcommittee Recommendation: CS/CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 7 NAYS 0 -SJ 347	02/18/2020 - 4:35 PM		Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	c1
S On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/18/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building	02/13/2020 - 5:43 PM		Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	c1
S Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	01/30/2020 - 9:00 AM		Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	c1
S CS by Infrastructure and Security read 1st time -SJ 219	01/29/2020 - 7:55 PM		Infrastructure and Security	c1
S Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute)	01/29/2020 - 8:38 AM		Infrastructure and Security	—
S CS by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1 -SJ 215	01/27/2020 - 5:49 PM		Infrastructure and Security	—
S On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building	01/22/2020 - 3:35 PM		Infrastructure and Security	—
S Introduced -SJ 75	01/14/2020 - 11:02 AM			—
S Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations -SJ 75	12/13/2019 - 11:34 AM		Infrastructure and Security	—
S Filed	11/19/2019 - 3:08 PM			—

Statutes Referenced by this Bill

Statute
[316.0756](#)

Other Bill Citations
[CS/CS/CS/HB 1371](#)



State Representative Wengay
“Newt” Newton’s 2020 Legislative
Session Wrap-Up for the City of
St. Petersburg L.A.I.R. Committee



Reemployment Assistance Claim Workflow March 15, 2020 - May 5, 2020

[<< Workflow Overview](#)

Total Claims Submitted

1,829,812

Confirmed Unique Claims Submitted

1,115,023

Claim Verification Queue

345,180

Claims Processed

769,843

69.0% of Confirmed Unique Claims Submitted

Claimants Paid

481,497

100.0% of Eligible RA/FPUC Claimants

43.2% of Confirmed Unique Claims Submitted

SUBMISSION METHOD

Claims Filed Through Connect	Claims Filed Through Pega & Paper	Paper Applications Entered by State Employees
708,686	1,121,126	163,078

Individuals may have submitted an application through multiple methods. The Total Claims may include duplicate or triplicate claim counts. These numbers may fluctuate as duplicates or incomplete claims are identified and removed.

CLAIM VERIFICATION QUEUES

Identity	Out of State Claims	Fraud Detection	Employer and Wage
26,702	77,853	134,505	125,460

A claim may be in the queue for one or more of these processes at any given time, causing the sum of all categories to be greater than the "Claim Verification" total.

MONETARY ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Eligible for Reemployment Assistance	Ineligible for Reemployment Assistance*
481,497	293,433

*Individuals determined to be ineligible for Reemployment Assistance may be eligible for other benefits under the C.A.R.E.S Act. Eligible for Reemployment Assistance includes all individuals who have been eligible at any point since March 15th. Eligible and Ineligible will not sum to claims processed.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Reemployment Assistance (RA)	Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
\$315,095,291 (30.97%)	\$702,412,800 (69.03%)

\$1,017,508,091
Paid to Claimants

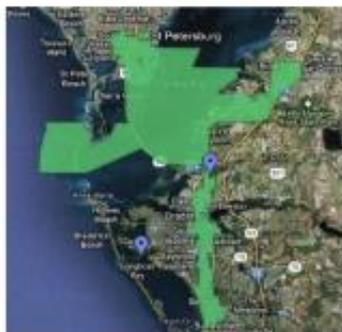


FL House District 70 - Rep. Wengay "Newt" Newton 2020 Legislative Session Summary

Representative Newton's Committee Assignments

- Business & Professions Subcommittee, Ranking Member
 - Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee
- Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
 - State Affairs Committee

Florida House District 70 encompasses four counties: Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas and Sarasota.



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Rep. Newton's 2020 Session Accomplishments

1. Passed \$93 Billion budget
 - a. For the 1st time in over a decade, we were successful in preventing the sweeping of the Sadowski Trust Fund, thus providing for \$370M for affordable housing
2. 3% pay increase for all state employees
3. Environment - \$100M for FL Forever Environmental Land Preservation Fund
4. Teacher Pay – Provided \$500M - \$400M to raise starting and existing minimum teacher pay to \$47,500 and an additional \$100M for veteran teacher raises; this will make FL #2 in the nation for starting teacher pay, 2nd only to New Jersey who has a state income tax
5. We received \$35M of reoccurring funding for Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBUs) – Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), Bethune-Cookman University (BCU), Edward Waters College, and Florida Memorial College
6. Greek Service Organizations License Plates – With a unanimous vote, we created a Divine 9 license plate for our greek letter organizations
7. \$800,000 for construction of the Florida Slavery Memorial and the Florida Holocaust Memorial at the Capitol Complex
8. \$21M to fund the construction of the new 2nd DCA courthouse in St. Petersburg
9. 3 of my bills passed off the House floor – More in line from where I started from, they were all community benefit bills, from which I started as a neighborhood association president
10. 6 Appropriations Projects made it into the budget

Bills and Appropriations

- **HB 597 Tri-Par Estates**
 - Authorizes board of trustees to adopt & enforce certain rules & regulations governing use of district facilities & prescribe penalties for violations of such rules & regulations; provides requirements for such penalties.
- **HB 625 Public Nuisances**
 - Authorizes sheriffs to sue to enjoin alleged nuisances; revises notice requirements for filing of temporary injunctions relating to enjoinder of nuisances; extends time period of notice before lien may attach to real estate; declares use of location by certain persons is public nuisance; declares that any place or premises that has been used on more than two occasions during certain time period as site of specified violations is nuisance; provides opportunity to remedy nuisance; prohibits rental property from being abated or subject to forfeiture.

- **HB 1009 Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts**
 - Revises number of directors allowed for boards of special neighborhood improvement districts; requires local planning ordinances to specify number of directors & provide for 4-year staggered terms; requires that directors be landowners in proposed area & be subject to certain taxation.
- **Happy Workers - \$300,000**
 - The goal is to rehabilitate an 89 year old preschool facility located in a high poverty area of south St. Petersburg. The center, Happy Workers Learning Center (HWLC) has a long well regarded history of quality preschool, but has fallen on hard times. HWLC is one of historic sites on the African American Heritage Trail that runs through south St. Petersburg. RClub Child Care, Inc. another local not for profit child care agency with 47 locations through the Tampa Bay area.
- **The Kind Mouse - \$50,000**
 - The goal is to alleviate child hunger and provide a safety net for families during times of economic transition. Chronic child hunger and food insecurity is a clear and present danger in Pinellas County. It is not always visible, but it exists - and it is heartbreaking. Services include a weekend pack sack program, an emergency food program, a 90-day family transition program and a youth outreach program.
- **HIPPY - \$2,500,000**
 - The funds being requested will allow the Florida HIPPY Training & Technical Assistance Center to manage the delivery of the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) to 1,000 children in Florida. The purpose of HIPPY is to partner with parents to prepare their children ages two to five for school. Although HIPPY targets families at risk due to parental poverty and low education, a diverse sample of families from all socioeconomic levels is represented in the HIPPY population.

- **ECC Summer Youth Employment – \$131,180**
 - The program will address the following: Reduce incidences of at-risk teen drug use, crime and violence; Improve the chances of at-risk teens graduating from high school and pursue a career prior to parenting a child; Reduce chances of the at-risk teens enrolled in this program losing the academic skills gained during school year (sometimes referred to as Summer Slide). This program has been serving the community with positive results for over 11 years.

- **St. Pete PAL - \$300,000**
 - For 25 years PAL has served hundreds of families in its pre-war building, however, over the decades relatively little has been done to the building's infrastructure and building systems and they need crucial repair and replacement. Major work needs to be completed on not only the exterior of the building, such as the roof, masonry, windows and building hardware, but also on the interior of the building including the electrical, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.

- **Invicta Institute of Intelligence - \$193,669**
 - To improve the literacy and close the achievement gap of many at-risk children in Manatee County.



STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Youth Arrests FY 2017-18

County	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Volusia	433	374	438	421	426	414	438	409	423	433	422	426	4,830
Manatee	111	98	79	132	105	78	102	114	132	96	108	128	1,299
Pinellas	315	307	272	381	379	325	302	308	362	374	366	362	4,098
Seminole	49	42	50	56	80	50	83	81	66	57	81	49	679

Arrests by Location of Offense FY 2017-18

County	School	Community	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Volusia	Community	433	374	438	421	426	345	364	311	362	360	364	311	4,227	
	School	2	21	29	64	67	66	54	64	61	72	58	13	503	
Manatee	Community	107	79	94	87	86	72	80	87	89	73	100	100	1,083	
	School	4	13	8	16	17	3	17	27	31	23	26	30	360	
Pinellas	Community	305	349	242	299	264	260	349	253	325	328	317	270	3,410	
	School	7	29	29	52	32	43	44	53	57	46	41	16	469	
Seminole	Community	49	50	49	41	47	49	59	52	61	62	61	47	668	
	School	0	6	8	8	16	10	7	8	8	7	10	3	114	

* School Based - Offense identified as occurring on school grounds, on a school bus (or bus stop), or at an off-site school event.

Arrests by Race/Ethnicity FY 2017-18

County	Race	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Volusia	Black	214	229	194	337	233	245	351	257	242	302	292	304	2,398
	Hispanic	76	50	44	66	47	45	65	65	46	61	51	42	603
	Other	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Manatee	White	93	57	50	111	121	85	102	9	2	1	1	1	1,267
	Black	47	34	39	27	30	30	45	34	54	44	55	62	541
	Hispanic	20	18	8	16	20	11	22	14	14	11	22	21	200
	Other	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	27
Pinellas	Black	162	247	180	218	184	160	234	192	240	233	231	171	2,404
	Hispanic	11	24	21	26	26	14	24	24	27	24	17	11	333
	Other	0	1	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	4	1	4	38
	White	105	114	76	112	107	125	128	97	107	113	109	94	1,292
Seminole	Black	18	14	23	16	36	17	18	23	21	16	26	20	244
	Hispanic	5	5	1	6	10	7	17	5	5	6	5	2	78
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	White	26	23	27	27	41	32	31	54	31	31	38	37	380

Arrests by Age FY 2017-18

County	Age	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Volusia	8-10	4	5	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	22
	11-13	40	39	26	46	40	53	34	39	39	46	40	32	517
	14-16	222	214	189	230	213	235	233	279	178	224	223	179	2,881
	17+	143	128	119	136	164	127	144	119	134	147	146	115	1,612
Manatee	8-10	4	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4	21
	11-13	11	15	12	16	16	17	25	23	28	33	20	17	204
	14-16	24	24	24	29	32	47	53	52	58	40	79	75	560
	17+	42	19	22	36	20	24	32	28	45	26	41	32	300
Pinellas	8-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	11-13	46	52	34	50	46	50	53	43	52	46	40	39	560
	14-16	594	707	459	710	780	205	731	581	734	729	729	684	4,499
	17+	69	90	76	81	90	70	98	80	104	101	77	89	1,015
Seminole	8-10	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
	11-13	4	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	40
	14-16	32	23	36	28	40	29	34	32	40	36	40	37	401
	17+	10	15	14	16	20	20	24	20	17	16	18	21	237

State House District 70

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Total Juveniles Arrested = 10,846

***** 8 year olds = 53 *****

FL House District 70
 Representative Wengay “Newt” Newton
 Department of Juvenile Justice Statistics

	Hillsborough	Manatee	Pinellas	Sarasota
Community Arrests	4,227	1,063	3,610	588
School Arrests	603	206	458	91
# of DJJ Facility Beds	80	60	100	n/a
Total Yearly Admissions	2,185	684	2,541	n/a
State Expenditures for County Facilities	\$5,115,239.67	\$3,484,958.39	\$6,335,887.60	n/a
Race/Ethnicity Split				
Black Youth	2,788	541	2494	244
Hispanic Youth	803	208	254	78
Other Youth	18	2	38	2
White Youth	1,221	518	1,282	355

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Pinellas County *School-to-Prison Pipeline*

2017-18

Schools are Understaffed

School counselors support safe learning environments, to respond to behavior and foster healthy relationships.

Social workers help students access services to address unmet needs and trauma often behind behavior.

School psychologists address learning, motivation, behavior, mental health and social development.

Industry Recommendation	Actual Ratio	Schools with No Provider
250 students per Counselor	411	28
250 per Social Worker	405	114
360,500 students per Psychologist	1,282	160

Counterproductive Discipline Continues

Exclusionary discipline like suspensions and expulsions not only increases risk of drop out and arrests, but has been found to be ineffective at curbing problem behaviors.

8,810

In-school suspensions

5,446

Out-of-school suspensions

421

Expulsions and alternative placements

Police Fill the Gaps

In the absence of adequate support for students and clear roles for police, behavior management is left to police, leading to students arrested for school fights, class disruptions and other behavior issues. A single arrest increases the likelihood of future arrests and school drop out.

462

Arrests at School

441

Citations at School

107

Arrests for Disorderly Conduct at School

The Impact is Unequal

Students with disabilities, LGB and gender-nonconforming students and students of color, especially Black students, are particularly vulnerable to the school-to-prison pipeline. This chart illustrates Black representation in school staffing and discipline.



Pinellas County School-to-Prison Pipeline

2017-18

Captured by the Criminal Justice System



Out of the 4,068
total youth arrests:

35

were eligible for
civil citations

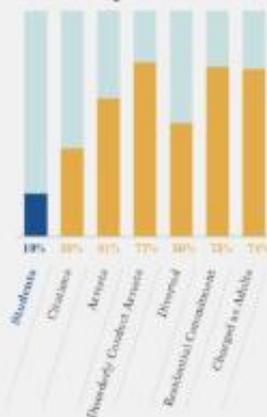
182

were committed
to residential
programs

46

were charged
as adults

Black Representation



Recommendations - Pinellas County's Youth Should:

Be Treated Fairly - Review policies on student discipline, school policing, pre-arrest diversion and transfers to the adult system to promote age-appropriate practices and uniformity.

Be Respected -

- ✓ Increase administrator and teacher diversity.
- ✓ Require implicit bias training for all staff and any security or police officers.

Be Supported -

- ✓ Invest in school-based mental health providers, like school counselors, social workers and psychiatrists, and use their expertise when making policy.
- ✓ Train teachers, including substitute teachers, and staff on de-escalation tactics, trauma-informed care, and positive discipline.

Be Disciplined, Not Punished -

- ✓ Invest in social-emotional learning and conflict resolution that teach students, not exclude them.
- ✓ Ban the use of exclusionary discipline and arrests for young students.
- ✓ End the arrest of students for disorderly conduct and disruption of a school function.
- ✓ Invest in community rehabilitation programming and services for at risk youth.

Be Protected -

- ✓ Ban the use of Tasers, pepper spray and other violent policing tactics on juveniles.
- ✓ If school police are used, ensure their role is clearly defined to protect the students and not to police student behavior.
- ✓ End the practice of charging youth as adults without the input of a judge or grand jury.

June 25, 2019

Dear Superintendent Dr. Michael A. Grego and Pinellas County School Board Members,

After years of working to undo damage from fear-based policymaking, Florida is poised to repeat so many mistakes that have ruined young lives. We urge you to consider this very real threat as you implement new legislation and strengthen security at schools. To assist your efforts, we offer the attached report, *Safe to Learn: An Assessment of School Climate and Discipline in Florida*, and a profile of Pinellas County's School-to-Prison Pipeline.

How does Pinellas County compare to other districts?

- Among the most frequent users of seclusion for disciplinary purposes - 20 students were subjected to seclusion.
- One of only 9 districts using mechanical restraints for discipline.
- The highest number of students arrested for disorderly conduct in the state (107).
- Among the top 10 districts for highest rate of police citations for students - 443 students were sent to pre-arrest diversion by police.
- Pinellas County has a youth arrest rate that is nearly twice the statewide average - 14% of these arrests are for technical violations, such as violation of probation.

Our students continue to be undersupported, with no school district meeting the industry recommended student-to-professional ratios for school counselors, school psychologists or school social workers. Even when these professionals are employed in schools, they are too often used for administrative or student supervisory tasks at the expense of the support services they are trained to deliver.

This past Spring, the Florida Legislature amended s. 1011.02(16), F.S., to outline appropriate uses for the Mental Health Assistance Allocation. You must improve your student-to-support staff ratios and increase the time they are spending on supporting students. Undoubtedly, fiscal restraints continue, but the evidence shows investing in these professionals will improve school climate to reduce conflict, increase student achievement and engagement, and prevent violence.

Student Support Staffing, FY 2018-19

	School Counselors	School Psychologists	Social Workers
FTE	229	50	119
Student Ratio	441 : 1	1262 : 1	889 : 1
Industry Recommendation	250 : 1	500-700 : 1	250 : 1

Without the necessary student supports, schools are increasingly relying on police to maintain school discipline. Police presence in schools has grown, with police integrated deeply within school administration. The state does not require any special training for police to work in schools. It is up to you to ensure the police in your schools are trained to work with youth and have clearly defined roles that keep them focused on preventing and responding to serious physical threats to school safety and out of disciplinary matters. These can only be accomplished through clear, thorough policies and memorandums of understanding that are informed by families, students, teachers and community stakeholders.

For the first time after decades of decline, more students are being arrested at school in Florida. Pinellas has reduced its youth arrest rate by 14%, unfortunately, the rate of students arrested in Pinellas County Schools school has increased by 4%. Furthermore, 107 students were arrested for 'disorderly conduct' in FY 2017-18, a 24% increase from the previous year and the highest number of such arrests in the past three years. As we review arrest rates, arrests for



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charges such as disorderly conduct and disruption of a school function are highly suspect. These sorts of charges are highly discretionary and result in stark racial disparities. For example, Black students were 7 times as likely to be arrested for disorderly conduct in Florida than their peers.

Policing Students, FY 2017-18

Cited by Police at School	School Arrests		
	All Arrests	Disorderly Conduct	Civil Citation Eligible
443	462	107	9

Reviewing pre-arrest diversion (i.e. civil citation) data gives a clearer snapshot of how kids are being pulled into the justice system. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice tracks all first-time misdemeanor offenses, which by law are eligible for pre-arrest diversion. Examining this data for school-related offenses, we've found that police are accusing more youth of these first-time low-level offenses at school. **The number of Pinellas County students accused of pre-arrest diversion eligible offenses increased 11% in FY 2017-18.** Many of these offenses, fighting, disorderly conduct, misdemeanor drug possession, were historically – and are more appropriately – handled by school administration.

As you examine your local policies and implement state legislation, we urge you to look at the data. To assist in this, we have enclosed a synopsis of data related to how Pinellas County's students are pushed out of the school system and captured by the justice system. You may find a more detailed report on our website, www.acluf.org/schoolsafety. This data is consolidated from publicly available data from Florida's Departments of Education and Juvenile Justice. We encourage you to collect and track data within your district to both inform your policymaking and to see the consequences of it.

We encourage you to stand strong as a voice of reason in these highly charged times. Do not sacrifice the futures of Pinellas County's most vulnerable students in your effort to be prepared for the rare worst-case scenario or in your quest for top-rated schools. Take measured steps and ensure that policies are informed by both child development experts and impacted students. Prioritize supporting student social and emotional learning. Purposely combat the disparities that are causing Pinellas County Schools to lose so many youth of color, LGB and gender-nonconforming youth and youth with disabilities.

Work toward schools that are safe for all children, every day. Striving for this goal is the very best way you can prevent the next tragedy and equip Pinellas County's youth for a successful future.

Sincerely,

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Florida House District 70 - Representative Wengay "Newt" Newton
County By County Appropriations

Hillsborough County Appropriations: \$1,349,511,769

Manatee County Appropriations: \$314,270,674

Pinellas County Appropriations: \$ 280,136,040

Sarasota County Appropriations: \$257,232,858

Total District Appropriations: \$2,201,019,460

2020-2021

Pinellas County Appropriations

Project	Program	County	Amount
Albert Whitted Airport - Construct Runway 18/36 and Slub Connectors	Aviation Development/Grants	Pinellas	1,481,486
Madeira Beach - Beach Groin Replacement (HB 2611) (Senate Form 1273)	Beach Project	Pinellas	280,000
Pinellas County Shore Protection Project (Pass-a-Grille)	Beach Project	Pinellas	940,500
Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services - Crisis Stabilization Units (HB 2653)(Senate Form 1274)	Behavioral Health Services	Pinellas	750,000
Directions for Living's BabyCAT Program (HB 2609)(Senate Form 1027)	Behavioral Health Services	Pinellas	580,000
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - Pediatric Alternative to Opioid Treatment (HB 4861)(Senate Form 2344)	Behavioral Health Services	Pinellas	850,000
I-275 Sunshine Skyway Bridge #150189 over Tampa Bay	Bridge Construction	Pinellas	6,200,441
Moveable Bridge Repair Pinellas County Various Locations	Bridge Construction	Pinellas	6,468,460
US 19/SR 55 from S of Hamm Blvd to N of Hamm Blvd	Bridge Construction	Pinellas	5,034,881
Discovery Learning Center Transportation Services - Pinellas (HB 4393)(Senate Form 2301)	Community Services	Pinellas	175,000
Police Athletic League of St. Petersburg Renovation (HB 3785)	Community Services	Pinellas	300,000
Academy of Ballet Arts, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	12,795
American Stage Company, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	48,087
Arts Center Association, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	48,070
Artz 4 Life Academy, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	22,023
City of Tarpon Springs - Tarpon Arts/Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	15,529
Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	46,397
Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	46,904
Creative Clay, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	26,383
Creative Pinellas, Incorporated	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	20,122
Dunedin Museum, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	12,849
Eight O'Clock Theatre, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	7,852
Florida CraftArt, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	28,088
Florida Holocaust Museum - Pinellas (HB 2181)(Senate Form 1019)	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	750,000
FreeFall Theatre, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	44,623
Great Explorations, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	47,230
Gulf Coast Artists' Alliance, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	2,292
Imagine Museum Corporation	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	7,032
In Touch with Communities Around the World	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	28,043
Keep St Pets Lit, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	3,971
Museum of Fine Arts of St. Petersburg, Florida, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	47,066
Palm Harbor Historical Society, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	3,151
Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	47,882
Salvador Dali Museum, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	47,749
St. Petersburg Opera Company	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	42,527

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St. Petersburg Warehouse Art District, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	7,069
Tampa Bay Symphony	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	3,148
The Dunedin Fine Art Center, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	47,056
The Florida Orchestra, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	47,536
The Studio @ 620, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	14,363
Your Real Stories, Inc.	Cultural & Museum Grants	Pinellas	11,735
Happy Workers Learning Center Rehab/Restoration (HB 3466)(Senate Form 1030)	Cultural Facilities	Pinellas	300,000
Emt, Inc. - St. Petersburg Jazz Festival - Free Music Workshops and Pre-festival Concerts in an Underserved Community	Culture Builds Florida	Pinellas	11,850
Eric Casaccio "Always Love" - Creation of "Always Love" Film Told Around the 2016 Pulse Night Club Tragedy	Culture Builds Florida	Pinellas	20,335
St. Petersburg Arts Alliance, Inc. - SHINE Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans Festival	Culture Builds Florida	Pinellas	25,000
Pinellas County Youth Advocate Program (HB 2867) (Senate Form 1122)	Delinquency Prevention and Diversion	Pinellas	200,000
School Readiness Services	Early Learning Services	Pinellas	34,601,941
Voluntary Prekindergarten Program	Early Learning Services	Pinellas	15,106,671
Alzheimer's Association Brain Bus (HB 4607)(Senate Form 1673)	Elder Affairs	Pinellas	319,000
The Kind Mouse Production's Kids Feeding Kids Program (HB 3473)	Family Support and Child Welfare	Pinellas	50,000
LIFT Academy/University Transition Program - New Campus (HB 4263)	Fixed Capital Outlay Nonstate Entities	Pinellas	400,000
Pinellas County-Pinellas Schools Joint Use Highpoint Recreation (HB 4113) (Senate Form 2174)	Fixed Capital Outlay Nonstate Entities	Pinellas	500,000
Saint Petersburg College	Florida College System Lottery Funds	Pinellas	10,481,424
Saint Petersburg College	Florida College System Program Fund	Pinellas	59,159,516
Saint Petersburg College - Collegiate High School (Senate Form 2571)	Florida College System Program Fund	Pinellas	2,000,000
Saint Petersburg College - Nursing Simulation Expansion (HB 3737) (Senate Form 1771)	Florida College System Program Fund	Pinellas	725,000
Baynead Complex Sand Volleyball Courts	Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)	Pinellas	200,000
Oldemar Sports Complex Renovation	Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)	Pinellas	200,000
Playground, Picnic, & Exercise Park	Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)	Pinellas	50,000
Treasure Bay Facility Improvement - Tennis	Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)	Pinellas	175,000
Wall Springs Park	Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)	Pinellas	200,000
Asset Maintenance Pinellas County	Highway Maintenance Contracts	Pinellas	5,042,062
US 19/ SR 55 from 126th Ave N to 5 of Seville Blvd	Highway Safety Construction/Grants	Pinellas	1,054,098
Pinellas County Government Historic Resources Survey of Flood Hazard Areas, Phase 1	Historic Preservation Grants	Pinellas	50,000
The University of South Florida John C Williams House Planning Project, Preservation, Protection and Master Plan	Historic Preservation Grants	Pinellas	17,837
Pinellas County Schools Central High School Rehabilitation	Historic Properties Restoration	Pinellas	500,000
St. Petersburg Historical Society, Inc. Explore Florida! Exhibit, St. Petersburg Museum of History	Historic Properties Restoration	Pinellas	500,000
SR 699/Gulf Blvd from N of 36th Ave to 13 1st Ave	Intrastate Highway Construction	Pinellas	1,124,162
Dunedin EOC Fire Training Facility (HB 2607)(Senate Form 1146)	Local Government Fire Services Grant - CFS	Pinellas	1,000,000
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office - Eckerd College Search & Rescue (EC-SAR) Program (HB 4723) (Senate Form 2346)	Local Law Enforcement Project	Pinellas	250,000
Gulfport Linear Breakwater Park Project (HB 4087) (Senate Form 1421)	Local Park	Pinellas	250,000
Treasure Island Curb and Roadway Improvements (HB 2425)(Senate Form 1020)	Local Transportation Projects	Pinellas	900,000
Davis-Bradley Community Involvement Center - Mental Health Overlay (HB 2219)	Offender Rehabilitation Program	Pinellas	150,000
Gateway Expressway from SR 690 at US 19 & SR 686 Est at CR 611 to W of I-275	Preliminary Engineering Consultants	Pinellas	1,000,000

I-275/SR 93 from N End of Skyway Bridge to N of Maximo Point Bridges	Preliminary Engineering Consultants	Pinellas	1,361,942
SR 693/Pasadena Ave/86th St N from Park St to N Tyrone Blvd	Preliminary Engineering Consultants	Pinellas	1,264,742
US 19 (SR 56) from N of CR 96 to S of Pine Ridge Way S	Preliminary Engineering Consultants	Pinellas	1,015,000
Stetson College of Law Veterans Advocacy Clinic (HB 2221) (Senate Form 1013)	Private Colleges and Universities	Pinellas	250,000
PSTA - State Transit Block Grant Program	Public Transit Development/Grants	Pinellas	4,951,432
PSTA Downtown to Downtown Express	Public Transit Development/Grants	Pinellas	2,000,000
Personal Enrichment Mental Health Services - Children's Community Action (CAT) Treatment Team	RBAP*/Behavioral Health Services	Pinellas	750,000
Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.	RBAP*/Elder Affairs	Pinellas	105,571
Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. - Provider Service Area (PSA) 6	RBAP*/Elder Affairs	Pinellas	1,046,000
St. Petersburg College Orthotics and Prosthetics Program	RBAP*/Florida College System Program Fund	Pinellas	560,375
Florida Holocaust Museum	RBAP*/School and Instructional Enhancements	Pinellas	600,000
University of South Florida, St. Petersburg - Center for Innovation	RBAP*/State University System Grants and Aids	Pinellas	260,413
AK US 19/SR 595/Seminole from N of 101st Ave N to East Bay Dr/Missouri	Resurfacing	Pinellas	4,666,730
US 19/SR 55/34th St N from S of 44th Ave N to Park Blvd	Resurfacing	Pinellas	4,561,396
I-275 (SR 93) from 54th Ave S to S of Roosevelt Blvd	Right-of-Way Land Acquisition	Pinellas	4,500,000
I-275 (SR 93) from 54th Ave S to S of Roosevelt Blvd	Right-of-Way Support	Pinellas	2,000,000
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Patient Academics Program (HB 4859) (Senate Form 2362)	School and Instructional Enhancements	Pinellas	450,000
Pinellas County Schools - Career Acceleration Program (HB 3275) (Senate Form 1302)	School and Instructional Enhancements	Pinellas	125,000
University of South Florida, St. Petersburg	State University System Grants and Aids	Pinellas	62,534,035
University of South Florida, St. Petersburg - Citizen Scholar Partnership (HB 4147) (Senate Form 1012)	State University System Grants and Aids	Pinellas	300,000
University of South Florida, St. Petersburg	State University System Lottery Funds	Pinellas	2,370,094
Saint Petersburg College	Student Success Incentive Funds	Pinellas	1,692,522
Toll Operations Sunshine Skyway	Toll Operation Contracts	Pinellas	1,007,000
Pinellas County FY 2020/2021 - 2021/2022 UPWP	Transportation Planning Grants	Pinellas	1,347,948
Lake Seminole Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Renourishment (Senate Form 2077)	Water Project	Pinellas	992,278
Largo Keene Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements (HB 3237) (Senate Form 1772)	Water Project	Pinellas	90,000
Pinellas Park Crook Lake Improvements Phase II (HB 2233) (Senate Form 2463)	Water Project	Pinellas	270,000
St. Pete Beach Sanitary Sewer Capacity Improvement (HB 2421) (Senate Form 1050)	Water Project	Pinellas	1,000,000
Tarpon Springs Anclote River Extended Turning Basin Credge (HB 3121) (Senate Form 1503)	Water Project	Pinellas	812,100
Public Schools Workforce Education Program Funds	Workforce Education	Pinellas	25,958,745

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University of South Florida (HIPPI) Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters. (HB 3815)	RBAP*Partnership for School Readiness	Hillsborough	3,900,000
Ready4Work-Hillsborough (HB 4143) (Senate Form 2565)	RBAP*Reentry Program	Hillsborough	1,400,000
University of South Florida - All Children's Hospital Partnership	RBAP*State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	250,000
University of South Florida - Florida Cybersecurity Initiative	RBAP*State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	6,450,000
University of South Florida Medical Center - Center for Neuromusculoskeletal Research	RBAP*State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	300,000
University of South Florida Medical Center - Veteran PTSD & Traumatic Brain Injury Study	RBAP*State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	250,000
University of South Florida Medical Center - Veteran PTSD Study	RBAP*State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	125,000
University of South Florida Medical Center - Veteran Service Center	RBAP*State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	175,000
Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc. (DACC0)	RBAP*Substance Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Program	Hillsborough	600,000
I-75/SR 93A from N of CR 672 to S of Progress Blvd	Resurfacing	Hillsborough	20,956,362
US 301/SR 41 from N Breckenridge Pkwy/Sigh Ave to I-75/SR 93A	Resurfacing	Hillsborough	4,309,560
US 301/SR 43 from N of Lake St. Charles Blvd to N of Progress Blvd	Resurfacing	Hillsborough	14,709,990
US 41/SR 45 from N of 15th Ave to S of Bullfrog Creek	Resurfacing	Hillsborough	19,471,005
I-275 (SR 93)/SR 60 Interchange	Right-of-Way Land Acquisition	Hillsborough	79,854,955
US 41/SR 45/S 50th St at CSX Grade Separation South of Causeway Blvd	Right-of-Way Land Acquisition	Hillsborough	20,400,400
I-275 (SR 93)/SR 60 Interchange	Right-of-Way Support	Hillsborough	3,096,900
US 41/SR 45/S 50th St at CSX Grade Separation South of Causeway Blvd	Right-of-Way Support	Hillsborough	3,099,600
Building a Better Tampa Bay STEM Workforce Initiative (HB 2181) (Senate Form 2314)	School and Instructional Enhancements	Hillsborough	500,000
Feeding Tampa Bay Engage & Empower (HB 4241) (Senate Form 1500)	School and Instructional Enhancements	Hillsborough	255,000
Friends of the Children School Success Project (HB 2529) (Senate Form 2139)	School and Instructional Enhancements	Hillsborough	168,135
Tampa Museum of Art - Art on the House - Education and Community Outreach (HB 2559) (Senate Form 1284)	School and Instructional Enhancements	Hillsborough	50,000
Port Tampa Bay - Hookers Point Improvements	Seaport Grants	Hillsborough	3,587,612
Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute	State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	10,576,930
University of South Florida	State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	395,314,983
University of South Florida Medical Center	State University System Grants and Aids	Hillsborough	133,058,320
University of South Florida	State University System Lottery Funds	Hillsborough	53,504,957
University of South Florida Medical Center	State University System Lottery Funds	Hillsborough	12,740,542
Hillsborough Community College	Student Success Incentive Funds	Hillsborough	1,488,308
Hillsborough County FY 2020/2021 - 2021/2022 UPWP	Transportation Planning Grants	Hillsborough	1,680,185
Florida Veterans Legal Helpline (HB 4151)(Senate Form 1352)	Veterans' Affairs	Hillsborough	500,000
University of South Florida Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans (HB 4211)	Veterans' Affairs	Hillsborough	200,000
Plant City McIntosh Park Integrated Water Master Plan (HB 4729) (Senate Form 2026)	Water Project	Hillsborough	500,000
Tampa Anita Subdivision Drainage Improvements Phase II (HB 3113) (Senate Form 2421)	Water Project	Hillsborough	250,000
Tampa Septic to Sewer Study (HB 3697) (Senate Form 2027)	Water Project	Hillsborough	100,000
Tampa Wastewater Lateral Lining Project (HB 3326) (Senate Form 2026)	Water Project	Hillsborough	250,000

District 70 Higher Education Appropriations

- University of South Florida - \$566,908,633
- University of South Florida – St. Petersburg - \$55,464,542
- University of South Florida – Sarasota/Manatee - \$28,546,358
 - New College of Florida - \$34,633,217
 - State College of Florida - \$34,694,749

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FL House District 70
Representative Wengay "Newt" Newton
2020 Local Housing Authority Capital Fund Grants

Local Housing Authority	Address	County	City	2019 Allocation	2020 Allocation
St. Petersburg Housing Authority	2001 Gandy Blvd North	Pinellas	St. Petersburg	\$582,419	\$623,476
Tarpon Springs Housing Authority	500 S Walton Avenue	Pinellas	Tarpon Springs	\$232,959	\$134,498
Clearwater Housing Authority	28050 US Highway 19 North	Pinellas	Clearwater	\$426,905	\$427,571
Pinellas County Housing Authority	11479 Ulmerton Road	Pinellas	Largo	\$840,721	\$904,436
Tampa Housing Authority	5301 W Cypress Street	Hillsborough	Tampa	\$2,059,415	\$1,944,003
Plant City Housing Authority	1306 Larrick Lane	Hillsborough	Plant City	\$410,627	\$444,647
Bradenton Housing Authority	2002 9 th Avenue West	Manatee	Bradenton	\$478,699	\$460,391
Manatee County Housing Authority	5631 11 th Street East	Manatee	Bradenton	\$171,254	\$172,801
Venice Housing Authority	201 Grove Street North	Sarasota	Venice	\$141,111	\$145,621
Sarasota Housing Authority	269 South Osprey Avenue Suite 100	Sarasota	Sarasota	\$722,030	\$726,604

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**FL House District 70
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Community Development Block Grant Allocations**

Community Development Block Grants are funds awarded to cities and counties with the stated goal of providing anti-poverty programs, affordable housing and infrastructure development.

City/County	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2020
Hillsborough County	\$6,073,689	\$6,962,758	\$7,028,761	\$7,286,504
Tampa	\$2,798,447	\$3,159,459	\$3,179,489	\$3,220,824
Manatee County	\$1,654,878	\$1,891,041	\$1,873,924	\$1,902,977
Bradenton	\$396,059	\$421,566	\$419,456	\$437,387
Pinellas County	\$2,489,866	\$2,431,096.00	\$2,439,396	\$2,519,210
Clearwater	\$656,940	\$740,943.00	\$764,043	\$837,360
Largo	\$478,990	\$533,382.00	\$537,167	\$558,199
St. Petersburg	\$1,630,521	\$1,774,180.00	\$1,780,777	\$1,871,734
Sarasota County	\$1,527,081	\$1,655,633	\$1,678,399	\$1,776,203
City of Sarasota	\$395,813	\$411,011	\$418,787	\$438,110

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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

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I. POST LEGISLATIVE SESSION RE-OPEN FLORIDA UPDATE

Just six weeks following the adjournment of the 2020 Legislative Session in Tallahassee, and the global economic pain resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic remains on full display with new bleak evidence from Europe and the United States of the mounting devastation wrought on jobs and economies by coronavirus lockdown measures.

Florida's department and agency heads have taken cautious and calculated measures in responding to Covid-19's effects on the State of Florida – prioritizing small businesses and the welfare of Floridians.

Following the creation of the *Re-Open Florida Task Force* - comprised of representatives across all sectors – a final report was submitted to the Governor on Thursday. Governor DeSantis subsequently unveiled his plan for re-opening the State for business in a three-phase approach in-line with the guidelines released by the White House under President Trump's *Reopening America plan*.

Florida legislative leadership has discussed the potential for a special legislative session late summer to address significant state revenue shortfall and critical needs to assist health care system, businesses, employees, and citizens. However, no specific details have emerged. Moody's Analytics estimates the fiscal impact on state budget ranges from \$8 – 10 billion.

CFO Patronis has asked the revenue estimators to begin addressing the probable shortfall. March sales tax and revenue collections are \$770 million below estimates. It is clear that next year's legislative session will be dominated by efforts to rebuild Florida's economy and families.

The **Capitol Alliance Group** is privileged and honored to represent the vibrant City of St. Pete before the Legislature and fight for the City's home rule and interests at-large.

II. NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

➤ Phase-One of Florida's Re-Opening Blueprint

Florida will enter "phase one" of the reopening process on **May 4**. **Miami-Dade**, **Broward** and **Palm Beach** counties will not open on May 4 due to the high concentration of positive COVID-19 infections in the region.

Here is what changes and does change for Florida on May 4:

- Schools continue distance learning
- Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited
- Elective surgeries can resume
- Sports arenas and movie theaters will remain closed
- Restaurants may offer outdoor seating with six feet of space between tables and indoor seating at 25% capacity

- Retail stores can operate at 25% of indoor capacity
- No changes for bars, gyms, and personal services such as hairdressers and barbers
- Vulnerable individuals should avoid close contact with people outside the home

Phase one maintains current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including vulnerable individuals continuing social distancing while in public, avoiding groups of 10 or more and using face masks in public when you can't maintain six feet away from others.

➤ **Sales Tax Revenue Down for Month of March**

Florida sales tax collections from March are as much as **\$770 million** below estimates for the month – equating to approximately 25% less than the state expected to raise in sales tax revenue for the month.

➤ **Florida Has Overtaken California as the U.S. Jobless Claims Capital**

Florida overtook California recently as the U.S. state with the most weekly unemployment claims as Tallahassee began to process in earnest its sizable backlog of filings.

Florida, which reported 432,465 jobless claims for the week ended April 25, topped California's 328,042, marking the first time that they surpassed the Golden State in leading the nation in the number of workers filing for unemployment benefits.

Though both states reported declines in the number of workers seeking insurance from the prior week, that Florida is now leading the chart is notable since its labor force is about half that of California's. Texas and Georgia also saw a significant number of claims last week with each state reporting at least 250,000.

However, U.S. Department of Labor numbers released this week delineate jobless claims have dropped by more than half last week compared to the week prior. More than 1.1 million confirmed claims have been submitted since mid-March. Of that number, almost 481,500 claimants, or 43%, have been paid more than \$1 billion.

➤ **Florida Judge Rejects Unemployment Claims Lawsuit**

A Florida circuit judge Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit seeking to force the state to process and pay unemployment claims that have been delayed amid a crush of people losing jobs because of the [coronavirus](#) pandemic.

The potential class-action lawsuit was filed last month as the state's CONNECT unemployment system faced massive problems. But after a telephone hearing

Wednesday, Judge Angela Dempsey said the plaintiffs did not meet legal requirements for a relatively unusual type of order known as a “writ of mandamus.”

From March 15 to Tuesday, the state system received more than 1.8 million unemployment claims, of which more than 1.1 million were considered “unique,” with the difference due to duplicates or incomplete paperwork. Of the unique claims, nearly 770,000 had been processed as of Tuesday. Payments had been made to 481,497 claimants.

James Uthmeier, an attorney for Gov. Ron DeSantis, said state officials “understand people need help, and we’re working as hard as we can to help them.” But he said the plaintiffs did not meet the legal tests for the order they sought. DeSantis on Monday said he will ask his chief inspector general to review the management of CONNECT, which went live in 2013 at a cost of \$77.9 million under then-Gov. Rick Scott.

DeSantis has also said he would consider a request to bar from future state contracts Deloitte Consulting, which at more than \$40 million had the largest contract in setting up the CONNECT system. In response to potentially being barred from future state contracts, Deloitte issued a statement defending its past work.

Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, the only statewide elected Democrat, has also called for the state’s chief inspector general to review the management of CONNECT.

➤ **Unspent Emergency Housing Money Going to Local Governments for Housing Needs Related to COVID-19**

State money for emergency disaster housing that went unspent this year will be available for local governments to help people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation will distribute \$5 million to local governments through the [State Housing Initiatives Partnership](#), or SHIP program, for pandemic-related housing needs. The money was held back from the program’s annual spending for disaster recovery but was not needed this year. The SHIP program [is funded by](#) Florida’s documentary stamp tax paid on the transfer of real estate.

III. EXECUTIVE/DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY ORDERS TO DATE

Here is a list of the Governor’s Executive Orders issued in response to the Covid 19 Crisis. It also lists Executive Orders from DBPR.

➤ **GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDERS RELATED TO DBPR STAKEHOLDERS**

1. [Executive Order 20-112: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Phase 1: Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery](#)

Executive Order 20-112 establishes the Phase One Recovery path to re-opening Florida in a manner that promotes business operation and economic recovery while maintaining focus on core safety principles. The Phase 1 Recovery includes directives on responsible individual activity, restrictions on certain businesses and business services, and allowances for resumption of certain elective medical procedures. In particular, the Order provides that:

- retail establishments, museums and libraries may operate with no more than 25 percent occupancy.
- on-premises consumption of food and beverages may be allowed at restaurants while following social distancing guidelines and limiting indoor occupancy to no more than 25 percent of the building occupancy.
- sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption remain prohibited at bars, pubs and nightclubs that derive more than 50 percent of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- gyms and fitness centers closed by Executive Order 20-71 remain closed; and
- prohibitions on vacation rentals in Executive Order 20-87 remain in effect for the duration of Emergency Order 20-112.
- Modifies the requirement for senior citizens; no longer a mandatory stay at home so it will allow persons over the age of 65 to decide whether to stay at home.

2. [Executive Order 20-111: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition](#)

Executive Order 20-111 extends the vacation rental prohibitions of [Executive Order 20-87](#) and the essential services and activities directives of [Executive Order 20-91](#) until 12:01 a.m. on May 4, 2020.

3. [Executive Order 20-103: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Extending Executive Order 20-87 on Vacation Rental Closures](#)

Executive Order 20-103 extends the effect of Executive Order 20-87 until April 30, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order. Executive Order 20-87 orders all parties engaged in rental of vacation rental properties to suspend vacation rental operations. Vacation rentals are prohibited from making new reservations or bookings and shall not accept new guests for check-in for the duration of the order. Executive Order 20-87 specifically exempts the following properties from the restrictions of the order: hotels, motels, inns, resorts, non-transient public lodging establishments, time share projects, and long-term rentals. The order also exempts vacation rentals where guests are currently staying or are scheduled to check-in no later than March 28, 2020. Rentals to

persons performing military, emergency, governmental, health or infrastructure response, or travelers engaged in non-vacation commercial activities are also exempted by the order.

4. [Executive Order 20-94: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief](#)

Executive Order 20-94 suspends certain causes of action for a period of 45 days to provide targeted, temporary relief from specified mortgage foreclosures and evictions, without relieving an individual’s obligation to make mortgage payments and rent payments.

5. [Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency](#)

Executive Order 20-91 directs that all persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. The order specifies the meaning of “essential services” and “essential activities” for purposes of the conduct limited by the order. The order encourages all businesses or organizations to provide delivery, carry-out or curbside service of orders placed online or via telephone, to the greatest extent practicable. The order affirms that the restrictions on restaurants and alcohol sales as imposed by Executive Order 20-68 and Executive Order 20-71 remain in effect through the duration of Executive Order 20-52, including any extensions.

6. [Executive Order 20-89: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Public Access Restrictions in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe Counties](#)

Executive Order 20-89 orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County pursuant to its March 19, 2020 Emergency Order 07-20, and as modified by subsequent amendments and orders prior to the date of Executive Order 20-89. County administrators in these counties may determine additional “essential” retail and commercial establishments – or other institutions providing essential services – that shall not be subject to complete closure.

7. [Executive Order 20-87: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Vacation Rental Closures](#)

Executive Order 20-87 has been extended until May 4, 2020, by effect of Executive Order 20-111. Executive Order 20-87 orders all parties engaged in rental of vacation rental properties to suspend vacation rental operations. Vacation rentals are prohibited from making new reservations or bookings and shall not accept new guests for check-in

for the duration of the order. Executive Order 20-87 specifically exempts the following properties from the restrictions of the order: hotels, motels, inns, resorts, non-transient public lodging establishments, time share projects, and long-term rentals. The order also exempts vacation rentals where guests are currently staying or are scheduled to check-in no later than March 28, 2020. Rentals to persons performing military, emergency, governmental, health or infrastructure response, or travelers engaged in non-vacation commercial activities are also exempted by the order.

8. [Executive Order 20-71: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms](#)

Executive Order 20-71 suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink or in sealed containers for consumption on the premises at all licensed alcoholic beverage vendor premises. The order provides that such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off the premises. The order also allows a specially licensed food service establishment to make package sales of alcoholic beverages under certain conditions, notwithstanding the restrictions in section 561.20(2)(a)4., F.S. The order provides authority for licensed alcoholic beverage vendors to request the return of undamaged products purchased for events cancelled in response to COVID-19, subject to conditions and recordkeeping requirements specified in the order. The order clarifies that retail stores and vendors that currently sell sealed containers of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption may continue such sales. Regarding restaurants and food establishments licensed under Chapters 500 and 509, F.S., the order suspends on-premises food consumption for customers while allowing the establishment to operate the kitchen for the purpose of providing delivery or take-out services. The order also directs the closure of gymnasium and fitness centers within the State of Florida, with exceptions for certain facilities identified in the order.

9. [Executive Order 20-70: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Broward and Palm Beach County Closures](#)

Executive Order 20-70 closes on-premises service of customers at all restaurants, bars, taverns, pubs, night clubs, banquet halls, cocktail lounges, cabarets, breweries, cafeterias, and any other alcohol and/or food service business establishment with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County. These establishments may continue to operate their kitchens for the purpose of providing delivery, pick-up or take-out services. The order does not apply to restaurants that ancillary to essential services, including airports, port facilities, secure facilities, and hospitals. The order also directs the closure of all movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling

alleys, arcades, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches, with exceptions for certain facilities identified in the order.

10. [Executive Order 20-68: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Regarding Bars, Pubs and Nightclubs; Beaches; and Restaurants](#)

Executive Order 20-68 directs restrictions on the operations of certain bars, pubs, nightclubs, and restaurants.

11. [Executive Order 20-52: Emergency Management – COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Executive Order 20-52 directs the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Level II, to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.

12. [Executive Order 20-51: COVID-19 Response Protocol and Directs Public Health Emergency](#)

Executive Order 20-51 directs the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.

➤ **DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
EMERGENCY ORDERS**

1. [DBPR Emergency Order 2020-05](#) – Issued April 30, 2020

DBPR Emergency Order 2020-05 supersedes DBPR Emergency Order 2020-01 and suspends the renewal deadline until June 1, 2020, for any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by DBPR that has an existing renewal deadline in March, April, or May 2020. The order also suspends the deadlines related to continuing education conditions of renewal for these license holders through June 1, 2020.

2. [DBPR Emergency Order 2020-04](#) – Issued March 27, 2020

DBPR Emergency Order 2020-04 suspends certain conditions of the emergency powers of the association board of a condominium, cooperative, or homeowners' association to allow the exercise of these powers during the state of emergency unless specifically prohibited by the provisions of the association's governing documents. The order suspends and tolls the timing requirements pertaining to the preparation, submittal, or filing of certain financial reports and statements of a condominium association, cooperative association, or timeshare plan. The order waives the assessment of pilotage earned by harbor pilots for March and April 2020 and extends the deadline for the filing of a harbor pilot's annual earnings statement from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. The order suspends any restriction of chapter 474, F.S., or chapter 61G-18, F.A.C. which

would prohibit an active Florida-licensed veterinarian from practicing telemedicine on a patient.

3. [DBPR Emergency Order 2020-03](#) – Issued March 23, 2020

DBPR Emergency Order 2020-03 suspends and tolls through May 31, 2020, the following: all time requirements, notice requirements, and deadlines for final agency action on applications for permits, licenses, rates, and other approvals under any statutes or rules for which such applications are deemed approved unless disapproved in writing by specified deadlines; all final orders reflecting final agency action; all time requirements, notice requirements and deadlines for filing responses to notices of intended agency action pursuant to s. 120.569, Florida Statutes; and all deadlines for licensure eligibility and examination eligibility.

4. [DBPR Emergency Order 2020-02](#) – Issued March 23, 2020

DBPR Emergency Order 2020-02 suspends the provisions of section 499.006(9), Florida Statutes, as they relate to the expiration date of personal protective equipment (PPE) that is worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace injuries or illnesses, including filtering facepiece respirators such as N-95 respirators and surgical masks.

5. [DBPR Emergency Order 2020-01](#) – Issued March 16, 2020

DBPR Emergency Order 2020-01 suspends the license renewal deadline for a period of 30 days following the existing renewal deadline for any license, permit, registration, or certificate with an expiration occurring in March or April. The order also provides that license renewal requirements for completion of continuing education, if applicable, are also suspended for the same time period.

➤ **COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS**

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	32,801
Confirmed by DOH	3,533
Tested by private labs	29,268
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	1,268
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	889
Confirmed by DOH	116
Tested by private labs	773

Total Cases Overview	33,690
Traveled	1,751
Contact with confirmed case	11,606
Travel & contact with confirmed case	1,569
Unknown and Under Investigation	17,875

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HB 25 - Jones	Cannabis Offenses	Reduces criminal penalties for possession of specified amounts of cannabis & products containing specified amounts of THC; specifies that juvenile violators of certain provisions are eligible for civil citation or prearrest diversion programs.	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Justice Appropriations Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead
SB 242 - Braynon	Cannabis Offenses	Senate companion	Criminal Justice Approp Subcom on Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations	support	dead
SB 40 - Rader	Plastic Carryout Bags & Straws	Prohibiting a store or food service business from providing a carryout bag made of plastic film; prohibiting a food service business from selling or providing to a single-use plastic straw, etc.	Commerce and Tourism Community Affairs Rules		dead
no house companion					
HB 41 - Grieco	Conversion Therapy	Prohibits conversion therapy on individual who is younger than specified age.	Health Quality Subcommittee Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee Health & Human Services Committee	support	dead
SB 180 - Rodriguez	Conversion Therapy	Senate companion	Health Policy Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Rules	support	dead
SB 94 - Book	Transfers of Firearms	Requiring transfers of firearms to be conducted through a licensed dealer.	Infrastructure and Security Criminal Justice Rules	support	dead
HB 451 - Good	Weapons and Firearms	Senate companion	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Justice Appropriations Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead
HB 97 - Eskamani	State Renewable Energy Goals	Requires that all electricity used in state be generated by renewable energy by specified date	Energy & Utilities Subcommittee Agriculture & Nat Resources Approps Subcom Commerce Committee	support	dead
SB 256 - Rodriguez	Renewable Energy	Similar Senate companion	Innovation, Industry, and Technology Governmental Oversight and Accountability Rules	support	dead
HB 113 - Roach	Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act	Preempts regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics	Passed - Health Quality Subcommittee Passed - Federal & Vet Affairs Subcommittee	oppose	passed

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			Health & Human Services Committee		
SB 172 - Bradley	Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act	Preempts regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics	Passed -Community Affairs Passed - Innovation, Industry, and Technology Passed - Rules	oppose	passed
HB 117 - Jacquet	Concealed Weapons or Concealed Firearms Licensing	Requires applicant to have undergone mental health evaluation & been determined to be competent or provide letter from specified profession as to competency.	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Ag & Natural Resources Approps Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead
no senate companion					
HB 133 - McClain	Towing & Immobilizing Vehicles & Vessels	Authorizes local gov't's to enact rates to tow vessels on private property & remove & store vessels; removes requirement regarding notices & signs concerning towing or removal of vehicles & vessels.	Passed - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee Passed - Business & Professions Subcommittee State Affairs Committee	monitor	passed
SB 1332 - Hooper	Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels	Authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified circumstance	Passed - Community Affairs Infrastructure and Security Rules	monitor	passed
no house companion					
SB 150 - Brandes	Sanitary Sewer Laterals	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	Passed - Environment and Natural Resources Passed - Judiciary Rules	monitor	dead
HB 161 - Toledo	Prohibited Discrimination	Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity in public lodging establishments.	Civil Justice Subcommittee Business & Professions Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead
SB 206 - Rouson	Prohibited Discrimination	Senate companion	Governmental Oversight and Accountability Judiciary Rules	support	dead
HB 163 - Altman	Homelessness	Provides requirements for continuum of care catchment areas & lead agencies; establishes grant-in-aid program to help continuums of care prevent & end homelessness.	Passed - Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee Health & Human Services Committee	monitor	passed
SB 68 - Book	Homelessness	Senate companion	Passed - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Approps Subcom on Health & Human Services	monitor	passed

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HB 175 -Davis	Housing Discrimination	Removes housing discrimination as cause of action for relief & damages stemming from violations of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992; revises timeframe & conditions under which aggrieved person may commence civil action after alleged discriminatory housing practice.	Passed - Civil Justice Subcommittee Passed - Government Operations & Technology passed - Appropriations Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	monitor	passed
SB 374 - Rouson	Housing Discrimination	Senate companion	Passed - Judiciary Passed - Gov Oversight & Accountability Rules	monitor	passed
HB 203 - Sabatini	Growth Management	Requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element; provides local government's property rights element may not conflict with statutorily provided statement rights.	Passed - Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee Commerce Committee State Affairs Committee	oppose	passed
SB 410 - Perry	Growth Management	Senate companion	Passed - Community Affairs Judiciary Rules	oppose	passed
HB 227 - Hogan Johnson	Criminal Sentencing	Increases sentence points requiring nonstate sanction; revises calculation of highest & lowest permissible sentences.	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Justice Appropriations Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	monitor	dead
SB 424 - Brandes	Criminal Sentencing	Identical senate companion	Criminal Justice Approps Subcom on Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations	monitor	dead
HB 213 - Ponder	Florida Tourism Marketing	Postpones the sunset of the Florida Tourism Marketing Corp from 7/1/20 to 10/1/28.	Workforce Development & Tourism Subcom Transportation & Tourism Approps Subcom Commerce Committee	support	See SB 362
SB 362 - Hooper	Florida Tourism Marketing	Senate companion	Passed - Commerce and Tourism Passed - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Dev Appropriations	support	passed
HB 243 - Antone	Nonservice Animals	Prohibits nonservice animals from entering specified public food service establishments or places of business.	Business & Professions Subcommittee Gov Operations & Technology Approps Subcom Commerce Committee	oppose	dead
SB 1814 - Powell	Nonservice Animals	Prohibiting nonservice animals from entering specified public food service establishments or places of business	Commerce and Tourism Innovation, Industry, and Technology Appropriations	oppose	dead

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HB 245 - Polsky	Concealed Weapons and Firearms	Prohibits concealed weapon or firearm licensee from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into any child care facility.	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead
SB 398 - Berman	Concealed Weapons and Firearms	Senate companion	Infrastructure and Security Judiciary Rules	support	dead
HB 631 - Polsky	Sale, Transfer, or Storage of Firearms	Revises requirements for storage of firearms; provides criminal penalties if minor access stored firearm & uses it in specified way	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Business & Professions Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead
SB 266 - Farmer	Safe Storage of Loaded Firearms	Revising the locations and circumstances in which a loaded firearm is required to be kept or secured with a trigger lock.	Infrastructure and Security Criminal Justice Rules	support	dead
HB 273 - Sabatini	Carrying of Firearms	Removes requirement for license to carry concealed firearm; limits areas in which concealed carrying of firearm is prohibited.	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Agriculture & Natl Res Approps Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	defeat	dead
no senate companion					
no house companion					
SB 274 - Rodriguez	Residential Tenancies	Prohibiting a landlord from evicting a tenant because the tenant is a victim of actual or threatened domestic violence	Judiciary Innovation, Industry, and Technology Rules	support	dead
no house companion					
SB 278 - Rodriguez	Climate Health Planning	Requiring the Department of Health to prepare an annual climate health planning report.	Health Policy Infrastructure and Security Appropriations	support	dead
no house companion					
SB 280 - Rodriguez	Climate Fiscal Responsibility	Requiring the Economic Estimating Conference to annually prepare a climate fiscal responsibility report.	Infrastructure and Security Finance and Tax Appropriations	support	dead
no house companion					
SB 288 - Rodriguez	Private Property Rights	Exempting from the definition of "public utility" property owners who own and operate a renewable energy source device.		support	dead
HB 289/HB 291 - Daley	Sales of Ammunition	Requires background checks for sale or transfer of ammunition.	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Justice Appropriations Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead

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SB 460/SB 462 - Book	Sales of Ammunition	Linked Senate companions	Infrastructure and Security Judiciary Rules	support	dead
HJR 301/HB 303 - Drake	Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission	Abolishes the Constitution Revision Commission.	Passed - Civil Justice Subcommittee Passed - State Affairs Committee Passed - Judiciary Committee	defeat	dead
SJR 142 - Brandes	Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission	Senate companion joint resolution	Passed - Judiciary Passed - Gov Oversight & Accountability Rules	defeat	dead
no house companion					
SB 310 - Stewart	Three-dimensional Printed Firearms	Prohibiting 3D-printed firearms.	Infrastructure and Security Judiciary Rules	support	dead
no house companion					
SB 334 - Stewart	Tourist Development Tax	Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues to promote or incentivize film or television productions.	Passed - Community Affairs Finance and Tax Appropriations	support	dead
HB 335 - Geller	Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote	Provides for enactment of Agreement Among States to Elect President by National Popular Vote.	Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee Civil Justice Subcommittee State Affairs Committee	monitor	dead
SB 908 - Torres	Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote	Providing for enactment of the agreement; requiring a statewide popular election for President and Vice President of the United State	Ethics and Elections Judiciary Rules	monitor	dead
HB 339 - Andrade	Drug Trafficking Offenses	Revises minimum & maximum quantities for certain trafficking offenses; removes specified offenses.	Criminal Justice Subcommittee Justice Appropriations Subcommittee Judiciary Committee	support	dead
SB 468 - Brandes	Mandatory Sentences	Authorizing a court to impose a sentence other than a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment and mandatory fine for a person convicted of trafficking	passed - Judiciary Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations	support	dead
no house companion					
SB 428 - Braynon	Prohibited Places for Weapons and Firearms	Revising the locations where a concealed weapons licensee is prohibited from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm.	Infrastructure and Security Judiciary Rules	support	dead

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no house companion					
SB 446 - Brandes	Renewable Energy	Authorizing owners of businesses to operate a renewable energy source device on a property; authorizing owners to sell electricity generated.	Innovation, Industry, and Technology Commerce and Tourism Rules	monitor	dead
HB 459 - Overdorf	Building Design	Provides that regulations relating to building design elements may not be applied to certain structures	Passed - Business & Professions Subcommittee Passed - Government Operations & Technology Approps Subcommittee Commerce Committee	oppose	dead
SB 954 - Perry	Building Design	Providing that certain regulations relating to building design elements may not be applied to certain structures	Community Affairs Innovation, Industry, and Technology Rules	oppose	dead
HB 943 - Daley	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Defines "master plan for electric vehicle charging stations"	Passed - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee Appropriations Committee State Affairs Committee	support	dead
SB 452 - Rodriguez	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Requiring the Dept of Transportation, to develop and adopt by a master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on the state highway system.	Infrastructure and Security Approps SC on Trans, Tourism, & Econ Dev Appropriations	support	dead
HB 691 - Jacquet	Minimum Wage	Revising the formula for the adjusted state minimum wage, etc.	Workforce Dev & Tourism Subcommittee Appropriations Committee Commerce Committee	support	dead
SB 456 - Rodriguez	Minimum Wage	Revising the formula for the adjusted state minimum wage, etc.	Commerce and Tourism Innovation, Industry, and Technology Rules	support	dead
HB 715 - Maggard	Recycled Water	Provides recycled water is water source for public water supply systems	Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee Ag & Natural Resources Approps Subcommittee State Affairs Committee	monitor	dead
SB 1656 - Albritton	Reclaimed Water	Providing that reclaimed water is a water source for public water supply systems; providing specified groundwater and surface water quality protections for potable reuse projects	Innovation, Industry, and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government Appropriations	monitor	dead
HB 1339 - Yarborough	Housing	Revises provisions addressing affordable housing; specifies sales tax rate for certain mobile homes; exempts certain water & wastewater service resellers from regulation	Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee Ways & Means Committee Commerce Committee	monitor	passed

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CS/SB 818 - Hutson	Housing	Authorizing a BOCC to approve development of affordable housing on any parcel zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use;	Passed - Community Affairs Infrastructure and Security Appropriations	monitor	dead
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 - Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee 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 Appropriations 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 Ag & Natural Resources Approps Subcommittee 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 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 Higher Education & Career Readiness Subcom 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 Justice Appropriations Subcommittee 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

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SB 150	2019-576	Private Laterals	Passed by City Council	support	dead
SB 94, SB 134, SB 266, SB 270, SB 310, SB 428, SB 460, SB 548, SB 558, SB 586, SB 652, HB 6009, HB 117, HB 201, HB 245, HB 289, HB 451, etc.	2019-577	Support for firearm safety	Passed by City Council	support	All dead

Appropriation Projects

City Requests

HB 9155 (Diamond/Rouson) \$ 1,000,000 Carter G. Woodson Museum for planning & design of expansion

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

HB 3737 – Latvala \$724,685 St. Petersburg College - Nursing Simulation Expansion

HB 3765 – Newton \$2,500,000 Police Athletic League of St. Petersburg Renovation

HB 4147 – Grant \$300,000 University of South Florida - St. Petersburg - Citizen Scholar Partnership

HB 9157 – Diamond \$736,700 St. Petersburg College - Industrial Workforce Business Incubator

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.

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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:

e. 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.

I am hopeful that will you 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.

Penny for Pinellas Revision for Affordable Housing

Proposed amendment to s. 212.0559(2)(d)(1)(e) F.S.

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212.055 - Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; authorization and use of proceeds.

It is the legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as provided in s. 212.054.

(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.—

(d)1. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “infrastructure” means:

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA NEW BUSINESS ITEM

TO: Members of City Council
DATE: January 30, 2020
COUNCIL DATE: February 6, 2020
RE: Affordable Housing Proposal

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

St. Petersburg City Council
Committee of the Whole Report
Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2020

Present: Chair Ed Montanari, Vice-Chair Gina Driscoll, and Councilmembers Darden Rice, Amy Foster, Deb Figgs-Sanders, Robert Blackmon, and Brandi Gabbard

Also Present: Deputy Mayor Tomlin, Tom Green, Jackie Kovilarich, Jeannine Williams, Brad Tennant, Michael Dema, Mike Jeffries, Evan Mory, and Rob Gerdes

Absent: Councilmember Lisa Wheeler-Bowman

Support Staff: Kayleigh Sagonowsky, City Council Legislative Aide

New Business:

I-375 Park Update - Mike Jefferis and Evan Mory

Leisure Services Administrator Mike Jefferis began his presentation by explaining that this project is now in the final stages of approval in the Weeki Wachee funding process. The project was initiated a few years ago when Councilmember Driscoll began looking for ways to beautify and increase functionality of the city-owned space. Mr. Jefferis displayed images of the current area as well as the proposed park and parking lot.

Transportation and Parking Management Director Evan Mory joined him to discuss the proposed budgets for each component of the newly named I-375 Park. Chair Montanari asked if surplus funds would be returned to the Weeki Wachee Fund and Chief Assistant City Attorney Jeannine Williams replied yes. He also asked about how to keep children safe at the park, given that it is nearby major roadways. Mr. Jefferis explained this park is intended to be more of a gathering space than a playground, and expressed concerns that fencing in the area would encourage visitors to use it as a dog park.

Councilmember Driscoll moved to approve the allocation of not more than \$450,000 from the Weeki Wachee Fund for the project. All were in favor.

Linkage Fee Ordinance - Rob Gerdes

Neighborhood Affairs Administrator Rob Gerdes began his presentation by reminding Councilmembers of their previous discussions on linkage fees and other solutions for affordable housing. He explained that in 2018 there were two Committee of the Whole meetings in which staff reviewed the city's current housing programs, funding sources, and incentives. After listening to council member feedback, Mr. Gerdes drafted a memo which outlined a series of changes that his, and other departments, felt they could implement to improve housing affordability and access. He said even though staff worked hard to implement those changes, a new funding source is still needed to address the affordable housing crisis in St. Petersburg.

Next, Mr. Gerdes reviewed the rationale for implementing a linkage fee. In St. Petersburg, 34.2% of homeowners and 52% of renters paid 30% or more of their income on housing. One cause of the high number of cost burdened households is that many local jobs are lower-paying. For example, 17.9% of St. Petersburg residents work in retail, 15% work in social services, and 13% work in utilities. Mr. Gerdes also explained that federal and state funds like HOME and SHIP are insufficient to meet the needs of the community. In addition to donating city-owned land, committing Penny for Pinellas Funds, maintaining the South St. Petersburg CRA,

and revising the Floor Area Ratio Bonus Structure, Mr. Gerdes said the administration's preferred method of raising new funds is through linkage fees. Implementing linkage fees would help the city meet its goal of creating or preserving 2,400 multi-family units by raising \$20 million over the next 10 years.

Next, Mr. Gerdes explained that in order for council to vote for an impact fee, there has to be a reasonable legal basis. He argued this reasonable basis has been met through Florida state statute, the 2007 Pinellas County Nexus Study and the 2019 St. Petersburg Nexus Study. The 2019 study found the maximum fees that the city would have a legal basis to charge are \$41.56/ sq.ft. for residential, \$16.11/ sq.ft. for industrial, \$37.77/ sq.ft. for commercial, \$34.62/ sq.ft. for office, \$91.97/ sq.ft. for hotels, and \$2.59/ sq.ft. for extended stay hotels. At his current proposal of \$1.00/sq.ft. for residential, industrial, commercial, and hotel and 10 cents/ sq.ft. for office, Mr. Gerdes said Council would clearly be below the maximum fees and have reasonable legal basis to charge a fee. To complete his presentation, Mr. Gerdes presented comparison charts of building fees from nearby counties. He said for most uses, the fee to build in other locations is much higher than the fee for building in St. Petersburg. For example, a builder of a 1,000 sq. ft. multi-family unit in Pinellas currently pays \$1,596 in fees. If a \$1.00/sq.ft. linkage fee was established, the new Pinellas fee would be \$2,596, which would still be significantly less than the \$7,302 fee charged by Hillsborough or the \$10,322 fee charged by Pasco for the same unit. Mr. Gerdes said he would like the ordinance to return to full Council in May or June and asked for Council feedback.

Councilmember Blackmon expressed concerns that the proposed FL HB 637 would preempt the city from instituting a linkage fee. He said he only learned of the bill earlier that morning and was surprised he'd never heard of it before. Blackmon reported the bill was fast-tracked and had moved through every committee thus far with a unanimous vote. Mr. Gerdes said he was unaware of the bill and asked the city attorney's opinion. Ms. Kovilarich said legal had also just become aware of the bill and that they we're not ready to provide an opinion on it.

Council Member Figgs-Sanders asked if tiny homes would be considered ADU's or if those would be permissible as a build alternative. She also suggested adding language to the ordinance that would ensure appraisals are performed by legitimate vendors. Finally, she suggested that allowing funding for first-time homebuyer assistance for those making up to 140% AMI is too high. Mr. Gerdes said 140% was used to align with state and federal programs, but he would be okay lowering it if that is the will of the body.

Councilmember Foster said she recognizes that the draft ordinance has taken stakeholder feedback into consideration, but doesn't believe it charges a high enough fee and has too many loopholes. She stated that research shows that requiring developers to build units is a better alternative to collecting money and asked how Mr. Gerdes developed the current build alternative formula. He said it's based on the \$1 fee schedule and that he didn't want to set it too high in fear that no one would use it. Councilmember Foster also listed all of the other funding options that have been considered by Council thus far and reminded her peers that most options had been removed from consideration for legal reasons.

Councilmember Gabbard asked if garages would be exempt and suggested Council ratify AHAC's decision to waive the fee. Regarding the land dedication alternative, she asked for a written commitment that the land would be used for affordable housing. She also stated that reducing the AMI for homebuyer assistance below 140% would prevent her from voting yes.

Councilmember Driscoll asked for more details about the linkage fees in Coconut Creek and Winter Park. Specifically, what outcomes both cities have been able to achieve and what impact the collection of fees has made on affordable housing. She also suggested the fee for office be \$0 so developers are not incentivized and charged at the same time. Mr. Gerdes stated that not charging a fee for one particular use could be legally challenging.

Councilmember Blackmon stated his belief that the build alternative as presented would never be used because it would be significantly cheaper to just pay the fee. He also reiterated frustrations that FL HB 637 was not brought to his attention sooner. Deputy Mayor Tomlin replied that the possibility of preemption is perpetual in Tallahassee and the need is too urgent to let the state figure it out. Ms. Kovilarich said legal is not convinced there is an express preemption in the legislation, but her staff will review it further.

Councilmember Rice said the draft ordinance is a great place to start the conversation about funding for affordable housing. However, she disagrees with some of its components and would like to revisit ad valorem taxes and referendums and needs to see increased density before she's comfortable with linkage fees.

Chair Montanari asked if a greater percentage of state and federal money could be used towards creating and preserving 2,400 units. Mr. Gerdes stated that the guidelines for SHIP and HOME are very restrictive. Montanari also suggested the fee for office be set at \$0.

Councilmember Foster motioned for linkage fees to move forward to the full body. The motion passed with Councilmembers Foster, Driscoll, Rice, and Figgs-Sanders voting yes and Councilmembers Montanari, Blackmon, and Gabbard voting no.

Building Permit Special Revenue Fund - Councilmember Blackmon

Councilmember Blackmon explained that through his recent talks with the City Attorney's Office, he now envisions this new business item as a possible parallel path, rather than an alternative, to linkage fees. His idea to draw down on the surplus in the Building Permit Special Revenue Fund for affordable housing would require a revision to FL Statute 83. A bill is currently being considered by the Florida Legislature to make the necessary changes. Councilmember Blackmon said he would work with the lobbying team to support the bill and update Council accordingly.