

City of St. Petersburg  
**Public Services & Infrastructure Committee**

**Agenda**

November 7, 2019 – 10:45 AM

Sunshine Center Auditorium

330 5th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33705

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Members: Committee Chair Steve Kornell, Committee Vice-Chair Ed Montanari,  
Council Chair Charlie Gerdes, & Council Member Amy Foster

Alternate: Council Member Lisa Wheeler-Bowman

Support Staff: Jayne Ohlman - City Council Legislative Aide

**1) Call to Order**

**2) Approval of Agenda**

**3) Approval of October 24, 2019 Minutes**

**4) New Business – November 7, 2019**

a) City-Owned Grow Smarter Sites - Update – *Alan DeLise*

- 1. Commerce Park Site**
- 2. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Sites**
- 3. Tangerine Plaza Site**
- 4. Innovation District Site**
- 5. Former Police Station Site**
- 6. Port Site**

b) Carter G. Woodson Museum (Continued Discussion from October 10) – *Chris Ballestra, Terri Lipsey Scott*

**Upcoming Meeting Dates & Tentative Agenda Items**

**December 12, 2019 – TBD**

**General Attachments:**

Minutes of the October 24, 2019 PS&I Committee Meeting  
New Business Item Support Material  
Pending and Continuing Referral List

City of St. Petersburg  
**Public Services & Infrastructure Committee**  
**October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes**  
*Sunshine Center Auditorium*

**Present:** Committee Members – Committee Chair Steve Kornell, Committee Vice-Chair Ed Montanari, Council Chair Charlie Gerdes, Council Member Amy Foster

**Absent:** Council Member Lisa Wheeler Bowman (Alternate)

**Also Present:** Assistant City Administrator Tom Greene, City Attorney Jackie Kovilaritch, Assistant City Attorney Devon Haggitt, Assistant City Attorney Derrill McAteer, Planning & Development Services Director Liz Abernethy, Zoning Official Jenni Bryla, Water Resources Director John Palenchar, and Senior Water Resources Manager Scott Lewis

**Support Staff:** Jayne Ohlman - City Council Legislative Aide

1. **Call to Order** – 9:28 AM
2. **Approval of Agenda** – CM Gerdes moved approval, all members voted in favor.
3. **Approval of October 10, 2019 Minutes** – CM Montanari moved approval, all members voted in favor.

**New Business October 24, 2019**

**Continued Discussion of Potential Amendment to Chapter 16.40.040 RE: Fence Materials to Allow for Metal Panels** – *Jenni Bryla, Elizabeth Abernethy, & Devon Haggitt*

The City’s Zoning Official, Jenni Bryla, began by reminding the committee that staff was directed to draft language to allow for metal fence materials at the May 9, 2019 PS&I committee meeting. Ms. Bryla presented the following draft amendment language: “The use of decorative corrugated metal is permitted when metal is finished to eliminate reflectivity, contrasting trim is provided on the top and bottom rails and contrasting columns are installed every eight (8) linear feet to provide a finished look.” Ms. Bryla explained that the proposed language could be incorporated into the 2020 residential land development review (“LDR”) package.

Ms. Bryla presented the committee with examples of metal fences that would comply with the design standards if council chose to move forward with the proposed draft language. CM Montanari requested that Ms. Bryla explain why the examples provided either do or do not comply. Ms. Bryla explained that the fences that do comply have rails installed on the top and bottom of the fence, as well as have contrasting columns every eight linear feet to provide a finished look.

CM Gerdes expressed his support of the proposed language and in referencing the examples of metal fences that are not compliant, he noted that it would not be difficult for property owners to bring the fences into compliance. CM Gerdes made a motion to approve the proposed language and requested staff to move forward with incorporating the amendment into the 2020 residential LDR package.

CM Foster asked why the proposed amendment could not move forward immediately, rather than waiting to “bundle” into the 2020 residential LDR package. Director of Planning and Development Services Liz Abernethy responded that staff still needs to do stakeholder outreach, such as attend the Council of Neighborhood Associations (“CONA”) meeting on November 20.

Ms. Abernethy explained that work for the 2020 residential LDR package is set to begin in the first quarter of 2020.

CM Kornell asked if current code cases involving metal fence materials will be put into abeyance while changes to the code are pending. Ms. Abernethy explained that current cases have already been put into abeyance, however, the enforcement of any new cases involving non-compliant metal fence materials would be an administrative decision. Ms. Abernethy added that if staff received positive feedback from the full City Council, then future cases of metal fences that meet the proposed requirements could be permitted through the alternative methods of compliance.

All members voted in favor of CM Gerdes' original motion and CM Kornell stated that a full vote of support would be initiated at the November 7, 2019 City Council meeting when the committee report is received.

### **A Potential Revised Ordinance to Create a Grease Waste Management Program & Clean-up of Chapter 27, Article III, Division 4 – *Scott Lewis, John Palenchar, & Derrill McAteer***

Senior Water Resources Manager Scott Lewis began with a summary of the City's current grease waste management program. Mr. Lewis stated that the objective of the current ordinance is to prevent the introduction of fats, oils, and grease into the City's wastewater system. Revisions to the existing ordinance for the grease waste management program are necessary to reflect current regulations and requirements, as well as to refine the current fats, oils and grease ("FOG") control program. Mr. Lewis explained that fats, oils and grease are a byproduct of cooking, food and drink preparation, and meat preparation and FOG is generated from meat fats, shortening, butter, margarine, sauces and dairy products. Mr. Lewis explained that when these products are washed down the drain, they solidify and can cause blockage in the sewer pipes and pumps. Mr. Lewis explained that sewer blockages can cause sanitary sewer overflows when the excessive accumulation of a blockage restricts the flow of wastewater.

Mr. Lewis explained that the FOG control draft ordinance will include general requirements, device design/implementation standards, operations and maintenance requirements, including records monitoring and reporting, and enforcement remedies. Mr. Lewis then elaborated on a few of the significant changes a potential revised ordinance would contain regarding grease management. First, to maintain consistency with Pinellas County, St. Pete will no longer permit pump & return or "decanting." Second, the City will begin to require a minimum size for industrial grease traps (e.g., City of Largo is 50 GPM minimum, City of Lakeland is 20 GPM.) Third, haulers will be required to submit "pump-out" records electronically, which is currently required in Pinellas County. Mr. Lewis also stated that there will be proposed increases to the annual permit fees in the revised ordinance and explained that the fees have not been increased since the program's inception. Mr. Lewis stated that once staff has received feedback from council on the proposed changes, staff will conduct stakeholder outreach, and provide the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") with a draft ordinance for approval. Mr. Palenchar and Mr. Lewis stated that staff intends to return with a draft ordinance to the PS&I committee before moving forward to a full City Council deliberation.

CM Montanari asked if FOG byproduct could be utilized for the biosolids to energy program and Mr. Palenchar responded that the goal is to get the biosolids project completed and functioning before creating a system to acquire FOG from industrial vendors.

CM Kornell asked if staff could be prepared to return to PS&I on December 12 and Mr. Palenchar responded that the timeframe would be too constrained due to the required review by FDEP.

CM Gerdes made a motion for staff to return to PS&I with a draft ordinance once the stakeholder outreach and FDEP review process have been completed. All members voted in favor.

***Committee Chair Kornell adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.***

	Topic	Return Date	Referral Date	Prior Meeting	Referred By	Staff	Notes
1	<b>Quarterly report on Grow Smarter sites</b> <b>a) Port Site</b> <b>b) Innovation District Site</b> c) 800 Block Site <b>d) Police Station Site</b> e) Tropicana Field Site <b>f) Commerce Park Site</b> <b>g) 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Sites</b> <b>h) Tangerine Plaza Site</b>	11/7/19	2/15/18 3/8/18	3/8/18 5/31/18 9/13/18 6/13/19	Foster Driscoll	A. DeLisle	<b>2/15/18</b> -Requesting a report regarding opportunities/plans available at City-owned Grow Smarter sites. <b>5/31/18</b> -Discussion covered the Innovation District, Police Station Site, Tropicana Field Site, and Tangerine Plaza Site <b>9/13/18</b> -A memo from A. DeLisle was distributed to the committee in lieu of a verbal update on Tangerine Plaza. See minutes of 9/13 for full memo <b>6/13/19</b> - Update on Innovation District, Former Police Station Site, & Tangerine Plaza
2	Carter G. Woodson Museum Update	11/7/19	10/3/19	10/10/19	Admin	C. Ballestra	<b>10/10/19</b> – Presentation of preliminary design for museum expansion. Committee requested staff to return for continued discussion
3	Water Resources Dept. 2017 Management Recommendations – <i>Annual Update</i>	1/16/20	12/7/17	1/10/19	Council	C. Tankersley J. Palenchar	<b>12/7/17</b> -PS&I to manage the 57 recommendations made by LA Consulting. <b>1/10/19</b> - C. Tankersley & J. Palenchar updated committee on progress of implementation of the 57 recommendations
4	Presentation and Discussion on the City's Facility Maintenance Plan	1/30/20	6/7/18	5/9/19	Foster, Admin	A. Wendler L. Glover- Henderson	<b>9/12/19</b> – T. Greene indicated staff would like to return for a check-in prior to holding a COW. Tentatively scheduled for 1/30/20
5	Discussion of an ordinance that will set standards for mechanical noise, such as HVAC systems		4/18/19	9/26/19	Driscoll	L. Abernethy D. Goodwin	<b>9/26/19</b> – Committee requested staff to explore potential mechanical noise mitigation incentives & return to PS&I to present options.
6	A discussion on possible amendments to the City's Grease Waste Management Program		4/4/19	10/24/19	Gerdes	S. Lewis C. Tankersley J. Palenchar	<b>10/24/19</b> – CM Gerdes requested that staff return to PS&I with a draft ordinance after stakeholder outreach & FDEP review process is completed
7	Consider amending Chapter 16.40.040 to allow for fence construction containing corrugated metal panels & establishing standards for such materials.		3/7/19	5/9/19 10/24/19	Gerdes	J. Bryla S. Bolyard	<b>5/9/19</b> – Committee requested staff to return with a draft ordinance after stakeholder outreach <b>10/24/19</b> – CM Gerdes made a motion to approve proposed language & incorporate into 2020 residential LDR package
8	Body Cameras and Dashboard Cameras		5/18/17	6/15/17	Council	A. Holloway	<b>6/15/17</b> -CM Gerdes made a motion to move forward with \$87,000 allocation for Dash Cams. <b>7/13/17</b> -Council approved purchase of dashboard cameras & accessories for \$87,000. <b>9/27/18</b> -Per Chief Holloway: No update at this time. <b>9/12/19</b> – CM Driscoll requested an update at the next quarterly council report (Nov. 7, 2019)

9	<b>Capital Improvement Assessment (Maintenance &amp; Hurricane/Tropical Storm Preparedness)</b> a. Bridges b. Reclaimed Water & possible expansion c. Roads / Sidewalks / Pedestrian Bridges d. Seawalls e. Stormwater f. Potable Water (water quality audit) g. Buildings h. Sewers / Wastewater (if needed) i. New sidewalk planning		2/2/17	a. 4/27/17 a. 7/20/17 b. 8/24/17 c. 11/9/17 d. 3/22/18 d. 11/15/18 e. 7/12/18 f. 7/26/18 (COW)	Kennedy, Gerdes	a. Prayman b. Palenchar c. Prayman d. Prayman e. J. Norris f. Palenchar g. Tankersley i. Tankersley, Mory	<b>a) Bridges</b> -Staff to bring back analysis of long-term and pedestrian bridge funding. CM Kennedy asked to have noted that between 2021 and 2025 there is a \$50 million shortage on funding for bridges. <b>b) Reclaimed Water</b> -report provided by J. Palenchar. Items <b>b), e), f) &amp; h)</b> are in Integrated Master Plan. <b>c) Roads/Sidewalks</b> -power point by B. Prayman & J. Norris. Staff to report to committee on updated numbers for annual sidewalk repair & replacement with the numbers based on new technology. Funding for brick streets replacement as a recurring maintenance cost needs to be considered. <b>e) Stormwater</b> – J. Norris updated committee on Stormwater infrastructure, challenges, and ongoing projects. <b>d) Seawalls/Living Shorelines:</b> B. Prayman, C. Frey, & C. Tankersley updated the committee on seawall repairs/replacements, living shoreline projects and updated mapping of the city seawalls/living shorelines.
PS&I 2019 Dates: 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 5/30, 6/13, 7/25, 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 12/12 – 2020: 1/16, 1/30							