

COUNCIL MEETING

Municipal Building
175-5th Street North
Second Floor Council Chamber

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

**March 6, 2025
1:30 PM**

Welcome to the City of St. Petersburg City Council meeting. The public may address City Council in person.

The public must attend the meeting in person to speak during public hearings or quasi-judicial hearings. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting or have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 893-7448. If you are deaf/hard of hearing and require the services of an interpreter, please call our TDD number, 892-5259, or the Florida Relay Service at 711, as soon as possible. The City requests at least 72 hours advance notice, prior to the scheduled meeting, for accommodations.

To assist the City Council in conducting the City's business, we ask that you observe the following:

1. If you are speaking under the Public Hearings, Appeals or Open Forum sections of the agenda, please observe the time limits indicated on the agenda.
2. Placards and posters are not permitted in the Chamber. Applause is not permitted except in connection with Awards and Presentations.
3. Please do not address Council from your seat. If asked by Council to speak to an issue, please do so from the podium.
4. Please do not pass notes to Council during the meeting.
5. Please be courteous to other members of the audience by keeping side conversations to a minimum.
6. The Fire Code prohibits anyone from standing in the aisles or in the back of the room.
7. If other seating is available, please do not occupy the seats reserved for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing.

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The public can participate in the meeting by providing public comment for agenda items other than public hearings and quasi-judicial hearings in the following ways:

- If attending the Zoom meeting by computer or other device, use the “raise hand” button in the Zoom app.
- If attending the Zoom meeting by phone only, enter *9 on the phone to use the “raise hand” feature.

The “raise hand” feature in the Zoom meeting indicates your desire to speak but does not allow you to speak immediately. You must use the “raise hand” feature at the time the agenda item is addressed. All “raised hands” will be lowered after each agenda item. When it is your turn to speak, your microphone will be unmuted. At the conclusion of your comments or when you reach the three-minute limit, you will be muted. Please be advised that at all times the chair has the authority and discretion to re-order agenda items, and in the event the meeting is disrupted by violations of the rules of decorum, to accept public comment by alternate means, including by email only.

Regardless of the method of participation used, normal rules for participation apply, including the three-minute limit on comments, the requirement that any presentation materials must be submitted to the City Clerk in advance of the meeting, and the rules of decorum. Public comments must be submitted before the public comment period has closed.

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A. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call.

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

A moment of silence will be observed to remember fallen Firefighters and Police Officers of the City of St. Petersburg that lost their lives in the line of duty during this month:

Firefighter Abner L. Daughtry- March 4, 1954

B. Approval of Agenda with Additions and Deletions.

C. Consent Agenda (see attached)

Open Forum

The City Council receives public comment during Open Forum and on agenda items with limited exceptions consistent with Florida law. All issues discussed under Open Forum must be limited to issues related to the City of St. Petersburg government. If you wish to address City Council on subjects other than public hearing or quasi-judicial items listed on the agenda, please sign up with the Clerk. Only City residents, owners of property in the City, owners of businesses in the City or their employees may speak during Open Forum. If you wish to address City Council through the Zoom meeting, you must use the "raise hand" feature button in the Zoom app or enter *9 on your phone at the time the agenda item is addressed. When it is your turn to speak, you will be unmuted and asked to state your name and address. At the conclusion of your comments or when you reach the three-minute time limit, you will be muted. All "raised hands" will be lowered after each agenda item. Regardless of the method of participation used, normal rules apply, including the three-minute time limit on comments, the requirement that any presentation materials must be submitted in advance of the meeting and the rules of decorum. If live public comment is disrupted by violations of the rules of decorum, the chair is authorized to accept public comment by alternate means, including by email only.

D. Awards and Presentations

E. New Ordinances - (First Reading of Title and Setting of Public Hearing)

F. Reports

1. [State of Emergency Update Pursuant to City Code 2-429](#)

2. [Trails Crossing Agreement](#)

- (a) A resolution acknowledging the selection of LandDesign, Inc. (Consultant) as the most qualified firm to provide planning services for the Trails Crossing Master Plan Project (Project); approving an Architect/Engineering Agreement (A/E Agreement) between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida ("City") and Consultant for Consultant to provide planning services for the Project in an amount not to exceed \$254,478; approving a funding agreement (Funding Agreement) between the City and Friends of Trails Crossing, Inc. (Agency) for Agency to contribute up to \$150,000 toward the Project; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the A/E Agreement and Funding Agreement; approving the rescission of an unencumbered appropriation in the General Fund (0001) in the amount of \$150,000 from the Economic and Workforce Development Department, Economic and Workforce Development Division (375- 2609); approving a transfer in the amount of \$150,000 from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from the above rescission, to the General Capital Improvements Fund (3001); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvements Fund (3001), resulting

from the above agreement and transfer, to the Trails Crossing Master Plan Project (Oracle TBD); authorizing the City Attorney's office to make non-substantive changes to the A/E Agreement and Funding Agreement; and providing an effective date.

G. New Business

1. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Youth & Family Services committee or other relevant committee for a discussion regarding financial support for the Arts Conservatory for Teens (ACT) Program. (Council Member Figgs-Sanders)
2. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Economic & Workforce Development Committee to provide an update on the Center for the Arts Study. (Council Member Driscoll - Staff Request)
3. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee to discuss amendments to the City Code to allow for increased density through workforce housing bonuses along the Pinellas Trail and SunRunner Corridor. (Council Member Givens)
4. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee to discuss amending the City Code to limit the number of temporary shade structures deployed on a property and establish setback requirements. (Council Member Givens)
5. Respectfully requesting a referral to the Health, Energy, Resilience, and Sustainability Committee to discuss lifting the City's regulation of single-use plastic straws. (Council Member Givens)

H. Council Committee Reports

I. Legal

1. Announcing an attorney-client session, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8), in conjunction with the lawsuit styled Heriberto A. Sanchez-Mayen v. City of St. Petersburg, Officer Michael Thacker and Officer Sarah Gaddis, Case No: 8:24-cv-00690-WFJ-TGW.

On Thursday, March 27, 2025 in City Council Chambers, at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, an attorney-client session, pursuant to Florida Statute § 286.011(8), will be held in conjunction with the lawsuit styled Heriberto A. Sanchez-Mayen v. City of St. Petersburg, Officer Michael Thacker and Officer Sarah Gaddis, Case No: 8:24-cv-00690-WFJ-TGW. Any or all of the following persons will be attending: Copley Gerdes; Brandi Gabbard; Mike Harting; Lisset Hanewicz; Deborah Figgs-Sanders; Gina Driscoll; Corey Givens, Jr.; Richie Floyd; Mayor Kenneth Welch; Rob Gerdes; Jacqueline M. Kovilaritch, City Attorney; Jeannine Williams, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Joseph P. Patner, Executive Assistant City Attorney; Martin Musichi, Assistant City Attorney. The open City Council meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida. During the public meeting, the session will be closed at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the closed session may be heard, and only those persons described above together with a certified court reporter will be allowed to be present. The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations and/or strategy related to litigation expenditures. At the conclusion of the closed session the meeting will be re-opened to the public and the closed session will be terminated.

J. Public Hearings and Quasi-Judicial Proceedings - 5:01 P.M.

K. Open Forum

L. Adjournment

**Consent Agenda A
March 6, 2025**

NOTE: The Consent Agenda contains normal, routine business items that are very likely to be approved by the City Council by a single motion. Council questions on these items were answered prior to the meeting. Each Councilmember may, however, defer any item for added discussion at a later time.

(Procurement)

1. Approving the purchase of library furniture and shelving with Library Interiors of Florida, Inc. for the Engineering and Capital Improvements Department in the amount of \$500,000.00.
2. Approving an increase in allocation for calcium oxide, with Lhoist North America of Alabama LLC., for the Water Resources Department, in the amount of \$550,000.
3. A resolution acknowledging the selection of Westra Construction Corp. as the most qualified firm to provide progressive design-build (PDB) services for the NEWRF & NWWRF PCCP Replacement; authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute the City's standard form design-build agreement (agreement) between the City of St. Petersburg and Westra Construction Corp, for the lump sum amount of \$1,240,965.89 (ECID Project No. 23109-100; Oracle No. 16904); and providing an effective date.
4. Accepting Statements of Qualifications from Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., Hubbard Construction Company, and Preferred Materials for Roadway Pavement Restoration services for the Engineering and Capital Improvements Department.
5. Accepting proposals from BayCare Health System and Life Scan Wellness Center for Health Services, Medical Examinations & Testing Services for the Human Resources, Fire Rescue, and Police Departments in the amount of \$2,870,200.
6. Approving a two-year extension of a blanket purchase agreement and an allocation increase for insurance, group life and disability services, with Standard Insurance Company; and requesting a waiver of Procurement Code Section 2-203(a) pursuant to Procurement Code Section 2-210, to effectuate a two-year contract extension to benefit from current market pricing of these services.
7. Accepting a bid from Excelsior Defense, Inc. for Unarmed Security Guard Services for the Fleet and Library Departments, in the amount of \$915,882.00.

(City Development)

(Community Enrichment)

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement award in the total amount of \$553,611.21 for damaged sod replacement at waterfront parks; approving a transfer in the amount of \$553,611.21 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these federal and state funds, to the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$553,611.21 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from this transfer, to the Waterfront Parks Sod Replacement – Idalia Project (21018); and providing an effective date.
9. A resolution approving a transfer in the amount of \$1,019,637 from the unappropriated balance of the Disaster Short Term Financing 2024 Fund (2040) to the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001); approving supplemental appropriations from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from this transfer, in the amount of \$98,600 to the Parks & Recreation Administration Building Repairs – Milton Project (21019), \$57,520 to the Parks & Recreation St. Petersburg Tennis Center Repairs – Milton Project (21020), \$102,698 to the Parks & Recreation Fencing Repairs – Milton Project (21021), \$24,600 to the Parks & Recreation Shade Structure Repairs – Helene/Milton Project (21022), \$70,756 to the Parks & Recreation Facilities Roofing Replacement/Repairs – Milton Project (21023), \$22,682 to the Athletics Scoreboard Replacement/Repairs – Milton Project (21024), \$19,000 to the Athletic Field Dugout Repairs – Milton Project (21025), and \$623,781 Lake Vista Rec Center Water Intrusion – Milton Project (20951); and providing an effective date.

(Public Works)

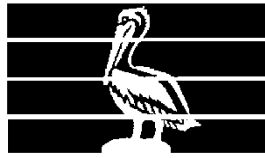
10. A Resolution approving the Fifth Amendment to the Architect/Engineering Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (“A/E”), dated October 1, 2018, as amended, for A/E to provide additional limited construction phase services related to the Lift Station 63 Northeast Master Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$69,456.00; providing that the total contract amount shall not exceed \$794,122.16; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the Fifth Amendment; and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 18092-111; Oracle Nos. 15809)
11. A Resolution accepting the Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal dated January 14, 2025 in the amount of \$5,061,979 from Wharton Smith, Inc. (“Wharton-Smith”) for construction phase services for the Cosme WTP Operational Accellator 3 & 6 Condition Assessment Project; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the First Amendment to the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMAR”) Agreement with a GMP between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Wharton-Smith, dated September 21, 2023 to incorporate the GMP Proposal into the agreement and modify other necessary provisions; (ECID Project No. 22103-111; Oracle No. 19042); and providing an effective date.
12. A Resolution accepting the Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal dated January 14, 2025 in the amount of \$3,707,266 from Wharton Smith, Inc. (“Wharton-Smith”) for construction phase services for the Cosme WTP Sluice Gates Rehabilitation Project; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the First Amendment to the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMAR”) Agreement with a GMP between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Wharton-Smith, dated July 28, 2023 to incorporate the GMP Proposal into the agreement and modify other necessary provisions; (ECID Project No. 23054-100; Oracle No. 18926); and providing an effective date.

13. A Resolution accepting a Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal dated February 7, 2025 in the amount of \$3,500,000 from Wharton-Smith, Inc. (“Wharton-Smith”) for construction phase services for the SWWRF Vulnerability Assessment Implementation Project (“Project”); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with a GMP between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Wharton-Smith for the Project; and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 25149-130; Oracle No. 20933)

14. A Resolution accepting a Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal dated February 6, 2025 in the amount of \$3,500,000 from Wharton-Smith, Inc. (“Wharton-Smith”) for construction phase services for the NEWRF Vulnerability Assessment Implementation Project (“Project”); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with a GMP between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Wharton-Smith for the Project; and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 25151-130; Oracle No. 21030)

(Appointments)

(Miscellaneous)



**Consent Agenda B
March 6, 2025**

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(Procurement)

1. Approving an increase in allocation for various types of cleaners, lubricants, and insecticides with Hill Manufacturing Co Inc., for the Procurement and Supply Management Department in the amount of \$45,000.
2. Accepting a bid from KONE, Inc. for Elevator Maintenance & Repair Services for the Police Department in the amount of \$130,300.
3. Accepting a bid from Renew Construction Services LLC, for as-needed securing of structures for the Codes Compliance Department, in the amount of \$225,000.
4. Accepting Statements of Qualifications from Apex Companies LLC, ASRus, and HDR for Consulting Services, Underground Injection Wells and Monitoring Systems for the Engineering and Capital Improvements Department.
5. Approving an agreement with United Fire Protection for the Fire Alarm Systems Testing & Certification Services for the Police Department, in the amount of \$152,845.
6. Accepting a proposal from Ulliance, Inc. for Employee Assistance Program services, for the Human Resources Department, for a three-year contract amount of \$225,000.
7. Approving the use of a cooperative agreement for from Xylem Dewatering Solutions Inc., for two (2) six-inch Godwin pumps and trailers, for the Water Resources Department, at a total cost of \$128,267.28.
8. Accepting a proposal from Keys Consulting Firm, LLC, for Engaging Disengaged Youth in Workforce Development Opportunities for the Mayor's Office, for a one-year contract amount of \$200,000.
9. Approving the renewal of a blanket purchase agreement with Sport Surface Pros LLC for sport courts resurfacing, in the amount of \$250,000.
10. Approving the purchase for network infrastructure maintenance and support for PC Solutions & Integration, Inc. For the Department of Technology Services at a total cost of \$160,485.54.

(City Development)

11. A resolution approving a transfer in the amount of \$25,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Disaster Short Term Financing 2024 Fund (2040) to the General Capital Improvement Fund (3001); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 from the unappropriated balance of General Capital Improvement Fund (3001), resulting from the above transfer, to the Jamestown Roof Milton Project (20926); and providing an effective date.
12. A resolution approving a reinstatement and second amendment to the agreement with Artonomy, LLC. (Artist) to reinstate the agreement, extend the artists deadline for design and fabrication services until March 30, 2025, and to provide that the entirety of artists performance must be completed by May 1, 2025; authorizing the mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transition; and providing an effective date.
13. A Resolution approving a funding agreement between The Looper Group, Inc. (Agency) and the City of St. Petersburg, Florida (City), for the City to provide \$250,000 to Agency for the purchase of a new trolley to further mobility in downtown St. Petersburg (Agreement); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the Agreement and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and providing an effective date.
14. A Resolution of the St. Petersburg City Council approving the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for the property located at 201 21st Avenue North, a contributing property to the North Shore Historical District listed in the National Register of Historic Places; recommending that the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners approve an exemption to the county ad valorem tax; approving execution of a historic preservation property tax exemption covenant; and providing an effective date.

(Community Enrichment)

15. A resolution approving an agreement (“Funding Agreement”) between the City of St. Petersburg (“City”) and the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Inc. (“Agency”) for the City to provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$245,000 to support the Healthy Neighborhood Store Program in FY25; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement; authorizing the City Attorney’s Office to make non-substantive changes to the Agreement; and providing an effective date.

(Public Works)

16. A Resolution accepting the Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) proposal dated January 29, 2025 in the amount of \$166,660.87 from Biltmore Construction Co., Inc. (“Biltmore”) for construction phase services associated with signing and pavement marking, pedestrian, street parking, and traffic calming improvements as part of the Grand Central Painted Bulb Outs Project (“Project”); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with a GMP between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Biltmore for the Project; and providing an effective date (ECID Project No. 22061-112; Oracle Nos. 16743, 17232, and 17957).
17. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 21-02-C/W(A), as amended, to the architect/engineering agreement dated July 15, 2021, as amended, between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (“A/E”) for A/E to provide construction phase services related to the Cosme WTP Sluice Gates Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$138,481; providing

that the total Task Order, as amended, shall not exceed \$465,035 (ECID Project No. 23054-100; Oracle No. 18926); and providing an effective date.

18. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 21-03-MC/W(A) to the architect/engineering agreement dated July 15, 2021, as amended, between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and McKim & Creed, Inc. (“A/E”) for A/E to provide bidding phase services and limited construction administration, construction engineering, and construction observation services related to the 50th-54th Avenue North and 66th St N Water Main Upsize Project in an amount not to exceed \$45,075.68; providing that the total Task Order, as amended, shall not exceed \$115,072.16 (ECID Project No. 24107-130; Oracle No. 20076); and providing an effective date.
19. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Task Order No. 21-18-KCA/TB(S) to the architect/engineering agreement dated December 15, 2020, as amended, between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Kisinger Campo & Associates, Corp. (“A/E”) for A/E to provide data collection and bridge prioritization and a bridge assessment related to the Citywide Bridge Inventory Analysis and Prioritization FY25 Project in an amount not to exceed \$138,765.46 (ECID Project No. 25135-130; Oracle No. 19838); and providing an effective date.
20. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Task Order No. 21-07-FNI/W(A) to the architect/engineering agreement dated July 15, 2021, as amended, between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Freese and Nichols, Inc. (A/E) for A/E to provide project management, site visits, field studies, preliminary design services, design phase services, and construction phase services related to the SWWRF Vulnerability Assessment Implementation Project in an amount not to exceed \$357,509.89 (ECID Project No. 25149-130; Oracle No. 20933); and providing an effective date.
21. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute Task Order No. 21-08-FN/W(A) to the Architect/Engineering Agreement dated July 15, 2021, as amended, between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and Freese and Nichols, Inc. (“A/E”) for A/E to provide project management, preliminary design services, design phase services and construction phase services related to the NEWRF Vulnerability Assessment Implementation Project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (ECID Project No. 25151-130; Oracle No. 21030); and providing an effective date.

(Appointments)

(Miscellaneous)

22. A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to (i) accept \$81,755 from Pinellas County (County) as the City's share of the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to continue funding of law enforcement initiatives as set forth in the Countys grant application, and (ii) to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the maximum reimbursable amount of \$81,755 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389) JAG 2024 Project (21034); and providing an effective date.
23. Youth and Family Services Committee Meeting Minutes (August 15, 2024)

24. Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Minutes (January 16, 2025)

MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Note: An abbreviated listing of upcoming MEETING AGENDA Council meetings.

Budget, Finance & Taxation Committee

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 100

Committee of the Whole

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room 100

City Council Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 1:30 p.m., City Council Chamber