

# COUNCIL MEETING

Municipal Building  
175-5<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Second Floor Council Chamber

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG**

**April 11, 2024  
3:00 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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- Watch live on Channel 15 WOW!/Channel 641 Spectrum/Channel 20 Frontier FiOS
- Watch live online at [www.stpete.org/TV](http://www.stpete.org/TV)
- Listen and participate by dialing one of the following phone numbers
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- Watch, listen, and participate on your computer, mobile phone, or other device by visiting the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/95275638053>

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.

**A. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call.**

**April 11, 2024  
3:00 PM**

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

**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**

1. [Proclamation ~ Fair Housing Month](#)
2. [Proclamation ~ Arbor Day](#)
3. [Proclamation~ Earth Day](#)
4. [Kids & Kubs Trophy Presentation](#)
5. [Proclamation ~ Black Maternal Health Week](#)
6. [Proclamation ~ Water Conservation Month](#)
7. [Proclamation ~ National Small Business Week](#)

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

**F. Reports**

**G. New Business**

1. [Respectfully requesting a referral to the Housing, Land Use and Transportation Committee or other relevant committee for a discussion on a Universal Basic Mobility pilot program. \(Councilmember Driscoll\)](#)

**H. Council Committee Reports**

I. Legal

J. Open Forum

K. Adjournment

CONSENT



AGENDA

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COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

# MEETING AGENDA

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

**FY 2025 Budget Open House**

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers*

**Committee of the Whole**

*Thursday, April 18, 2024, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 100*

**Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

*Thursday, April 18, 2024, 10:15 a.m., Conference Room 100*

**City Council Meeting**

*Thursday, April 18, 2024, 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers*

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CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG  
**Board and Commission Vacancies**

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## **PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:**

1. **Anyone wishing to speak must fill out a yellow card and present the card to the Clerk. All speakers must be sworn prior to presenting testimony. No cards may be submitted after the close of Public Comment. Each party and speaker is limited to the time limits set forth herein and may not give their time to another speaker or party.** Each party and speaker wishing to present handouts, photographs, presentation slides or any other materials (collectively, "Materials") during a quasi-judicial proceeding must submit such Materials to the City Clerk no later than 24 hours in advance of the applicable public hearing. **Materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and may not be used.**

2. At any time during the proceeding, City Council members may ask questions of any speaker or party. The time consumed by Council Member questions and answers to such questions shall not count against the time frames allowed herein. Burden of proof: in all appeals, the Appellant bears the burden of proof; in rezoning and land use cases, the Property Owner or Applicant bears the burden of proof except in cases initiated by the City, in which event the City Administration bears the burden of proof; for all other applications, the Applicant bears the burden of proof. Waiver of Objection: at any time during the proceeding Council Members may leave the Council Chamber for short periods of time provided they continue to hear testimony by audio. If any party has an objection to a Council Member leaving the Chamber during the hearing, such objection must be made at the start of the hearing. If an objection is not made as required herein it shall be deemed to have been waived.

3. Reading of the Title of the Ordinance(s), if applicable.

4. Initial Presentation. Each party shall be allowed ten (10) minutes for their initial presentation. The order of initial presentations shall be:

a. Presentation by City Administration.

b. Presentation by the Appellant followed by the Applicant, if different. If Appellant and Applicant are different entities, then each is allowed the allotted time for each part of these procedures.

c. Presentation by Opponent. If anyone wishes to utilize the initial presentation time provided for an Opponent, said person shall register as an Opponent with the City Clerk at least one week prior to the scheduled public hearing or within 48 hours after the City staff report for the public hearing has been published (whichever is later). If more than one person registers to utilize the initial presentation time provided for an Opponent, the registered persons shall attempt to agree on a single representative to participate as the Opponent in the proceeding. If the persons cannot agree on a single representative, then each person (or person's representative) shall share equally the time allotted to the Opponent for each part of these procedures. If there is an Appellant who is not the Applicant or Property Owner, then no Opponent is allowed. If a Property Owner who is not the Appellant or the Applicant opposes the Application and utilizes any part of the time available to the Property Owner to make an initial presentation, the Opponent shall not be permitted to make an initial presentation (but shall be provided an opportunity for cross-examination and rebuttal/closing).

d. If the Property Owner is neither the Appellant nor the Applicant, they shall be allowed the allotted time for each part of these procedures and shall have the opportunity to speak last in each part of these procedures so that they have the opportunity to address what all the interested parties have presented.



5. Public Comment. Upon conclusion of the initial presentations, members of the public may speak for not more than three (3) minutes each. Speakers shall limit their testimony to information relevant to the ordinance or application and criteria for review.

6. Cross Examination. Each party shall be allowed a total of five (5) minutes for cross examination, which includes the time consumed by both questions and answers. Each party who opposes the application may only cross examine any witness who previously testified in support of the application. Each party who supports the application may only cross examine any witness who previously testified in opposition to the application. The questioning party is not permitted to make any statements, only to ask questions that are directly related to the testimony or evidence presented. All questions shall be addressed to the Chair and then (at the discretion of the Chair) asked either by the Chair or by the party conducting the cross examination of the appropriate witness. One (1) representative of each party shall conduct the cross examination. If anyone wishes to utilize the time provided for cross examination and rebuttal as an Opponent, and no one has previously registered with the City Clerk as an Opponent, said individual shall notify the City Clerk prior to the beginning of initial presentations for the applicable public hearing. If no one gives such notice, there shall be no cross examination or rebuttal by Opponent(s). The order of cross examination shall be:

- a. Cross examination by City Administration.
- b. Cross examination by Opponents, if applicable.
- c. Cross examination by Appellant followed by Applicant, followed by Property Owner, if different.

7. Rebuttal/Closing. Each party shall have five (5) minutes to provide a closing argument and/or rebuttal. The order of rebuttal/closing shall be:

- a. Rebuttal/Closing by City Administration.
- b. Rebuttal/Closing by Opponent, if applicable.
- c. Rebuttal/Closing by Applicant followed by the Appellant, if different, followed by Property Owner, if different.

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Presentation Item**

**DATE:** April 1, 2024

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation ~ Fair Housing Month

**PRESENTER:** City Council Member Brandi Gabbard

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:** April 11, 2024

Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** In honor of the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, also known as the Fair Housing Act, April is designated as Fair Housing Month to bring attention to the landmark legislation that guarantees fair housing and equal opportunity for our nation's citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** By supporting, promoting, and enforcing fair housing laws, as well as equal opportunity, we are contributing to the quality of our city, state, and nation by encouraging others to abide by the letter and the spirit of the national Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS,** Providing fair housing opportunities for all citizens is an essential goal of the City of St. Petersburg, and it joins with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, concerned citizens, and the housing industry in working to realize the dream of fair and affordable housing for all city residents; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of St. Petersburg is proud of its efforts to further fair housing and recognizes that this can only be accomplished through forging partnerships with other government agencies, corporations, for profit and non-profit organizations, entrepreneurs, and all persons interested in furthering fair housing; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of Fair Housing Month, the Tampa Bay Fair Housing Consortium is hosting its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Symposium on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> with the Pinellas REALTOR<sup>®</sup> Organization, a professional trade association since 1908, holding certification and continuing education events during Fair Housing Month.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, KENNETH T. WELCH,** Mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

## ***FAIR HOUSING MONTH***

in the city of St. Petersburg, Florida, and urge all citizens to observe this month by preserving and promoting each person's right to housing without regard to their status, to celebrate the Fair Housing Act that protects these rights under the law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and the State of Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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**Kenneth T. Welch**  
Mayor

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Presentation Item**

**DATE:** March 26, 2024

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation ~ Arbor Day

**PRESENTER:** Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:** April 11, 2024

Mayor Kenneth T. Welch



# Proclamation



- WHEREAS,** Trees enhance the quality of life by cleansing air and water, providing critical shade, and serving as natural and vital habitat for a variety of birds and foraging fauna; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees help moderate temperatures by creating a cooling effect which can counteract the heating effect of pavement and buildings in an urban environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees promote social, economic, and environmental health by capturing and slowing stormwater runoff, filtering air pollution, reducing nutrient loading in water systems and flooding of neighborhoods, and contributing to the character and aesthetic beauty of neighborhoods and business districts; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of St. Petersburg wishes to create awareness and appreciation for trees among all the residents of this community; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of St. Petersburg supports the concept of Arbor Day and wishes to enhance its tree resources, through commemorative plantings on an annual basis; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of St. Petersburg supports being designated a “Green City” through programming to conserve water, plant trees, preserve estuaries and sensitive lands, provide earth-friendly recycling programs, and the City’s initiative to reduce its carbon footprint.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth T. Welch,** Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby recognize the observation of

## **ARBOR DAY**

through our annual Green Thumb Festival held on the fourth weekend of April and encourage all residents to join us in this observance.

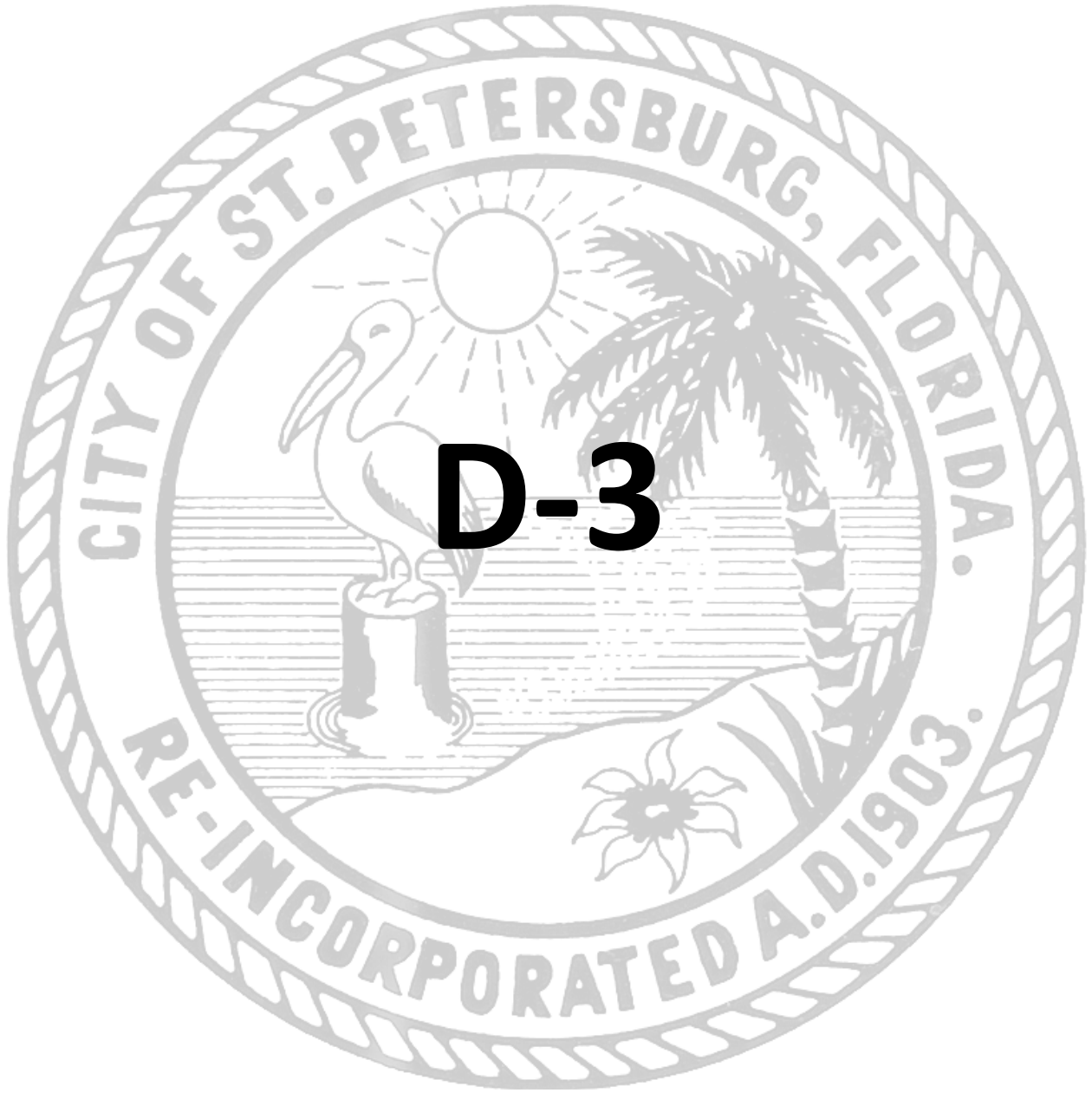
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



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**Kenneth T. Welch**  
Mayor

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Presentation Item**

**DATE:** April 1, 2024

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation Honoring Earth Day

**PRESENTER:** City Council Member Gabbard

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:** April 11, 2023

Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

# Proclamation



- WHEREAS,** The Tampa Bay Region is an environmentally rich and ecologically diverse community with an estuary that is a valuable and productive regional resource; and
- WHEREAS** Earth Day was originally observed on April 22, 1970, by more than 20 million Americans leading to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Clean Air and Clean Water Acts; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tampa Bay Region faces challenges to protect our environmental resources and quality of life, including the basic needs of clean air, pure water, and natural habitats for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tampa Bay area's environmental resources have greatly benefitted from the legislative and public awareness generated by the observance of Earth Day; and
- WHEREAS,** April 22, 2024, is **Earth Day**, to be celebrated throughout the month of April and in many communities in the Tampa Bay Region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth T. Welch,** Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2024 as

## **EARTH DAY**

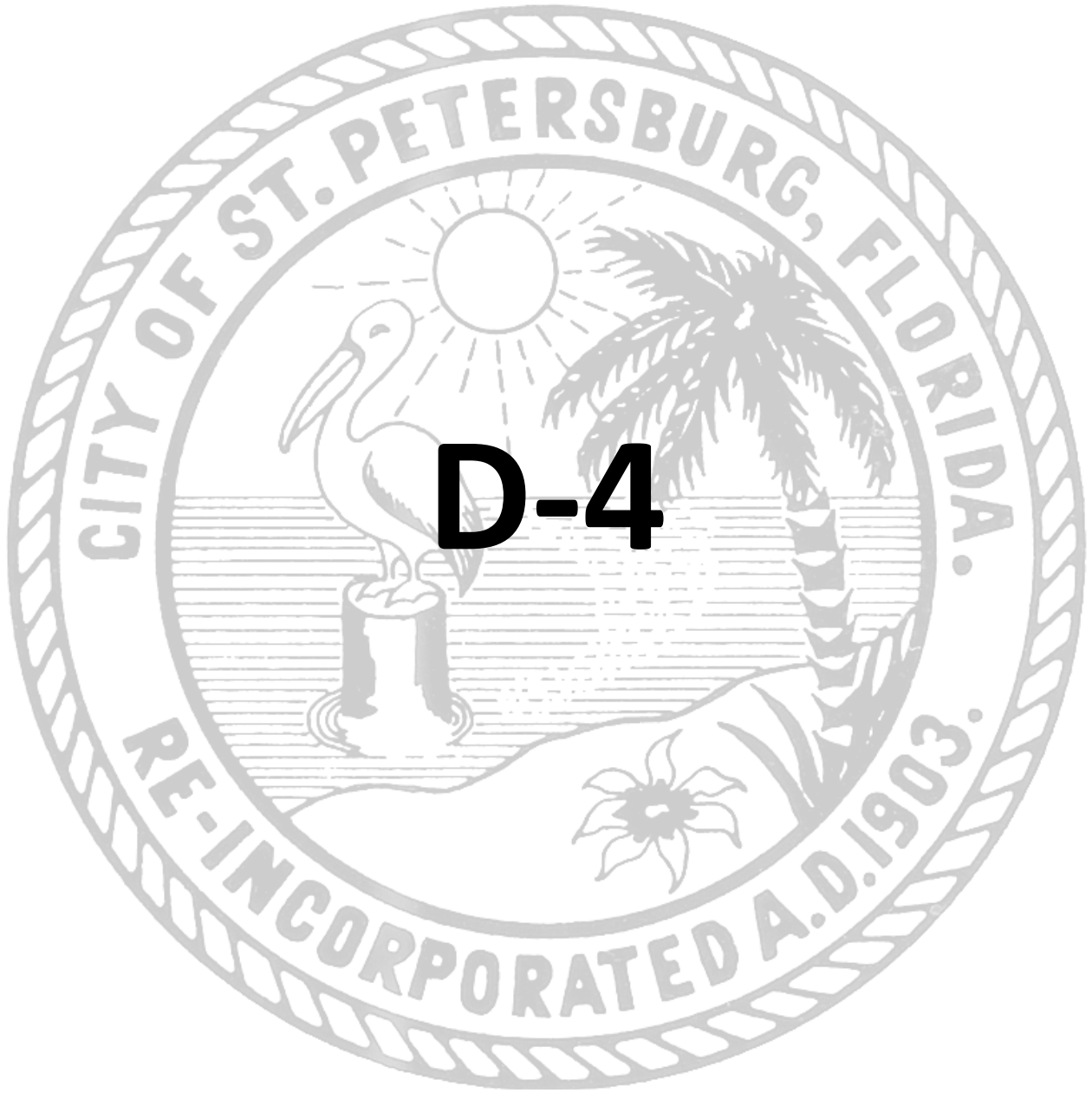
in St. Petersburg and encourage all citizens to commemorate Earth Day by attending community events and by acting both individually and collaboratively to promote a more sustainable and resilient future for St. Petersburg.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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**Kenneth T. Welch**  
Mayor

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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA PRESENTATION

**DATE:** March 22, 2024

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Kids & Kubs Trophy Presentation

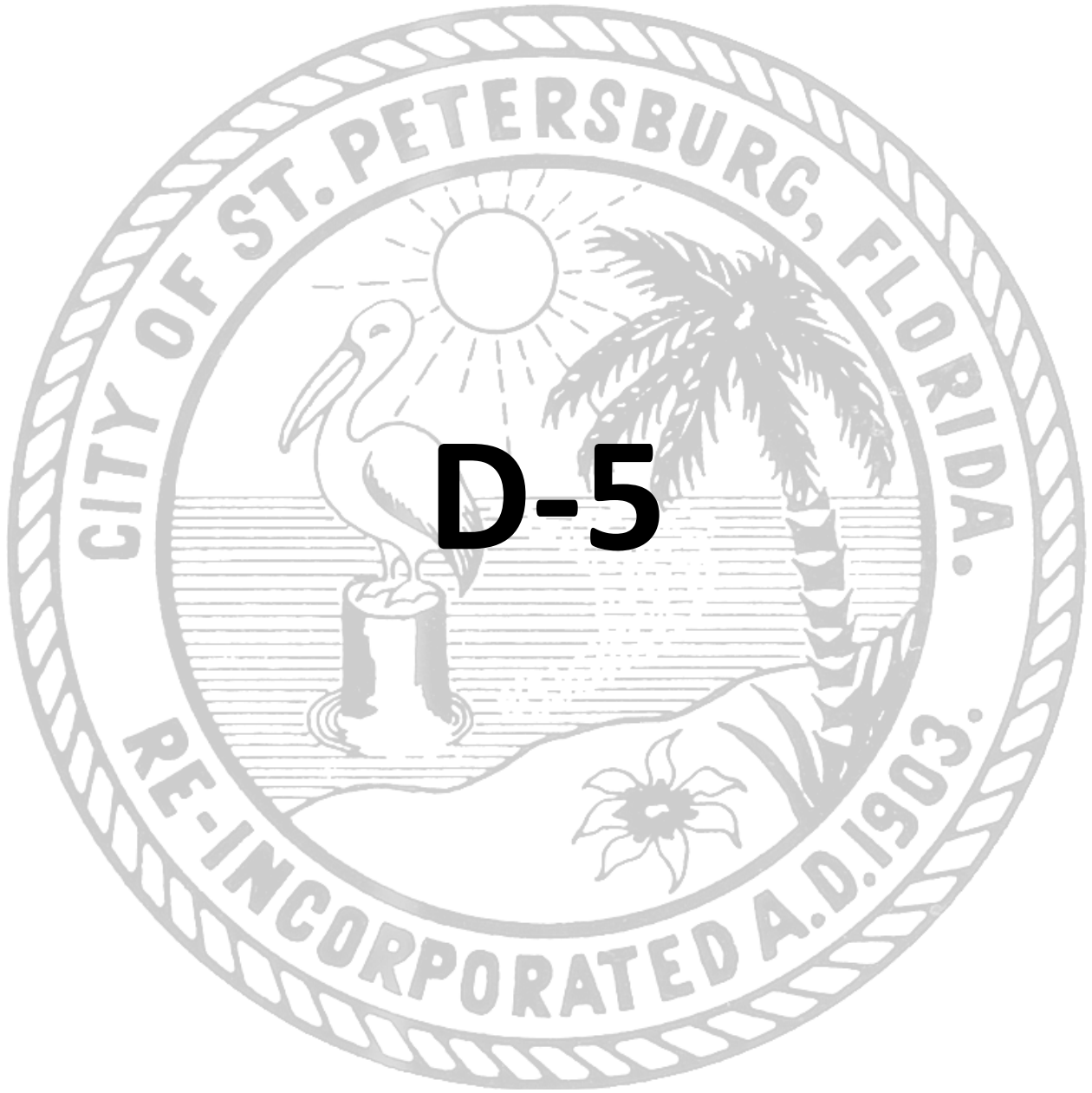
**PRESENTER:** Richard L. Craft, Recreation and Programming Superintendent

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:** April 11, 2024

Copley Gerdes, City Council Vice Chair  
District 1



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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

## Presentation Item

**DATE:** March 26, 2024

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation ~ Black Maternal Health Week

**PRESENTER:** Council Chair Deborah Figgs Sanders

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:** April 11, 2024

Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** Annually during Minority Health Month, April 11-17 is recognized nationwide as Black Maternal Health week to raise awareness and improve the disparate birth outcomes among African American and Black mothers and babies; and

**WHEREAS,** Each maternal death is a tragedy with devastating impacts on their family, community, and society as a whole and according to the Florida Maternal Mortality Review Committee, nearly 70% of these deaths were considered preventable; and

**WHEREAS,** Tampa Bay Black Maternal Health Week Initiative was created as a mechanism to improve Black maternal health outcomes through education, advocacy, and community support through the development of a week-long health campaign, Black Maternal Health Week of Tampa Bay, comprised several events in a formal recognition, celebration & acknowledgement of Black Maternal Health; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tampa Bay Black Maternal Health Week Initiative aims to honor the strength and resilience of Black mothers and birthing persons, by shedding light on their unique social circumstances and healthcare challenges and will host its' Inaugural MOMMA Fest at the USF ~ University Area Community Center on Friday, April 12, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** The Inaugural Black Maternal Health Week of Tampa serves as a catalyst mobilizing our community towards a brighter future for Black mothers and babies in the Tampa Bay area, the state of Florida, the city of St. Petersburg, and beyond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth T. Welch,** Mayor of the City of St Petersburg, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2024, as

## ***Black Maternal Health Week***

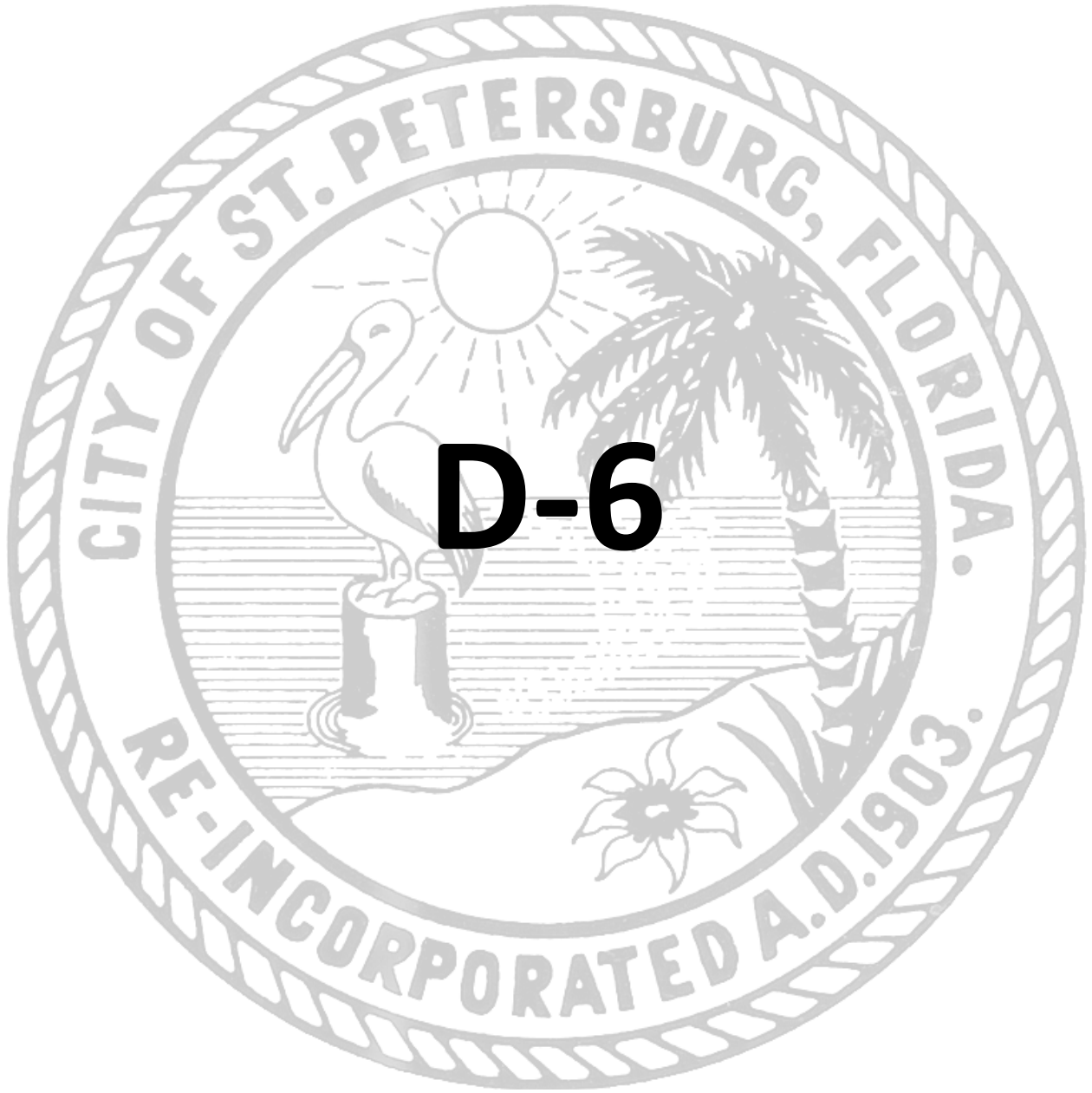
in St. Petersburg and encourage all women, mothers, parents, and supporters to promote health and justice in their families and communities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I**  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official Seal  
of the City of St. Petersburg,  
County of Pinellas, and State  
of Florida to be affixed this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

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**Kenneth T. Welch**  
Mayor

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Presentation Item**

**DATE:** March 26, 2024

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation ~ Water Conservation Month

**PRESENTER:** Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:** April 11, 2024

Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** Water is a basic and essential need of every living creature; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Florida, Water Management Districts, Tampa Bay Water, and the City of St. Petersburg are working together to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation; and

**WHEREAS,** St. Petersburg and the State of Florida have designated April, typically a dry month when water demand increases, as Florida's Water Conservation Month; and

**WHEREAS,** St. Petersburg has always encouraged and supported water conservation through various incentive programs, educational presentations, and special events; and

**WHEREAS,** Every business, employee, industry, school, and citizen can make a difference when it comes to conserving Florida's precious water resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth T. Welch,** Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

## ***WATER CONSERVATION MONTH***

in St. Petersburg, and urge each citizen, visitor, and business to help protect our precious resources by becoming more aware of your use of water and using water saving appliances and practices.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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**Kenneth T. Welch**  
Mayor



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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Presentation Item**

**DATE:** March 29, 2024

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation ~ National Small Business Week

**PRESENTER:** Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:** April 11, 2024

Mayor Kenneth T. Welch

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** The President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks, and work hard; and

**WHEREAS,** From the storefront shops that anchor our business districts to the high-tech startups that keep St. Pete on the cutting edge, small businesses are the fabric of our economy and the cornerstones of our city's promise; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of St. Petersburg is proud to recognize small businesses and contribute to their development and growth by providing support and services via The Greenhouse in partnership with the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center of Pinellas County Economic Development, and SCORE; and

**WHEREAS,** When we support small business, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, KENNETH T. WELCH,** Mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 28 to May 4, 2024, as

## ***National Small Business Week***

in the city of St. Petersburg, Florida, and urge all citizens to observe this week and honor the strength of small businesses, local, state, and nationwide.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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**Kenneth T. Welch**  
Mayor

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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA NEW BUSINESS ITEM

TO: **Members of City Council**

DATE: April 2, 2024

COUNCIL DATE: April 11, 2024

RE: Universal Basic Mobility pilot program

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**ACTION DESIRED:**

Respectfully requesting a referral to the Housing, Land Use and Transportation Committee or other relevant committee for a discussion on a Universal Basic Mobility pilot program.

Gina Driscoll  
Council Member, District 6