

City of St. Petersburg
Public Services & Infrastructure Committee
February 13, 2025 – 9:55AM
City Hall, Room 100

Members: Committee Chair Lisset Hanewicz, Council Chair Copley Gerdes, Council Member Richie Floyd, and Council Member Mike Harting

Alternate: Council Member Corey Givens, Jr.

Support Staff: Tricia Terry – City Council Legislative Aide

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Agenda

3) Approval of January 9, 2025 Minutes

4) New Business – February 13, 2025

- a) A Discussion Regarding Construction Crane Safety – *Don Tyre, Building Official and Brejesh Prayman, Engineering & Capital Improvements Director*

Attachments

- 1) PowerPoint Presentation
- 2) SB 346

- b) An Update on the City's Wastewater Collection Facilities and the Capital Projects Identified (funded and not funded) to Address the Natural Hazards Associated with the Three Facilities – *Claude Tankersley, Public Works Administrator and John Palenchar, Water Resources Director*

Attachment

- 1) PowerPoint Presentation

Upcoming Meeting Dates & Tentative Agenda Items

March 6, 2025

- a) Public Funding for Elections – *Brett Pettigrew, Assistant City Attorney*

April 10, 2025

- a) A Discussion on Allowing Mobile Homes to be Placed on Residential Properties to Provide Temporary Housing During Disaster Recovery and Repairs – *Michael Dema, Assistant City Attorney*

General Attachments:

Minutes of the January 9, 2025 PS&I Committee Meeting
Pending and Continuing Referral List
Agenda Item Support Material

City of St. Petersburg
Public Services & Infrastructure Committee
January 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes
City Hall, Room 100

Present: Committee Chair Lisset Hanewicz, Council Chair Copley Gerdes, Council Member Richie Floyd, Council Member Harting, and Council Member Corey Givens, Jr. (alternate)

Absent: None

Also Present: Council Member Brandi Gabbard, Council Member Gina Driscoll, City Administrator Rob Gerdes, Assistant City Attorney Michael Dema, Housing and Neighborhood Services Administrator Amy Foster, and Assistant City Clerk Patricia Beliveau

Support Staff: Tricia Terry – Legislative Aide

- 1. Call to Order – 9:40 AM**
- 2. Approval of Agenda –** CM Gerdes motioned for approval. All voted in favor.
- 3. Approval of November 7, 2024 Minutes –** CM Gerdes motioned for approval. All voted in favor.
- 4. New Business – January 9, 2025**

Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Council Chair Gerdes nominated Council Vice-Chair Hanewicz for Committee Chair. All voted in favor.

Council Vice-Chair Hanewicz nominated Council Chair Gerdes for Committee Vice-Chair. All voted in favor.

Review of Public Services & Infrastructure Referral List¹

CM Gabbard discussed removing the item regarding a private lateral pilot study from the referral list as the item will be discussed next month in the Committee of the Whole (COW). Council Chair (CC) Gerdes stated that he would like to keep it on the list until after the COW.

CM Gabbard indicated that she would take on the item regarding the renovation and future use of the Sunshine Center. CM Gabbard then discussed the item regarding no wake zones and shared that Senator DiCeglie is working on a bill that would change state statutes to allow municipalities to enforce lower speeds. This would require the item to come back as an ordinance. Michael Dema confirmed that the current language of the referral item would cover this ordinance. CM Gabbard agreed to sponsor the item going forward.

CM Givens stated that he would like to take on referral list item regarding a discussion to allow mobile homes to be placed on residential properties to provide temporary housing. Amy Foster added that FEMA does not allow FEMA provided mobile homes in any special flood hazard area.

¹ Committee referral lists may be reviewed periodically to allow Council Members to remove their items or to refer items to another committee. Additionally, as Council Members term off City Council, their referral items may require a new sponsor. A review also gives Council Members the opportunity to provide updates on their item's timeframe.

CM Harting motioned to remove the item regarding relocating a City brush site from the PS&I referral list. All voted in favor. Ms. Foster confirmed that Administration was unable to find an alternative location.

Both CC Gerdes and CM Floyd discussed keeping their respective items on the referral list. CM Floyd confirmed with Legal that his item regarding public funding for elections can be taken up in March.

Ms. Foster stated that the item regarding large item pickup software is covered in our rate study meetings. ***CC Gerdes motioned to remove the item from the PS&I referral list. All voted in favor.***

CM Driscoll discussed her item regarding metered reclaimed water fee structure stating that it is cost prohibitive and voiced her support for the item to be removed from the referral list. ***CM Floyd motioned to remove the item from the PS&I referral list. All voted in favor.***

Chair Hanewicz indicated that she would take on sponsorship of the Capital Improvement Assessment item and then asked if there was an update on the undergrounding of power lines. CM Driscoll stated that it could be removed and discussed with the LDR package. ***CC Gerdes motioned to remove the item from the PS&I referral list. All voted in favor.***

Chair Hanewicz indicated that she would take on sponsorship of the C.A.M.P. item and Albert Whitted Airport Master Plan. She then inquired about the Community Survey. Ms. Foster stated that the release of the survey has been postponed until the spring due to the storms.

With no further business, Chair Hanewicz adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.

	Public Services & Infrastructure Committee Pending & Continuing Referral List					February 13, 2025	
	Topic	Return Date	Referral Date	Prior Meeting	Referred by	Staff	Notes
1	An Update on the City’s Wastewater Collection Facilities and the Capital Projects Identified (funded and not funded) to Address the Natural Hazards Associated with the Three Facilities.	2/13/2025	10/31/2024	_____	Hanewicz	Claude Tankersley John Palenchar	
2	A Discussion Regarding Construction Crane Safety	2/13/2025	10/31/2024	_____	Driscoll	Brejesh Prayman Don Tyre	
3	Public Funding for Elections	3/6/2025	12/1/2022	_____	Floyd	Brett Pettigrew	
4	A Discussion on Allowing Mobile Homes to be Placed on Residential Properties to Provide Temporary Housing During Disaster Recovery and Repairs	4/10/2025	10/31/2024	_____	Givens	Michael Dema	1/9/2025 - CM Givens took over the item, initiated originally by CM Montanari.
5	City of St. Petersburg 2024 Community Survey	5/8/2025	6/6/2024	9/12/2024	Hanewicz (Staff Request)	Amy Foster	9/12/2024 - Discussion of 2025 Survey to come back before the end of the year. 1/9/2025 - A. Foster indicated that the hurricanes delayed this item coming back last fall and the release of the next survey would not be until spring.
6	Capital Improvement Assessment (Maintenance & Hurricane/Tropical Storm Preparedness) (1) Bridges (2)Reclaimed Water (3)Sidewalks (4)Seawalls (5)Stormwater (6)Potable Water (7) Wastewater (8)Buildings (9) Roads	TBD Wastewater & Roads (Tankersley)	2/2/2017	a) 9/24/2020 b) 8/24/2017 c) 9/24/2020 d) 9/24/2020 e) 7/12/2018 f) 7/26/2018 (COW) h) 9/24/2020	Hanewicz	a) Tankersley b) Palenchar c) Tankersley d) Tankersley e) M.Hampton f) Palenchar g) Tankersley h) Tankersley	9/24/2020 – C. Tankersley provided update on sidewalks, seawalls, bridges & their respective investment gaps. As well as introduced “CAMP” Committee asked staff to return with more info on funding for sidewalks & seawalls, as well as further guidance on the conflict between Sec. 25-191 & Resolution 96-55 related to property owner responsibilities 9/6/2022 – Item was deferred by Committee Chair Montanari 1/9/2025 - CM Hanewicz took over the item, initiated originally by CM Montanari.
7	A Discussion on the Enforcement of Driving Without a License and Potential Diversion Options.	TBD	5/18/2023	_____	Floyd	Jeannine Williams Chief Holloway	
8	A Presentation on the Findings of the Private Laterals Pilot Study. Discussion to Include Consideration of Potential Financing Programs for Residents to be Administered by SELF (Solar Loan Energy Fund)	TBD	3/23/2023	10/12/2023	Gabbard	Claude Tankersley John Palenchar Kira Barrera	10/12/2023 - Item returning for further discussion 5/7/2024 - Per John P - should be ready to come back soon (when Jacobs report is final) 9/19/2024 - Per the Committee of the Whole (COW), this item will be discussed at a COW and will remain on this referral list until that discussion occurs.
9	A Discussion Regarding the Renovation and Future Use of the Sunshine Center	TBD	5/6/2021	_____	Gabbard	Mike Jefferis	1/9/2025 - CM Gabbard took over the item, initiated originally by CM Montanari.

10	Update on the Citywide Capital Asset Management Program (“CAMP”) (Previously the “City’s Facility Maintenance Plan”)	TBD	6/7/2018	5/9/2019 11/4/2021 12/8/2022	Hanewicz, Administration	Claude Tankerlsey	9/12/2019 – T. Greene indicated staff would like return to PS&I for a check-in once the plan became fully staffed 9/24/2020 – Brief update from C. Tankersley on the name change (“CAMP”) & plan overview 11/4/2021 – Comprehensive update of CAMP, including the new asset management administrative policy and status of cloud-based software for city-wide asset management. 12/8/2022 – Brief update from C. Tankersley and Brief update from A. Miller on Strategic Asset Management 1/9/2025 - CM Hanewicz took over the item, initiated originally by CM Montanari.
11	Update on Albert Whitted Airport Master Plan	TBD	5/17/2018	8/9/2018 2/13/2020 7/15/2021 1/27/2022	Hanewicz (Staff Request)	Chris Ballestra R. Lesniak, D. DiCarlo- (Environmental Services Associates (ESA)	7/15/2021 – Update on master plan progress, review of working papers submitted to the FAA 1/27/2022 – Update on master plan progress, overview of most recent submittals to the FAA and next steps 1/9/2025 - CM Hanewicz took over the item, initiated originally by CM Montanari.
12	A Discussion Regarding Codes Compliance Assistance Moving to Proactive Enforcement of our Short-Term Rental Ordinance.	TBD	8/1/2024	_____	Floyd	Joe Waugh	1/9/2025 - Due to the impacts of the hurricanes in 2024, this item has been temporarily postponed.
13	A Discussion on the City's Electric and Hybrid Fleet Vehicles and the Plan for Achieving Emissions-Free Mobility.	TBD	8/8/2024	_____	Figgs-Sanders	Claude Tankersley Randall Johnston	
14	A Discussion on No Wake Zones on Roads During Flood Events, Potential Signage, and Enforcement Under Florida Statutes (FS 316.183)	TBD	9/5/2024	_____	Gabbard	Brett Pettigrew Laura Roe	1/9/2025 - CM Gabbard took over the item, initiated originally by CM Montanari. Senator DiCeglie is currently sponsoring legislation that may allow municipalities to reduce speed limits. Will follow up after 2025 session has ended.
15	Residential Parking Permit Program for Areas Outside the Current Downtown Boundaries Outlined in City Code Section 26-168	TBD	7/20/2023	11/7/2024	Hanewicz	Evan Mory, Heather Judd	
16	Update on the City's Sign Code (16.40.120)	TBD	7/11/2024	11/7/2024	Gerdes	Heather Judd	
17	A Discussion on the Clean and Safe Program	TBD	2/6/2025	_____	Driscoll	James Corbett	
2025 PS&I Dates: 1/9, 2/13, 3/6, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 1/15/2026							Updated: 2/6/2025

Construction Crane Safety

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Construction Site Procedures – Tower Cranes

- State Preemption on Local Regulations – FSS 489.113 (11) - preempts any local regulation or ordinance for construction cranes; it specifically includes Hurricane preparedness
- Hurricane Preparedness Checklist for 1/3/5/7-Day Weather Impact Projections Construction Site Storm Mitigation

“Cranes: All portable cranes should be secured or removed from the site; All T-cranes should be placed in weathervane status for tropical force high winds of 40+ mph OR removed based on design wind speed of the installation”

- Tower Crane Public Safety Advisory



Next Steps

- Local resolution asking state for change to FSS 489.113 (11)
- Pending Bill filed – Rouson & Cross
- Construction Action Plan - update application to request information on use of Tower Crane(s) and rating (voluntary)

SECTION 16.20.120. - DOWNTOWN CENTER DISTRICTS ("DC")

16.20.120.10. - Building construction: A construction action plan shall be required to be submitted to the POD for review and approval prior to initiation of construction activity requiring site plan review, which shall address construction methods, staging, pedestrian and bicycle connections, construction worker parking, closing of right(s)-of-way, business and neighbor communication plan

- Disaster Operations Plan - add Tower Crane notification and PSA procedures to Pre-Storm Activities for CSP's DOP

THANK YOU



Planning & Development Services Department

By Senator Rouson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state preemption of the regulation
3 of hoisting equipment; amending s. 489.113, F.S.;
4 deleting provisions preempting to the state the
5 regulation of certain hoisting equipment; providing an
6 effective date.

8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

10 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 489.113, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 489.113 Qualifications for practice; restrictions.—
13 ~~(11) Any local act, law, ordinance, or regulation,~~
14 ~~including, but not limited to, a local building code or building~~
15 ~~permit requirement, of a county, municipality, or other~~
16 ~~political subdivision that pertains to hoisting equipment~~
17 ~~including power-operated cranes, derricks, hoists, elevators,~~
18 ~~and conveyors used in construction, demolition, or excavation~~
19 ~~work, that is not already preempted by the Occupational Safety~~
20 ~~and Health Administration under 29 C.F.R. parts 1910 and 1926,~~
21 ~~including, but not limited to, local worksite regulation~~
22 ~~regarding hurricane preparedness or public safety, is prohibited~~
23 ~~and is preempted to the state. This subsection does not apply to~~
24 ~~the regulation of elevators under chapter 399 or to airspace~~
25 ~~height restrictions in chapter 333.~~

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Wastewater Facilities Capital Improvement Projects to Address Natural Hazards

Post-Hurricane Report Requested by Councilmember Hanewicz

February 13, 2025





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA NEW BUSINESS ITEM

TO: Members of City Council

DATE: October 3, 2024

COUNCIL DATE: October 10, 2024

RE: Referral to the Public Services and Infrastructure Committee for an Update on the City's Wastewater Collection Facilities and the Capital Projects Identified (funded and not funded) to Address the Natural Hazards Associated with the Three Facilities.

ACTION DESIRED:

Respectfully requesting a referral to the Public Services and Infrastructure Committee for an update on the City's wastewater collection facilities and the capital projects identified (funded and not funded) to address the natural hazards associated with the three facilities (Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest).

Lisset Hanewicz
Council Member, District 4



Natural Hazards: Risk to Continuous Operations

- Rainfall flooding – low risk due to extensive onsite drainage; very low as demonstrated during 18-inch rainfall during Hurricane Milton
- Hurricane winds – low risk due to redundant systems and facility design

Hazard	Risk to Continuous Operation of Facility		
	NEWRF*	SWWRF*	NWWRF*
Flooding – Rainfall	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low
Flooding – Storm Surge	High	High	Very Low
Hurricane Winds	Low	Low	Low

*NEWRF = Northeast Water Reclamation Facility, SWWRF = Southwest Water Reclamation Facility, NWWRF = Northwest Water Reclamation Facility



Storm Surge: Risk to Continuous Operations

- 7 feet – Hurricane Helene actual storm surge elevation
- 15 feet – Maximum storm surge predicted for Hurricane Milton

Hazard	Elevations (feet)		
	NEWRF	SWWRF	NWWRF
Average Ground Elevation of Onsite Structures	5	7	24
Critical Electrical Equipment Flood Risk Elevation	7*,‡	12 [†]	26
Staff Operations Buildings Flood Risk Elevation	7*	8 [†]	25

*With deployable inflatable flood barriers

‡Current \$70 M project underway to raise this to 11 ft; we are exploring how we can get this to 15 ft

[†]To be raised/protected up to 15 ft



CIP Projects to Address Natural Hazards

Description	NEWRF	SWWRF	Total
Projects Ready for Design/Construction in 5-yr CIP	\$64 M	\$26 M	\$90 M
5-yr Construction Escalation Factor (20%)	\$13 M	\$5 M	\$18 M
Concept-Phase Projects w/50% Contingency		\$83 M	\$83 M
Total	\$77 M	\$114 M	\$191 M



CIP Projects to Address Natural Hazards

Facility	Project	Estimated Cost
NEWRF	NE Vulnerability Implementation Project	\$ 5.1 M
NEWRF	NE Clarifiers 3&4 Pumping Station Rehab	\$ 6.2 M
NEWRF	NE Filter Addition	\$ 27.1 M
NEWRF	NE SW-4 Flood Protection	\$ 6.8 M
NEWRF	NE Maintenance Shop Replacement	\$ 7.7 M
NEWRF	NE Operation & Lab Building Replacement	\$ 11 M
NEWRF	NE Existing Filter Upgrades	\$ 12 M
SWWRF	SW Maintenance Shop Replacement	\$ 4.8 M
SWWRF	SW Ops and Lab Building Replacement	\$ 9.2 M
SWWRF	SW GBT Expansion	\$ 11.7 M
SWWRF	SW Vulnerability Implementation Project	\$ 5.2 M
SWWRF	SW Perimeter Flood Barrier & Stormwater Pump Station	\$ 83.4 M

End of Presentation



Public Works Administration and
Water Resources Department