



The Week in Perspective

City Manager's Report

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Administrative Issues

A-1. Wet Weather Project Road Closures and Construction Updates

City Engineer Woloszynski reports that Wyatt Street remains fully closed at the CSX railroad crossing between Clearwater Largo Road and Dr. MLK Jr. Street until February 23. Detour signs are posted and the sidewalk on the south side of Wyatt Street remains open. Also, residents along Southridge Road and S. Hillcrest Avenue will experience heavy construction for the next several weeks as crews complete installation of Force Main 3. See road and lane closures below.

Road and Lane Closures Due To Construction

Road Location	Closure Date	Description of Work
Willow Av. at Fulton Dr. S.	1.4.16 to 1.31.16	Sanitary Pipe Construction
Southridge Dr. from Highland to S. Hillcrest to Ponce De Leon	1.5.16 to 1.25.16	Sanitary Pipe Construction
Wyatt St. between King St. and Clearwater-Largo Rd. (CSX Crossing)	1.5.16 to 2. 23.16	Sanitary Pipe Construction
Oak Wood Dr. @ Forest Pkwy N.	1.4.16 to 1.29.16	Sanitary Pipe Construction/HDD

A-2. Sodium Hypochlorite

Wastewater Manager Glascock is pleased to report that the Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF) is no longer using hazardous chlorine gas for disinfection of the plant effluent. An interim sodium hypochlorite system (12% liquid bleach) has replaced the existing gas chlorine, which eliminates off-site hazards associated with an accidental gas release. Further, the interim system allows the Headworks & Influent Pump Station Project contractor to expedite repurposing the existing chlorine building into a new electrical building.

Back in July 2015, gas Sulfur Dioxide was replaced with Sodium Bisulfite, a liquid chemical that also eliminated off-site consequences from an accidental gas chemical release. The elimination of the gas chemicals allows the WWRF to deregister its Risk Management Plan (RMP) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because there is no longer a potential for off-site consequences. This milestone in chemical replacement creates a much safer environment for the surrounding neighborhood as well as the operations staff who handled the hazardous chemicals without a major incident over the last several decades. The two interim systems will be replaced with permanent facilities once the Disinfection and Effluent Pump Station project is complete.

A-3. Wastewater Reclamation Facility Influent Pumping System and Headworks Project

City Engineer Woloszynski reports the WWRF IPS and Headworks Project issued a Notice To Proceed on January 11, 2016 to PCL Construction, Inc., to commence construction on the \$24.1 million dollar project that is expected to be substantially complete in 580 calendar days or by August 13, 2017. A quality control meeting was held between the City, Consulting Engineers Hazen and Sawyer, and PCL to

discuss QC requirements, methods of construction, testing inspections, safety policies and procedures, and FDEP regulatory compliance. The contractor is expected to begin mobilizing this week at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Progress meetings will be held bi-weekly.

A-4. Solid Waste Division Holiday Pick Up Schedule

Solid Waste Manager Gordon reports the following schedule changes will be in effect for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. There will be no residential garbage, recycling, yard waste or bulk pick up on January 18. If your collection day is normally Monday, collection will be Tuesday, if collection is normally Tuesday, it will be Wednesday. Commercial businesses will not be impacted. If you have questions please call (727) 586-6760.

A-5. New Largo Businesses – Week ending January 9, 2015

Name of Business	Address	Type of Business
Woodcraft	2864 Roosevelt Blvd	Retail sales of woodworking tools & equipment & supplies
Saara Errand Services	17358 US Highway 19 N	Errand service / shopping
Hear USA	5020 East Bay Dr #800	Audiological Retail / Services

Other Items of Interest

M-1. Highland Complex Recreation Program Manager Pincince reports:

- The following are the attendance numbers for the Highland Recreation Complex during the month of December:
 PlayWorld Users-670
 Memberships Sold-302
 Fitness Room Users-3167
 Walking Track Users-806
 Open Gym Users-249
 Silver Sneaker Users-359
- PlayWorld will be closed on January 19 and 20 for the installation of new benches.
- The kindergarten readiness rate for the children enrolled in the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program during the 2014-2015 school year has been received. One hundred percent of the children who attended the Little Pals Preschool at Highland passed this readiness exam.

M-2. Southwest Complex Program Manager Croft reports:

- On February 6, at 10:00 am, the 4th Annual Play! Dirty Adventure Run will take place at the Largo Nature Preserve, 150 Highland Avenue Southeast. This event is a three mile race that goes through Largo Central Park Nature Preserve on the off-road terrain and over 20 obstacles. This race includes a fun run category, a competitive category and a youth 3K category.

 Preregistration for the run is \$40 until January 24. Starting on January 25, the cost for the run will be \$65 and on the day of the event the charge will be \$75. Visit Active.com, racersignup.com, or visit Highland Recreation Complex.
- There were 32 participants (maximum capacity) who registered for the tennis social that was held on January 8.
- The next Adaptive Recreation Dance will be held on January 15, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. This dance is

for ages 15-35.

- The annual winter garage sale is sold out and is scheduled for January 23, from 8:00 am until noon.

M-3. Community Center Manager Giessler is pleased to report:

- The 2016 Winter Luncheon season kicked off with the “Happy New Year! Happy New You!” lunch on January 7. Ninety-seven participants enjoyed a healthy meal and entertainment. The next luncheon will be “Viva La Fiesta” on January 21.
- Volunteers from the Community Center and the Nature Parks represented the Recreation, Parks and Arts Department at the Largo Connects Volunteer Drive at the Largo Library on January 9.
- On January 9, to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the new location of the Community Center, an open house with tours was held during the day and the Tampa Bay Blues Brothers with the Late Night Brass were in concert that evening with 96 guests in attendance.

M-4. McGough Nature Park staff are pleased to report:

- The McGough Nature Park took in \$267 in gift shop sales, classroom and shelter rentals, turtle food sales and donations to the park.
- The Nature Center had 741 visitors at the park this past week.
- The Birds of Prey volunteers donated 60 hours caring for the birds, and an additional 40 hours were donated by other park volunteers. The Birds of Prey program collected \$210 in donations.

M-5. Cultural Center Operations Manager Seaman is pleased to report:

- During the last week, the Box Office sold 824 tickets to 41 upcoming productions. Ticket revenue was \$19,473.
- The Cultural Center began offering discount tickets for select shows to recreation card holders on January 4. Thirty-six discount tickets have been sold to date generating \$466. Recreation card holders will continue to receive periodic e-mails through the Rec Trac e-mail system with the latest promotions being offered at the Cultural Center.
- On January 8-10, the Pinellas Geologic Society held a gem and mineral sale in the Parkview Room.
- On January 10, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and Woodstock veteran, John Sebastian of the Lovin' Spoonful performed to a sold out crowd of 447 patrons. There was \$13,368 collected in ticket sales, and concessions and merchandise revenue was \$598.

M-6. Assistant Parks Superintendent Christman reports the following projects have been completed by the Parks Administration and Technical Services Crews:

- The Trades Workers assisted with the removal of the Christmas light displays in Largo Central Park.
- The Tree Crew removed several low limbs that were impacting trucks and emergency vehicles on 125th Avenue and assisted with the removal of the Christmas light displays in Largo Central Park.

M-7. Largo Central Park Supervisor Wright reports:

- Provided weekly maintenance of 180 parkland acres at Largo Central Park Nature Preserve.
- Serviced 18 shelter rentals on Saturday and Sunday for train weekend.
- Trimmed 16 Queen Palms at the Library.
- Trimmed hedges throughout Lot 3 and the railroad pond.
- Sprayed nine gallons of Round-Up at Largo Central Park.
- Dropped off and picked up 20 tables at Largo Cultural Center.
- Installed a new DVD player at the playground.

- Edged and trimmed all tree rings in the center field at Largo Central Park.
- Sprayed the canals in the Nature Preserve with three gallons of aquatic use herbicide.
- Trimmed an oak tree at the Library.
- Trimmed the Ligustrum trees at the Library.
- Repaired an irrigation leak at the Library.
- Trimmed around the electrical panel at Largo Central Park.
- The laser counter at the park recorded 175,516 patrons during the month of December. This only counts patrons coming in and going out at lot 3.
- Blew off all the parking lots in preparation for the street sweeper.
- Sprayed 12 gallons of Round-Up in the center field at Largo Central Park.
- Blew off the boardwalks at the Nature Preserve.
- Trimmed the white Bird of Paradise plants at Largo Central Park.
- Trimmed the palms at Shelter 1.
- Scrubbed the mold out from under the hand driers in each restroom.
- Sprayed Rodeo around the Court of Honor pond.
- Replaced lights as needed at Largo Central Park.
- Replaced the fresh water valve boxes.

M-8. Parks Contract Supervisor Hinrichs reports the following projects have been completed by the Parks Maintenance Staff:

- Emptied the trash cans and re-filled the dog waste bag receptacles in all of the neighborhood parks, city owned properties including West Bay Drive, Clearwater/Largo Road and the City of Largo Cemetery.
- Completed daily maintenance on mowers and power hand tools.
- Cleaned and serviced the outside restrooms at Highland Recreation Center, Southwest Recreation Center and Northeast Park.

M-9. Parks Athletics Supervisor Gow reports the following projects:

- Completed daily maintenance on mowers and power hand tools.
- Set up and maintained ball fields at Little League, Whitesell and Southwest fields for League games.
- Completed irrigation repairs at several different locations.

M-10. Streets and Stormwater Foreman Weaver advises that the MS4 crew worked on the following:

- Conducted various Inspections throughout the City.
- Street sweepers continued on their scheduled routes throughout the City.
- Streets and Stormwater Technician II, Brad Jennings, passed his CDL Class A driving test.

M-11. Streets and Stormwater Supervisor Anderson advises that the Open Conveyance crew performed the following tasks:

- Started re-grading drainage swales on 14th Street NW on both the east and west side of the road.
- Located a drainage pipe behind homes in Venetian Gardens.
- Finished regrading the drainage swale on Pine Street at the east side of the street from 20th Avenue SW to Hillsdale Avenue.

- Refueled equipment, pump stations, and fuel containers throughout the City.

M-12. Streets and Stormwater Supervisor Leiser advises that the construction crew worked on the following projects:

- Continued to work on Gatewood Drive underdrain project.
- Replaced 12' of curb at 1381 Pine Street.
- Ground down two sections of sidewalk at 1196 Breeze Drive.
- Asphalt crew paved a 2' x 12' cutout at 1381 Pine Street and a 2' x 10' cutout at 2128 Gatewood Drive.
- Asphalt crew repaired numerous potholes throughout the City.

M-13. Spray Technician Doolittle performed Open Conveyance inspections at the following locations:

- North Border of Belcher Road Fountain Office Building
- Kimpton Place
- Soccer Complex
- Rose Tree Village
- Rancho Village

M-14. Traffic Signs and Marking Technician Kemmish reports the following activities:

- Removed and replaced End of Road Markers for Jeff Road, a Stop Ahead sign for Adrian Avenue at Georgianna Street and one at Environmental Services, a Stop sign for Adrian Avenue at Pine Street, 16th Avenue at 22nd Street and one at Environmental Services, made "Hard Hats Required" signs for Environmental Services.
- Placed a barricade at Adrian Avenue and Georgianna Street.
- Began repair work on guard rail knock down at Rosery Road NW at 2nd Street NW.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Master Calendar

<p>Jan 22 Friday</p> <p>9:00am PSTA-MPO-PPC Meeting PSTA</p>	<p>Jan 25 Monday</p> <p>9:00am Joint CDAB/CRAAB Meeting Community Room</p> <p>9:30am RPA Advisory Board Meeting Southwest Complex</p>	<p>Jan 27 Wednesday</p> <p>9:00am PSTA Board of Directors Meeting 3201 Scherer Dr., St. Petersburg</p>	<p>Jan 28 Thursday</p> <p>1:30pm Code Enforcement Board Commission Chambers</p>
<p>Feb 01 Monday</p> <p>9:00am Finance Advisory Board lg_rooms_community;</p>	<p>Feb 04 Thursday</p> <p>9:00am Planning Board Meeting Commission Chambers</p>	<p>Feb 10 Wednesday</p> <p>9:00am PPC Meeting County Courthouse</p>	<p>Feb 22 Monday</p> <p>9:00am CDAB Meeting Community Room</p> <p>9:30am RPA Advisory Board Meeting HighlandComplex</p>
<p>Feb 24 Wednesday</p> <p>9:00am PSTA Board of Directors Meeting 3201 Scherer Dr., St. Petersburg</p>	<p>Feb 25 Thursday</p> <p>1:30pm Code Enforcement Board Commission Chambers</p>	<p>Mar 03 Thursday</p> <p>9:00am Planning Board Meeting Commission Chambers</p>	<p>Mar 07 Monday</p> <p>9:00am Finance Advisory Board lg_rooms_community;</p>

Commission Action Items
Update for Week Ending January 14, 2016

January 5, 2016, Regular Meeting

1. Request by Vice Mayor Robinson that staff look into starting a youth advisory council.

Assistant City Manager Schubert reports that staff will research the creation of a youth advisory council. More information will be provided to the City Commission once it becomes available.

January 12, 2016, Work Session

1. Request by Commissioner Holmes for a copy of the spreadsheet of lots throughout the City that are too small or odd sized for development.

Administration reports that the spreadsheet containing information regarding the lots throughout the City that are too small or odd sized for development has been distributed to the City Commission electronically. Due to the size of the spreadsheet, this information is best viewed in an electronic format. Anyone with further questions should contact Economic Development Manager Brydon.

2. Request by Commissioner Holmes that staff provide information in the City Manager's Report on why the City of Clearwater increased solid waste fees while reducing garbage pick up and increasing recycling.

Assistant Public Works Director/Facilities Manager Jordan has attached two Tampa Bay Times newspaper articles that explain the policy decision made by the City of Clearwater Commission.

3. Request by Commissioner Holmes that staff determine the feasibility of adding a full time staff position to process annexations.

Assistant City Manager Staffopoulos reports that the addition of a full time annexation staff person will be evaluated with the FY 2017 budget.

PROPOSED WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

Work Session

<p style="text-align: center;">Feb 09 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 North Pinellas Cultural Alliance 02 CLW/Largo CRD Expansion (CD) 03 Pavement Management Plan - Part 2 (CD) 04 Unpaved Road Status Brief (CD) 05 PD/FD Actural Report (FI/OMB)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 08 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 Wastewater/Stormwater Rate Studies (ES/PW/FI) 02 Reclaimed Water Update (ES) 03 Grease Ordinance Update (ES)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Apr 12 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 CAFR Presentation (FI) 02 Parkland Impact Fee (CD)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 10 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 CIP Review (OMB)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Jun 14 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jul 12 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 09 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sep 13 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 11 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 08 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 13 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jan 10 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>



Clearwater City Council approves once-a-week trash pickup

By Ayana Stewart, Times Staff Writer

Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:44pm

CLEARWATER -- If you live in Clearwater and depend on twice-weekly trash collection, prepare for a change: Garbage pickup may decrease to once a week next year.

Clearwater's City Council voted unanimously Thursday to amend the city's trash pickup schedule, though the board must still hold a second, final vote next month. The change, which would go into effect Jan. 11, comes after months of discussion.

No residents spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The city hopes to increase recycling and decrease the amount of garbage collected. Clearwater went to single-stream recycling in 2013, with a longer list of recyclable items, such as cardboard, glass and more types of plastic, all deposited in one large blue barrel.

According to Clearwater's solid waste director Earl Gloster, costs won't go down because the amount of solid waste collected is expected to remain the same in the beginning.

In fact, customer rates will go from \$27.38 to \$28.40 this October.

The City Council voted last year for an annual 3.75 percent rate increase for trash and recycling collection from 2016 through 2019. Gloster said the increase came after a solid waste department rate study.

Safety Harbor and Dunedin are two other Pinellas County cities with once-a-week trash pickup. City Manager Bill Horne said the city paid attention to how nearby cities handled the transition.

"We were kind of watching and waiting to see what their experience would be," he said.

Gloster said a survey conducted last year showed residents split, with half supporting once-a-week pickup and half not wanting any change.

"We knew that people would push back on this," he said. "They would feel we were doing something to them, rather than something for them."

The city will mail out notices and offer waste assessments. If someone requests a waste assessment, the department will send someone to help the resident figure out how to reduce trash.

And if people need a second black garbage bin because of the reduced service, they can get one for about \$8, he said.

"I think we can encourage people to recycle more and reduce the amount they throw away," Gloster said.

City Council member Hoyt Hamilton said he thinks it will take time for residents to adjust to the change.

"It just takes a little bit of planning and a little bit of conscious thought into what you're throwing away," he said. "As they get accustomed to it, I think they will see the benefit."

Gloster said the city thinks a reduction in trash collection will eventually create a reduction in trash.

"Recycle more and throw out less," he said. "That's what we're standing on."

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In Clearwater, residents have mixed reactions to once-a-week trash pickup

Ayana Stewart, Times Staff Writer

Thursday, July 23, 2015 11:55am

CLEARWATER — The City Council is moving forward with a plan to decrease trash collection, and not all residents are happy.

The council voted unanimously last week to amend the city's trash pickup from twice-weekly to once a week after months of discussion. The change would go into effect Jan. 11.

The board must still hold a second, final vote next month.

Clearwater's solid waste director, Earl Gloster, said a survey conducted last year showed residents split, with half supporting once-a-week pickup and half not wanting any change.

"We knew that people would push back on this," he said. "They would feel we were doing something to them, rather than something for them."

When 25-year-old Nick Boehm heard about the adjustment, his response was a swift "hell no."

Boehm, who shares a Countryside home with three relatives, said the proposed change is upsetting.

"They're nuts if they think it's going to work," he said.

He said his family already uses extra trash bins every week, partly because they take care of a bedridden family member at the home.

"We pay for a service," he said. "It's their job to come get it."

Something else that may stand in the way of residents approving the change: Costs are going up as service goes down.

Customer rates will go from \$27.38 to \$28.40 per month in October. The City Council voted last year for an annual 3.75 percent rate increase for trash and recycling collection from 2016 through 2019.

Gloster said the increase came after a solid waste department rate study, which included a plan to replace the city's aging garbage transfer station.

If trash service decreases to once a week, the city is expected to save \$400,000 annually as fuel and employee costs will go down. Truck maintenance costs would also decrease because the

vehicles will be traveling fewer miles, Gloster said.

He said the city also hopes to increase recycling and decrease the amount of garbage collected.

Clearwater went to single-stream recycling in 2013, with a longer list of recyclable items, such as cardboard, glass and more types of plastic, all deposited in one large blue barrel.

The idea is that decreasing the trash pickup schedule will force residents to be more diligent about recycling.

During last week's meeting, City Council member Hoyt Hamilton said it may take time for people to adjust.

"It just takes a little bit of planning and a little bit of conscious thought into what you're throwing away," he said. "As they get accustomed to it, I think they will see the benefit."

Christina Gill, a 36-year-old who lives in the city's Skycrest neighborhood, said she worries that trash being left out longer might lead to bugs or bad smells.

Her family recycles, she said, but they rely on twice-a-week pickup every Tuesday and Friday. Gill isn't sure what she'll do if service decreases.

"You want me to start burying it? I don't get it," she said.

Safety Harbor and Dunedin are two other Pinellas County cities with once-a-week trash pickup. City Manager Bill Horne said the city paid attention to how nearby cities handled the transition.

The city will mail out notices and offer waste assessments. If someone requests a waste assessment, the department will send someone to help the resident figure out how to reduce trash.

And if people need a second black garbage bin because of the reduced service, they can get one for an extra fee, Gloster said.

"I think we can encourage people to recycle more and reduce the amount they throw away," he said.

Countryside residents Glenn and Lynda McKim said they put out their trash can once a week and don't expect to be affected much by the change.

But the couple is concerned about the increasing rates.

"That's kind of a bad thing," Glenn, 67, said.

Craig Wiedemann, who lives across the street from the McKims, said his family generates a lot of trash even with regular recycling.

"Our can is full every Monday and Thursday," the 44-year-old said.

He sometimes relies on neighbors who let him put his extra trash in their cans, he said.

Wiedemann participated in a pilot program two years ago where the city tested reducing trash pickup in a couple of neighborhoods. He said he shared his dissatisfaction with the decreased service.

"I'm sure I'll voice my concern again," he said.

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