MEMORANDUM

Date: 7/31/2023
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Robin I. Gomez, City Manager
Subject: APPROVE PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Background

Pinellas County and various municipalities entered into an Interlocal Agreement providing for the establishment of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) dated Jan 10, 1989, which was subsequently amended and extended, and superseded by an Interlocal Agreement entered into on Sep 10, 2001, which expired on September 30, 2013; and which was superseded by an Interlocal Agreement entered into on the 1st day of October, 2013, that expired on September 30, 2018; and which was superseded by an Interlocal Agreement entered into on Oct 1, 2018, which expires on September 30, 2023. The 2018 PPLC Interlocal Agreement is up for a five (5) year renewal.

Discussion:

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative allows its 14-member libraries (systems) including our Gulf Beaches Public Library to share programs, resources, and talents. Library directors meet monthly and share committee work, planning work, and concerns. The ability of the Cooperative to fund core services such as the automation system, courier delivery, and electronic resources, enhances the quality of library services countywide and allows libraries to leverage their local dollars to their best possible use. The availability of county funds has assisted libraries in Pinellas County in expanding access to residents through new or expanded facilities and by adding library staff benefiting library users countywide.

Per the PPLC Executive Director, Cheryl Morales:

- The Library Directors were surveyed and have no recommended changes to the agreement;
- The PPLC Board and Executive Director have no recommended changes;
- PPLC is requesting approval from all members with appropriate signatures
- Pinellas County Board of Commissioners approves agreement upon receipt of all member libraries' approval

<u>Fiscal Impact</u>

None

<u>Recommendation:</u>   Approve PPLC Agreement Renewal