

MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS  
REGULAR SESSION – OCTOBER 3, 2017

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM/COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 324 E. PINE STREET, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS	MAYOR
DAVID BANTHER	VICE MAYOR
REA SIEBER	COMMISSIONER
SUSAN MICCIO-KIKTA	COMMISSIONER
JACOB KARR	COMMISSIONER

ALSO PRESENT:	MARK G. LeCOURIS	CITY MANAGER
	JAY DAIGNEAULT	CITY ATTORNEY
	IRENE S. JACOBS	CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Alahouzos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Jacobs called the roll.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend Milton Smith, Mt. Herman Missionary Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Alahouzos deviated from the agenda and asked that item 2 be handled first.

**PRESENTATION:**

**2. PEACE 4 TARPON COLORING CONTEST – ROBIN SAENGER**

Robin Saenger, former Vice Mayor, welcomed all and advised the Board of the winners of the Magical Mangroves Coloring Contest which was a collaboration between Peace 4 Tarpon and the City of Tarpon Springs. Most of the students that were part of this were from after school programs. She then had the Board move to the front of the dias to present winners in each category with prizes.

Following the presentation Mayor Alahouzos took a five minute recess.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

APPRECIATION: Michael Kouskoutis, 623 E. Tarpon Avenue, applauded the City, Emergency Management Staff, and the City Manager for a job well done during Hurricane Irma. He stated it was impressive that city crews were checking lift stations and storm drains and staying on top of issues.

BAYSHORE HEIGHTS: Paul Lewis, 820 Bayshore Drive, complained to the Board about the Bayshore Heights subdivision project. He was trying to have his land restored the way it used to be prior to damage by the project. He felt that it was going on several months and was still not restored, and this was unacceptable. He also referenced several letters that he had sent to the City regarding this situation and had not received any response to date.

SPONGE DOCKS: Andy Salivaris, 495 Riverside Drive, suggested that speed bumps be placed at the Sponge Docks to prevent speeding.

CYCADIA CEMETERY: Andy Salivaris, 495 Riverside Drive, inquired as to when the cemetery would be re-opened. City Manager LeCouris advised that due to safety reasons the cemetery was closed after the storm until cleared and safe to re-open.

HURRICANE IRMA: Andy Salivaris, 495 Riverside Drive, would like to see speed bumps placed at Sponge Docks to slow cars down, and wanted to know how many Commissioners stayed in town during the Hurricane. He also inquired as to when Cycadia Cemetery would be open to which City Manager LeCouris responded to.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**1A. BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA**

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta read and proclaimed the month of October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There was no one present to accept the proclamation so it would be mailed.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for Board or public comments and there were none.

**1B. COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH – COMMISSIONER KARR**

Commissioner Karr read and proclaimed the month of October 2017 as Community Planning Month. Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director accepted and thanked the Board for the proclamation. Commissioner Karr congratulated Miss Urwiller for being short staffed and going above and beyond her duties to keep the department a float.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

**1C. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS**

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed the week of October 8-14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week. Fire Department staff accepted and thanked the Board for the proclamation.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for Board or public comments and there were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**3. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**A. SISTER CITIES GRAPE LEAVES COMPETITION: NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

**B. MARITIME GATHERING: NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

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Commissioner Sieber commented on item 3b and was concerned on street closure for City sponsored events not taking place on complete length of sponge docks and only in front of the Sponge Exchange. She felt these events should include the entire street. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta inquired to what was included currently and City Manager LeCouris stated from Athens to Hope Street. City Manager LeCouris advised the Board that he begged the Merchants Association to take over Night of the Islands and they would not do so. Commissioner Sieber felt that the Merchants Association brings many people and events to Tarpon Springs and if the Night of the Islands and Maritime Gathering could fill the whole street, that it should be moved inside the Sponge Exchanged. She also noted that no one ever asked the Merchants Association.

**4. AWARD FILE NO. 180008-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF ODOR CONTROL CHEMICALS**

**5. AWARD FILE NO. 180007-N-RS: MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT AND EQUIPMENT FOR MOTOROLA RADIOS**

**6. INCREASE FILE NO. 170023-N-RS:HACH EQUIPMENT, SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE**

**7. REVIEW FILE NO. 150018-C-RS: WATER AND WASTEWATER SUPPLIES**

**8. CANCEL FILE NO. 140098-B-RS: LABORATORY SERVICES**

**9. AWARD FILE NO. 180010-C-RS: LIBRARY MATERIALS THROUH STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 5510500-17-ACS, BOOKS, NON-PRINT LIBRARY MATERIALS AND RELATED ANCILLARY SERVICES**

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Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To approve agenda items 3A, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

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**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO- KIKTA

To defer item 3B to the next meeting and direct City Manager LeCouris to meet with the Merchants Association if they are willing to.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**10. ORDINANCE 2017-25: TARPON SPRINGS HOUSING AUTHORITY; LAND USE AMENDMENT FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW MEDIUM; 721 MANGO CIRCLE (1<sup>ST</sup> READING)**

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, FOR APPROXIMATELY 9.45 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 721 MANGO CIRCLE (APP-17-93), FROM RU, (RESIDENTIAL URBAN), TO RLM, (RESIDENTIAL LOW MEDIUM); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading would be held on October 17, 2017 and was be published in the Tampa Bay Times with a map on September1, 2017 and October 20, 2017.

Heather Urwiller, Planning & Zoning Director, said this application was to amend the future land use designation from RU (Residential Urban) to RLM (Residential Low Medium). This application had some density concerns; however, staff was recommending approval as it meet the review criteria and was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously.

Mayor Alahouzos asked if funding could be received do to the density, and Miss Urwiller said she hopes so.

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):**

**10. ORDINANCE 2017-25: TARPON SPRINGS HOUSING AUTHORITY; LAND USE AMENDMENT FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW MEDIUM; 721 MANGO CIRCLE (1<sup>ST</sup> READING)**

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comment and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Ordinance 2017-25 be approved on its first reading.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**11. APPROVE HURRICANE ASSISTANCE FOR EMPLOYEES – VICE MAYOR BANTHER**

Vice Mayor Banther gave the background on this item and said that several large companies offered assistance to their employees. He liked the plan proposed by the City Manager and felt this was the least the City could do to say thank you to the employees. He said that full time employees would receive \$ 400 and part time employees would receive \$ 200 and this would exclude the City Manager. Mayor Alahouzos wanted Mr. Haring, Finance Director, to explain where funds would come from in which Mr. Haring responded that it would depend what fund their salary came from. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta thanked Vice Mayor Banther from bring this forward, but noted that employees did also get paid when the City was closed. Mayor Alahouzos mentioned that an appreciation lunch to employees was also afforded. Both Commissioners Karr and Sieber thanked Vice Mayor Banther for bringing forward and stated what a great staff the City has.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA/COMMISSIONER KARR

To approve hurricane assistance for employees as proposed by City Manager LeCouris.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

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**MISCELLANEOUS (Continued):**

**12. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Mayor Alahouzos asked for Board or public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To reappoint Merlin Seamon and Nils Hase to another three year term on the Planning and Zoning Board – terms to expire October 1, 2020, and to move the current alternate, W. David Coyner as a regular member, this term will expire October 1, 2020; and appoint Jim Stavropoulos and Thomas Frain to fill the two vacation positions – these terms to expire October 1, 2020.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To appoint Gabrielle Pace to fill the unexpired term of Alternate Member W. David Coyner.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**MISCELLANEOUS (Continued):**

**13. APPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD**

Mayor Alahouzos asked for Board or public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To reappoint Jim Bouldin and Chris Angelou to another term on the Fire Pension Board, these terms will expire September 30, 2019.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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CHRIS ALAHOUZOS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC  
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

*CITY CLERK'S NOTE: This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the recordings are kept on file in the City Clerk's Office for the required retention period.*