

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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, NOVEMBER 13, 2018 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
	THOMAS J. TRASK	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 Chris Ireland, Compass Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

***Mayor Alahouzos left after the consent agenda.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Congratulations: Anita Protos, 901 Bayshore Drive, former Mayor, congratulated Commissioner Karr and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – COMMISSIONER KARR

Commissioner Karr read and proclaimed the month of November, 2018, as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Danny Roland, Susie Swenson, and other pancreatic survivors accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board. Ms. Swenson urge all to so their support by wearing purple this Thursday, November 15, 2018 for world pancreatic cancer awareness day.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Alahouzos announced that he was released from Florida Hospital North Pinellas and wanted to thanked his visitors, those that sent him messages, and doctors, nurses, and administrators for the excellent care he received. He was very proud to have such a quality hospital in Tarpon Springs.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. SENIOR HEALTHY HOP – LOW INCOME SENIORS TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP:

Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer PSTA, gave a power point presentation on the Tarpon Springs Senior Micro-Transit program called HOP, and how the program works. She advised the Board that the program became into fruition due to Mayor Alahouzos bringing this idea forward to PSTA, and Florida Hospital North Pinellas sponsorship. Ms. Borchers said that this was an innovative idea that makes Tarpon Springs a leader in this with others to follow this program.

The Board said this was a great program and thanked all involved and especially thanked Florida Hospital North Pinellas for their partnership in this program. The Board also thanked Mayor Alahouzos for taking his innovative idea to PSTA. Mayor Alahouzos informed the Board that the next project for seniors was a dedicated senior center. Commissioner Karr had the following questions on this program: If notification would be in utility bills, would reports on ridership be tracked through the PSTA side, if services are only allowed in the Tarpon Springs area, and who would be updating new businesses. City Manager said that notification are planned to go out with the utility bills, and that they have to make sure all addresses are updated. Additionally, Ms. Borchers said that PSTA would be happy to report back to the Board how successful this program is.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

Mayor Alahouzos asked and the Board agreed to deviate from the agenda and moving to the consent agenda prior to the presentation item three because he was not feeling well and would be leaving the meeting after that. He then asked Vice Mayor Banther to read the consent agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

A. TRASK & DIAGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE # 57093

5. SPECIAL EVENTS:

A. LIGHT UP THE BAYOU – DECEMBER 24, 2018

B. EPIPHANY PROCESSION – JANUARY 6, 2019 *

C. GLENDI – JANUARY 6, 2019

D. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PARADE – JANUARY 19, 2019

Commissioner Karr asked that item 5B be pulled.

6. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SENIOR MICRO-TRANSIT FUNDING AGREEMENT

7. INCREASE FILE NO. 180070-C-JJ: MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

8. AWARD FILE NO. 190030-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF ONBASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

9. AWARD FILE NO. 190031-N-CM: FIRE APPARATUS INSPECTION, REPAIR SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

10. AWARD FILE NO. 190034-N-CM: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF CHEVROLET/GM ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) PARTS AND SERVICES

11. INCREASE AND RENEW FILE NO. 180040-N-CM: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF CATERPILLAR ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) PARTS AND SERVICES

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve agenda items 5A, 5C, 5D, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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):

5. SPECIAL EVENTS:

B. EPIPHANY PROCESSION – JANUARY 6, 2019 *

Commissioner Karr had concerns after talking with visitors on bathroom accessibility, and felt that the City should put a port-a-potty by the Economic Development Office. City Manager LeCouris advised that the City owns a portable one and that this could easily be done.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKTA

To approve agenda item 5B.

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

The Mayor personally invited all to the grand opening of the senior transportation which would take place on December 3, 2018 at Florida Hospital North Pinellas at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Alahouzos turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Banther to conduct.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS

Karens Lemmons, Economic Development Manager, gave an overview of the program and said that this program was city wide and not just for areas inside the CRA. Mrs. Lemmons that this would be for manufacturing and targeted industry that meet the criteria. This program was created by the legislature and authorized under state statues. Additionally, she advised that if the City would like to put this in program in place, it would have to go to referendum. The Board liked this program and felt it was a great program to attract businesses to the city. They also liked that each application would be reviewed by the Board. The consensus of the Board was to move forward and for Attorney Trask to bring back a resolution.

Vice Mayor Banther asked for public comments and there were none.

SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA:

12. AWARD BID NO. 190007-B-JJ: CEDAR STREET BRICK PAVEMENT REHABILITATION FROM ARFARAS STREET TO PINELLAS AVENUE

Bob Robertson, Project Administration Director, said this was to re-brick Cedar Street and replace a utility line and add a closed drainage system.

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta thanked all for moving forward with this as she had received numerous calls on the condition.

Vice Mayor Banther asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER/COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To award bid no. 19000-B-JJ Cedar Street brick pavement rehabilitation from Arfaras Street to Pinellas Avenue to MTM Contractors, Inc., in amount not to exceed \$ 297,745.00 for Public Works Department.

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	Absent

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SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

13. AWARD BID NO. 180167-B-JJ: CULTURAL CENTER REHABILITATION AND EXTERIOR WINDOW REPLACEMENT

City Manager LeCouris said that staff did not have any presentation for the Board and was bringing forward to award the bid for \$ 549,477 to renovate with restored windows. He said that if they had any questions that Mr. Robertson was here to answer. City Manager LeCouris said that staff felt the windows should be replaced and that the Historical Preservation Board and other felt they should be preserved.

Public Comments:

Cyndi Tarapani, 22 N. Spring Boulevard, and Chair of the Historic Board. She was glad to see the project moving forward and gave some background on this item (Exhibit 1) She further explained why the HPB denied. She said the staff report erroneously said that the HPB made a recommendation in which they never did. She further explained the process that when an item was denied there was an appeal process and that there was never no appeal brought forward, so felt there was no legal authority to vote for option B. Mrs. Tarapani also felt that the City should be held accountable and follow the same rules as any other applicants.

Anita Protos, 901 Bayshore Drive, urged the Board to go with Option A to restore windows and preserve the history. Mrs. Protos would like to see something in place to maintain City buildings and asked the Board to look at the Library because there were vines growing out of the building.

Board Comments:

The majority of the Board was in favor of restoring the existing windows and thanked all. Commissioner Sieber did have concerns that restoring windows would not be safe during hurricanes and additional funds would need to be spent for boarding or shutters. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta asked if there was a list of buildings and maintenance, and City Manager LeCouris reminded her that Mr. Robertson had come up with a plan on how yearly inspections of all buildings would be done.

Commissioner Karr would like to see some history of the glass to educate visitors.

City Manager LeCouris said that the City did reserve the right of appeal but did not execute it.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KARR
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKTA

To award bid no. 180167-B-JJ cultural center rehabilitation & exterior window replacement to Restocon Corporation, in amount not to exceed \$ 549,477.00 for Option A restore existing windows and acceptance of additive alternates 1, 2 & 3 (refinish interior wood trim, new handrails & new downspouts) for the Public Works Department.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried 3 to 1 as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	No
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Absent

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

14. RESOLUTION 2018-25: FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET RESOLUTION

City Attorney Trask to read the following Resolution by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18.

Ron Harring, Finance Director, reviewed that this resolution was brought forward for items that were not originally authorized in the budget. Additionally, he said that no reserves were being used and that these were covered by revenues that came in over budget. Vice Mayor Banther thanked Ron to be ending his tenure on the Board not using any reserves.

Vice Mayor asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KARR
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve resolution 2018-25 as presented.

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	Absent

MISCELLANEOUS:

15. GULF ROAD PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR FUTURE FIRE STATION 70

City Manager LeCouris presented this initial project and advised that the property owners reduced selling price to help cost for remediation. He said there was many options for this property and staff was asking the Board to purchase. He thanked the property owners that they gave the City the first right and if this does not happen there was another offer on the floor. City Attorney Trask reminded the Board that according to Charter and Section 216 all four members would have to vote in favor of this in order for this item to move forward. Vice Mayor Banther said there was no other property around and that this property could be used for multiple uses. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta asked the City Manager to explain other uses, in which he did. She also questioned if full disclosure that the property need remediation and Mr. Robertson said full disclosure was given and that he was confident in this purchase. Commissioner Karr said it was good that due diligent was done and felt this was an opportunity for the City to purchase.

Vice Mayor Banther then passed the gavel to Commissioner Sieber so he could second the motion.

Public Comments:

Mike Kouskoutis, 623 E. Tarpon Avenue, said he and his partner gave the city the first option, but if not, they do have a backup contract. He and his partner originally had plans, and after a study was done reduced the price to assist with remediation cost.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To approve purchase of Gulf Road property for future use.

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	Absent

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MISCELLANEOUS (Continued):

16. 901 BAYOU AVENUE PROPERTY PURCHASE

City Manager explained that this property was adjacent to the Little League Field and desperately needed. He said there was also a letter in the backup in support of this purchase; and that no money was being taken away from improvements for the league by purchasing this property. The Board was in favor of this purchase. Commissioner Karr would like to have a sculpture or history of famous team/person that played at the field displayed.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To authorize the City Manager to execute a sales agreement for the subject property.

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

17. FORWARD PINELLAS MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT

Vice Mayor Banther explained this item, and asked if anyone would like to volunteer for this appointment. Commissioner Karr would love to volunteer; however, he would need to work the details with work.

Vice Mayor Banther asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To appoint Commissioner Karr pending work availability for representative to the Forward Pinellas Board.

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	Absent

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

K-9 Officer: Chief Kochen, Police Chief, informed the Board that the new K-9 Officer named CK after Charlie Kondek has been training for a month now and doing great.

Holiday Schedule: City Manager LeCouris reminded all that meetings due to the holidays would be on the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays in December.

Congratulations: City Clerk Jacobs and the Board congratulated Commissioner Karr and his wife on the birth of their daughter Amelia Grace Karr. Commissioner Karr thanked all for the well wishes.

Thanksgiving: City Clerk Jacobs and the Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Commissioner Karr said he was thankful of his family, Staff and for Tarpon Springs.

Welcome: Commissioner Sieber welcomed City Attorney Trask. Attorney Trask thanked the Board for having him and said he looks forward to the Tuesday night meetings.

Events: Commissioner Sieber reminded all about the Wine Walk to be held on Saturday, November 24, 2018, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Updates: Commissioner Karr would like to see as an agenda item a discussion on design guidelines for highway districts for US 19, Alt. 19, and Tarpon Avenue with examples of Winter Park or Ybor City and how some of their commercial buildings are in character with the historic parts of town to encourage ways to improve our parts of town.

Mayors Announcements: Vice Mayor Banther announced the following:

Friday, November 16th - Farm Share event (Holiday Produce Giveaway) at Citizens Alliance for Progress sponsored by Representative Chris Sprowls & Farm Share from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 24th is Small Business Saturday, from Downtown to the Sponge Docks, remember to shop local for this holiday season.

Saturday, November 24th & Sunday, November 25th – Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Festival – Court Street, Downtown from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome New Business:

-Sandra Doornbos' Creations

-Sandbar Architecture

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

DAVID BANTHER
VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
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.

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