

MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS  
REGULAR SESSION – NOVEMBER 14, 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, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS	MAYOR
DAVID BANTHER	VICE MAYOR
REA SIEBER	COMMISSIONER
JACOB KARR	COMMISSIONER

ABSENT/EXCUSED: SUSAN MICCIO-KIKTA 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 David Farquharson, Eckerd Alternatives, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Panagiotis Koulias, 595 Peninsula Avenue, voiced his concern to the Board that Officer Gassen had a personal vendetta against him regarding a prior traffic case that Officer Gassen lost in, and felt that he was being harassed by him fifteen years after.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. FORWARD PINELLAS: WHIT BLANTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Whit Blanton, Executive Director Forward Pinellas, gave the background on this item. He would like the City to go on record to the State with a policy that the City did not want an interchange. In the process Pinellas County is working with FDOT to research the impact of an interchange. The majority of the Board felt that an interchange would harm local businesses and for the City to prepare a resolution noting that the City's opposition to one. Commissioner Karr disagreed that it would harm businesses and felt before turning down that a study should be done.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2. ATTORNEY'S FEES:**

**A. TRASK & DIAGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE # 55084**

**3. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**A. LIGHT UP THE BAYOU: DECEMBER 24, 2017**

**B. EPIPHANY: JANUARY 6, 2018**

**C. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: JANUARY 13, 2018**

**4. AWARD FILE NO. 180045-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF EIM ELECTRIC ACTUATORS, PARTS AND SERVICE**

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**5. AWARD FILE NO. 180042-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF LIFT STATION SUPERVISORY CONTROL & DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) SYSTEM**

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**6. AWARD FILE NO. 180027-C-RS: POLICE EQUIPMENT, SURVEILLANCE, IT, SUPPLIES & RELATED ITEMS THROUGH PURCHASING COOPERATIVE OF AMERICA CONTRACT NO. RFP 3-140-16**

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**7. AWARD FILE NO. 180039-N: WATER & WASTEWATER REVENUE SUFFICIENCY ANALYSIS & COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT FEE STUDY**

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**8. AWARD FILE NO. 180035-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF ONBASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT**

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**9. AWARD FILE NO 180043-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF PUMPS & REPAIR PARTS, MYERS**

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**10. INCREASE FILE NO. 160017-C-RS: LIQUID CARBON DIOXIDE, THROUGH SARASOTA COUNTY CONTRACT NO. 1531260100**

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**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):**

**11. REJECT THE RESPONSES TO BID NO. 180030-B-CM: GENERATORS, MOBILE, TRAILER MOUNTED**

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR/SIEBER

To approve agenda items 2A, 3A, 3B, 3C,  
4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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

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

**7. AWARD FILE NO. 180039-N: WATER & WASTEWATER REVENUE SUFFICIENCY ANALYSIS & COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT FEE STUDY**

Commissioner Karr as if this item included water or if it was only wastewater, in which Mr. Harring replied that these were two separate things.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To approve agenda 7.

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

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

**SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA**

**12. INCREASE BID NO. 170140-B-CM: TREE REMOVAL AND RELATED SERVICES**

City Manager LeCouris said that the reason this item was on special consent was due to the cost. Additionally, he said due to the hurricane there were increased cost and hopefully would get amount back. Mayor Alahouzos asked what the process was to get FEMA reimbursement and City Manager said that Finance was still working on gathering data for reimbursement. Commissioner Sieber asked if this included any debris, and City Manager said yes they were still identifying.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To increase bid no. 170140-B-CM, tree removal and related services with evergreen tree service from an estimated annual amount of \$ 70,000 to \$ 325,000, an increase of \$ 255,000 for city wide use.

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

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

**13. AWARD FILE NO. 180038-C-RS: WATER METER AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION MATERIALS AND ACCESSOREIS THROUGH PINELLAS COUNTY BID NO. 156-0384-B**

City Manager LeCouris said that this item was on special consent due to strictly cost. Additionally, he said that digital meters were about 70% changed out. Mayor Alahouzos asked if this was the same company, and City Manager LeCouris replied, yes.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To award file No. 180038-C-RS water meter and backflow prevention materials and accessories through Pinellas County bid No. 156-0384-B to Neptune Technology Group, In., in the estimated annual amount of \$ 300,000.00 for the period of November 18, 2017 through August 8, 2021 fro the Water and Wastewater Treatment Departments

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**13. AWARD FILE NO. 180038-C-RS: WATER METER AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION MATERIALS AND ACCESSOREIS THROUGH PINELLAS COUNTY BID NO. 156-0384-B (Continued)**

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

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**14. ORDINANCE 2017-32: IDLE SPEED, NO WAKE ZONE (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5:- BOATS, DOCKS AND WATERWAYS, ARTICLE 1 IN GENERAL, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED SECTION 5-7.1 – ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL SLOW SPEED MINIMUM WAKE ZONES AND SPECIAL IDLE SPEED NO WAKE ZONES ON THE ANCLOTE RIVER; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

City Attorney Daigneault announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its first reading, the second reading would be hold on December 5, 2017 and would be published in the Tampa Bay Times by title only on November 24, 2017.

Major Young gave the back ground on this item. Mayor Alahouzos asked what the process was in which Major Young explained. Commissioner Sieber advised that she also received complaints about speeding in Whitcomb Bayou and Major Young said that would be addressed next. Commissioner Karr appreciated the proactive approach at Sunset Beach addressing the boat ramp areas.

Public Comments:

Doug Natoce, 1102 Flying Fish Lane, former Marine Patrol noted his experience and had several videos of people speeding. He urged the city to adopt this Ordinance as this would enhance safety.

Kristy McUmbler, 1114 Flying Fish Lane, felt that the speeding in this area was a major safety issue.

Don Armour, 1126 Flying Fish Lane, Boater of 50 years, would like to see speed at idle speed and felt this was a good ordinance.

Dennis Zablado, 370 Coquina Drive, advised that it was hard to dock when there was speeders. Urged Board to approve this Ordinance.

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):**

**14. ORDINANCE 2017-32: IDLE SPEED, NO WAKE ZONE (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading) (Continued)**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

That Ordinance 2017-32 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	Absent
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**15. RESOLUTION 2017-38: BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

Ron Haring, Finance Director pointed out that the unassigned fund balance was used for Hurricane Irma until FEMA reimbursement was received.

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To adopt Resolution 2017-38 as presented.

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

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

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**16. ORDINANCE 2017-27 APPLICATION 17-86; VACATE RIGHT OF WAY, TARPON TURTLE ANNEX, LLC (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)**

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City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, VACATING AND ABANDONING RIGHTS-OF-WAY (ROW), FOR 1,282.9 SQUARE FEET OF ALLEY "A" LYING NORTH OF LOTS 24-26 OF LAKE VIEW SUBDIVISION AND 1,314.7 SQUARE FEET OF ALLEY "B" LYING EAST OF LOTS 20-22 OF LAKE VIEW SUBDIVISION; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Daigneault announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing and explained the process. He then called upon those who would be testifying in this matter and swore in all witnesses. Additionally, the City Attorney asked the Board to disclose any ex parte' communication and there was none.

The legal advertisement requirement were met and this public hearing was called by virtue of this Ordinance being published by title only in the "Tampa Bay Times" on November 3, 2017. Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director said there was no additional information from the first reading.

Applicant: the applicant had nothing new to add.

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

That Ordinance 2017-27 be adopted on its second and final reading.

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

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

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**17. ORDINANCE 2017-33 APPLICATION 17-105; VACATE RIGHT OF WAY, CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS – MEYERS LANE (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)**

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City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, VACATING AND ABANDONING RIGHTS-OF-WAY (ROW), FOR 1,629 SQUARE FEET OF AN UNNAMED ALLEY LYING EAST OF LOTS 17-19 OF LAKE VIEW SUBDIVISION PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Daigneault announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing and explained the process. He then called upon those who would be testifying in this matter and swore in all witnesses. Additionally, the City Attorney asked the Board to disclose any ex parte' communication and there was none.

The legal advertisement requirement were met and this public hearing was called by virtue of this Ordinance being published by title only in the "Tampa Bay Times" on November 3, 2017.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director said there was no addition information from the first reading.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

That Ordinance 2017-33 be adopted on its second and final reading.

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

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

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**18. RESOLUTION 2017-40 RESOLUTION 2017-40: PUBLIC WORKS REORGANIZATION**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITION AND CERTAIN PERSONNEL, REVISING OF A POSITION DESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Tom Funcheon, Public Works Director, said that the reclassification was due to a recent retirement. He said that Scott Witt, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, was temporarily placed in this position and was a perfect fit for this position.

Mayor Alahouzos asked if the pay scale was compatible to other cities and City Manager LeCouris said, yes.

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To adopt Resolution 2017-40 as presented.

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

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**ADDENDUM 1. CITIES THRIVE CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP FOR PEACE 4 TARPON: COMMISSIONER SEIBER**

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Commissioner Sieber gave the background on this item and said the City of Tarpon was invited again; however, she cannot attend this year but would like someone from Peace 4 Tarpon to go. She is requesting that the City help fund this for someone to attend. Commissioner Karr inquired how this worked and Commissioner Sieber explained. He felt this was a great thing and felt Peace 4 Tarpon was setting an example for people all over, even for a marketing standpoint. He also asked Attorney Daigneault if the City could assist with this and City Daigneault said yes if it was a public benefit in which it was and advised that the motion should include a person's name and cap. Vice Mayor Banther felt it was an important thing.

Robin Saenger, former Commissioner, was delighted Tarpon Springs was invited and would not be able to go as she was in Philadelphia promoting Peace 4 Tarpon. Additionally, she said that in January, Tarpon Springs, was hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> gathering of Peace for Communities, in which is well known nationally. She did express the willingness of Mary Sparrow to go.

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To approve Mary Sparrow to attend conference with a cap of city assistance of \$ 1,100.

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

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

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**MISCELLANEOUS (Continued):**

**ADDENDUM # 2 APPOINTMENT OF BOC MEMBER TO THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION BOARD**

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To appoint Commissioner Sieber as Commission representative for the General Employees Pension 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	Yes

**BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

**THANKSGIVING:** The Board wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**STREET CLOSURE:** Vice Mayor Banther would like to see a discussion on street closures.

**SEAFOOD/STONE CRAB FESTIVAL:** Commissioner Sieber reminded all regarding the upcoming Seafood Festival at the Sponge Docks and the Stone Crab festival sponsored by the Rotary Club.

**VISITORS:** Commissioner Sieber thanked the visitors of Puyo, Ecuador for the gifts presented to the Board. She was wearing a necklace made from beans & spices.

**WINE WALK:** Commissioner Sieber reminded all of the upcoming Wine Walk on November 25, 2017.

**DIABETICS DAY:** He wanted to bring awareness to world diabetic's day.

**SMALL BUSINESS:** Reminded all of small business weekend, and encouraged all to shop local.

**CONDOLENCES:** Commissioner Karr gave his condolences to the family of the Professional Baseball Player that passed away.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Commissioner Karr asked that the City Manager follow up on the possibilities of a Police substation at Spring Bayou.

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**BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS (Continued):**

**MAYOR'S ANNOUCEMENT:**

Saturday, November 18th – **Stone Crab Festival** - Craig Park from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - **Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Festival** – West Tarpon Avenue from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – **Wine Walk** – Wine at the Docks from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – **Snow Place** – West Tarpon Avenue from 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – **Boat Parade** – Craig Park starting at 8:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Vice-Mayor and Staff from City of Puyo, Ecuador here to visit and tour our new Reverse Osmosis Plant.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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CHRIS ALAHOZOS  
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.*