

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – FEBRUARY 20, 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, FEBRUARY 20, 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
	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. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Alahouzos asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

PRESENTATION:

1. SUNSET BEACH CONCERT SERIES – PRESENTATION TO SPONSORS

Craig Dolan, Recreation Superintendent, advised that this was the seventeenth season and could not do the concert series without the sponsors, in which are Ferman Chevrolet and Florida Hospital North Pinellas.

Mayor Alahouzos thanked the sponsors for their generosity and presented them with a plaque. Commissioner Sieber also thanked the Recreation Department for this fun event that brings the community together.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there was none.

2. WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS AWARD

Mayor Alahouzos congratulated City Manager LeCouris; Paul Smith, Public Services Director; and employees for receiving this award. He then read and presented the plaque to them. Mr. Smith, was pleased to see the award for staff and the community. He then introduced Ray Page, Utilities Superintendent; and Rob Marcincuk, Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. Vice Mayor Banther was proud that this award places Tarpon Springs on the map.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there was none.

3. PEACE 4 TARPON UPDATE – ROBIN SAENGER AND MARY SHARROW

Mary Sharrow informed the Board that she filled in at the New York mental health conference. She represented Peace4Tarpon and the community, and would like to see Tarpon Springs sit in on this panel year after year.

Robin Saenger, former Commissioner, said that Peace4Tarpon has been a subject at the University of Florida for the last two years and that a program curriculum was created with St. Petersburg College. Additionally, she said that a lot of Counties were following Tarpon's model. She distributed an article titled "Healthy and Vibrant: A Tree Grows in Tarpon" (Exhibit 1)

Mayor Alahouzos thanked Ms. Saenger and all involved for their work of Peace4Tarpon. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta inquired as to when the group meets, and Ms. Saenger replied, once a month on the last Friday of the month from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there was none.

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PRESENTATION (Continued):

4. PUBLIC ART PRESENTATION: ANNUAL PLAN AND BIKE RACK INSTALLATION PHASE II

Sherri Orr, Member, Public Art Committee, gave a power point presentation on the Annual Plan and Budget Request and plans for Fiscal Year 2018. The Board thanked the Committee for the presentation and were looking forward to what they come up with for the gateway signs, wall murals, and upcoming art projects.

Ms. Orr then reviewed the locations and designs for the bike rack installation for Phase II, asking the Board for a selection of six out of the eight selections. City Manager LeCouris said that the Board can forward him a list of their design choices with locations.

Public Comments:

Mike Kouskoutis, 623 E. Tarpon Avenue, enjoys art and felt that the entrances of Tarpon Springs are very important, but properties themselves need to be more inviting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. SATISFACTION AND RELEASE OF LIENS

Joanna Mazurek/ Izabela Szpyrika	Utility Lien	41863-271202848
Peggy L. LeCouris	Utility Lien	5197-271305268
Lime Street Properties, Inc.	Code Enforcement	17-80000393
Denami Holding, LLC	Code Enforcement	17-80000743
Paul/Elaine Hobbs	Code Enforcement	17-80000602

6. ATTORNEY'S FEE:

A. TRASK & DAIGNEAULT , LLP: INVOICE # 55514

7. SPECIAL EVENTS:

A. FINE ARTS FESTIVAL: MARCH 24-25, 2018

B. GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE: MARCH 31, 2018

8. REJECT ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR BID NO. 180049-B-JJ: CRAIG PARK SEAWALL RESTORATION

9. REJECT BID NO. 180052-B-RS: PROCESS CONTROL MONITORING SYSTEM

Commissioner Karr questioned if this pertained to wastewater and Mr. Smith replied originally where going with single source; however, during bid process another company applied, but did not meet requirements needed, so the next step was item 10 after approving item 9.

10. AWARD FILE NO. 180088-B-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF PROCESS CONTROL MONITORING SYSTEM

11. INCREASE FILE NO. 170163-C-RS: TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT No. 100614#CDW

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CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

12. INCREASE FILE NO. 170123-C-CM: UTILIZING NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT NO. 121715, FLOORING WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES, INSTALLATION AND SERVICES

13. RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 4966

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta congratulated the Firefighters and union for coming into an agreement with the City.

14. APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PARAMEDIC DRIVE ENGINEER

15. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING EVERBRIDGE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To approve agenda items 5, 6A, 7A, 7B, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

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

SPECIAL CONSENT:

16. REQUEST TO SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OR LIEN: 316 E. BOYER STREET

City Attorney Daigneault gave the background on this item and recommended that the Board accept the settlement offer of \$ 22,214.00 in exchange for a release of the property at 316 E. Boyer Street.

Vice Mayor would like public comments. Commissioner Karr needed clarification on the process for determining settlements and City Attorney Daigneault said that this settlement was different than the other two and was following adopted policy.

Public Comments:

Julie Holt, Anclote Title, said that the property manager inherited this problem and was not aware of any code violation timeframe or knew of daily assessed fines. The property manager felt that he would be perceived as a slum lord, and had no control of the eviction process. City Attorney Daigneault advised the Board that this was a negotiated settlement and cannot that the Board could not reduce what was negotiated.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To accept the settlement offer of \$ 22,214.00
in exchange for a release of the property at 316
E. Boyer Street.

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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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

17. REQUEST TO SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OR LIEN: 905 GAINESWAY DRIVE

City Attorney Daigneault gave the background on this item. He stated that the amount offered to settle the fine or lien was \$1,000. The Attorney's Office recommended settling this case for the amount of \$1,800, plus the administrative costs incurred by the City of \$325, and the utility lien in the amount of \$ 3,651.74 (non-negotiable) for a total of \$ 5776.74 and that the requesting party be given sixty (60) days to pay that amount and that if that amount was not paid, the liens revert to their original amount.

Commissioner Karr asked if he heard right that the goal was to get properties compliant, and Attorney Daigneault, replied, yes. Commissioner Karr would like to readdress this process as a Board. City Manager LeCouris said that there was a fine line and tough process and a formula range. He felt this process should be an administrative policy.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To accept a total of \$ 5776.74 to settle administrative fine or lien at 905 Gainesway Drive and that the requesting party be given sixty (60) days to pay that amount and that if that amount is not paid, the liens revert to their original amount.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4 to 1 as follows:

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

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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

18. REQUEST TO SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OR LIEN: 1147 TOOKES ROAD

City Attorney Daigneault gave the background on this item. He stated that the amount offered to settle the fine or lien was \$1,500. The Attorney's Office recommended settling this case for the amount of \$5,800, plus the administrative costs incurred by the City of \$548, and the utility lien in the amount of \$ 675.31 (non-negotiable) for a total of \$ 7,023.31 and that the requesting party be given sixty (60) days to pay that amount and that if that amount was not paid, the liens revert to their original amount.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To accept a total of \$ 7,023.31 to settle administrative fine or lien at 1147 Tookes Road and that the requesting party be given sixty (60) days to pay that amount and that if that amount was not paid, the liens revert to their original amount.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried 3 to 2 as follows:

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

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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

19. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATION FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, informed the Board that he was proposing to utilize a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for a Sand and Grit Removal Project at the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility and a way to leverage funds further. Mayor Alahouzos said this was a great opportunity. He then asked how often tanks were cleaned, and Mr. Smith said as an on needed basis and every five years.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

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

20. APPROVE DECORATIVE BIKE RACK INSTALLATIONS PHASE II

This item was discussed during presentations at the beginning of the meeting. (See page 3)

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

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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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

21. APPROVE REVISED PROPERTY SALE AGREEMENT – UNION ACADEMY/TOBY’S ACRES PROPERTIES

City Manager LeCouris gave the background on this item stating that this item was proposed back in January of this year; however, clear title to the property could not be obtained due to judgements linked to the property and the property owner. The judgements would not affect the ability of the owner to grant a long-term Municipal Easement to the City, so the City allowed the previous approved transaction to expire; and this new transaction was being proposed.

Mayor Alahouzos felt this was a win win situation; and asked if the owner can change his mind in three years, and the City Attorney said, no.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

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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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

**22. ORDINANCE 2018-05: HERITAGE MUSEUM HISTORY WING IN HONOR OF GEORGE BILLIRIS
(1ST Reading)**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, NAMING A WING AT THE HERITAGE MUSEUM BUILDING LOCATED AT 100 BEEKMAN LANE IN HONOR OF GEORGE MICHAEL BILLIRIS; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION THAT MAY ARISE AT PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its 1st Reading, the 2nd Reading would be held on March 20, 2018 and was published in the Tampa Bay Times by title only on March 2, 2018.

City Manager LeCouris, due to previous consensus of the Board, he followed the process naming of a wing. He also would like to look into a way to memorialize founders and divers by a plaque and find areas at the Heritage Museum or Sponge Docks to honor them.

Public Comments:

The following spoke in favor of naming the wing after George Billiris and memorializing founders and divers on a plaque:

Mike Kouskoutis, 623 E. Tarpon Avenue
David Archie, former Mayor
Beverly Billiris, former Mayor, 1028 Peninsula Avenue
Frank DiDonato, former Mayor

The following spoke in favor of honoring all and not just Mr. Billiris:

Nicholas Zembellis, 485 Riverside Drive

Board Comments:

Mayor Alahouzos endorsed all comments of the Billiris family and former Mayors; however, received many letters that the City should honor all founders and divers and not just one person in the industry. Vice Mayor Banther never thought when he brought this forward that this would be controversial. He felt that it was important to keep industry and the names alive and was in favor of naming George Billiris, but also honoring all families; and the idea of honoring all families would not have been brought up otherwise. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta was ashamed that this had become so controversial. She said that Mr. Billiris promoted tourism as a whole to the Community and was a pillar of the community, and was in favor of honoring. Commissioner Sieber echoed what Vice Mayor Banther and Commissioner Miccio-Kikta already stated. She said that Mr. Billiris breathed and lived Tarpon Springs and agreed that he should be recognized. Commissioner Karr was in favor of naming the wing after Mr. Billiris and was in agreeance with putting a positive spin on honoring the sponge industry.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

**22. ORDINANCE 2018-05: HERITAGE MUSEUM HISTORY WING IN HONOR OF GEORGE BILLIRIS
(1ST Reading)**

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

That Ordinance 2018-05 be approved on its first reading with the sign to read: "George Michael Billiris Wing to Honor Sponge Industry".

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4 to 1 as follows:

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

**23. ORDINANCE 2018-06: APPLICATION 17-109; LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT TO
EXTENDING MORATORIUM ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (1ST Reading)**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF AN ESTABLISHED TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMITTAL AND PROCESSING OF ANY APPLICATION, AND ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMIT FOR LOCATION OF ANY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, TOWERS OR ANTENNAS IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Daigneault announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its 1st Reading, the 2nd Reading would be held on March 6, 2018 and was published in the Tampa Bay Times by title only on February 16, 2018.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said that the purpose of this Ordinance was to provide the City of Tarpon Springs with the opportunity to review the impact of recent changes in law on wireless communication facilities within the City's public rights-of-way. Additionally, staff was in the process of studying new wireless technologies and the need to develop a clear, comprehensive strategy that considers exploring the impact of small microcell facilities on the historic district and neighborhoods; determine the impact of microcell facilities within the City's rights-of-way from an operational and maintenance perspective; drafting development standards which would be context-sensitive for the City while also meeting the standards adopted in 2017 pursuant to Florida House of Representative Bill 687. As now codified in Florida Statutes 337.40; and Organize a City staff task force of relevant departments to coordinate efforts to develop appropriate regulations.

Commissioner Karr supports but wants a way to place in light poles.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

23. ORDINANCE 2018-06: APPLICATION 17-109; LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT TO EXTENDING MORATORIUM ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (1ST Reading)

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

That Ordinance 2018-06 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

24. ORDINANCE 2018-02: APPLICATION 17-117; REZONING – TAGARELLI, PARK STREET APPRATMENTS (2nd READING)

The City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.47 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF PARK STREET AND GRAND BOULEVARD (APP-17-117), FROM ZONING DESIGNATION R-60 (NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT) TO RM-15, (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney Daigneault announced that the legal advertisement requirements were met and this public hearing was called by virtue of this Ordinance being published by title on with a map in the Tampa Bay Times on December 29, 2017 and February 10, 2018.

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.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said there were no changes since the first reading.

Applicant:

Mike Tagarelli, 601 Laurel Lane, said that all issues that residents are speaking of would be addressed in the site plant. Additionally, he said that his tenants are not criminals and that he screens them.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

**24. ORDINANCE 2018-02: APPLICATION 17-117; REZONING – TAGARELLI, PARK STREET APARTMENTS
(2nd READING)**

Opponents:

The following spoke in opposition to the project and did not feel that additional apartments were needed in the area, that they did not fit in with surrounding area, had concerns with safety, additional traffic, stormwater runoff, and about rezoning compatibility:

Bill Vinson, 144 N. Spring Boulevard
Christie Kofias, 538 ½ Division Street
Janet Cummings, Park Street
Maritsa Hourdas, 209 Grand Boulevard
Jamie Scurti, 219 Grand Boulevard (Exhibit 2)
Rene Torres, 400 Grand Boulevard
Bill Plaza, 419 Roosevelt Road (Exhibit 3)
Lois Barth, 116 Read Street
Steve Tsalickis, 431 Grand Boulevard
George Skoutellis, 216 Grand Boulevard

Proponents:

Attorney Daigneault asked for proponents and there were none.

Applicant Closing Comments:

Mr. Tagarelli reiterated that his tenants were screened and that the existing lot was never purchased for parking for the shrine.

Staff Closing Comments:

There were no closing comments from staff.

Board Comments:

Vice Mayor Banther was concerned with the compatibility and felt developer should of brought in a site plan as a gesture of good will. Commissioner Kikta was in support of the rezone and that other issues that came up would be reviewed at the site plan stage. Commissioner Karr shared the same concern as Vice Mayor Banther with the compatibility issue. Commissioner Sieber felt that concerns of residents would be addressed during site plan review and that residents were talking about this project as a future crime scene prior to the project being completed. Mayor Alahouzos thanked all for coming out and speaking; however, he did not question the quality of the project, but had concerns of the compatibility.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

**24. ORDINANCE 2018-02: APPLICATION 17-117; REZONING – TAGARELLI, PARK STREET APARTMENTS
(2nd READING)**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

That the Ordinance 2018-02 be denied on
its second and final reading.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion 3 to 2 as follows:

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

25. RE-AFFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To reaffirm appointment of Christopher DeFiores,
Celia Dubey, Jason Klimis, Penny Lambrianos,
Jim Maurer, Elizabeth Posner, and Alice Morgan

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:

TOUCH A TRUCK/SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER: City Manager LeCouris spoke on the two events happening this weekend which were the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Friday night and the Touch a Truck event on Saturday. City Clerk Jacobs said they were sold out; however, they were still accepting donations. She also thanked all who donated items for the silent auction, and even though sold out, encouraged all to attend and participant in buying tickets for the silent auction items. Vice Mayor Banther mentioned that there would also be meatless sauce for those who are participating in lent. He also said that it assured him what type of community we had with the fundraiser being sold out, and all the great items that were contributed for the silent auction.

ELKS CLUB HEALTH FAIR/CAP CENTER EVENT: Commissioner Miccio-Kikta advised that the Elks Club would be having a Health & Safety Fair on Sunday, from 12 to 3:00 pm. They will be giving out free backpacks with products, drug awareness, the police department would be there, Dr. DiDonato, and free food. Also she advised that the CAP Center Event would also be held on Sunday evening at Innisbrook.

IRELAND VISIT: Vice Mayor Banther just returned from Ireland where he met the Lord Mayor of Dublin and presented him with a Key to the City and a Sponge Diving statute along with personal gifts purchased from the Sponge Docks. He encouraged all to be good ambassadors when traveling.

WINE WALK: Commissioner Sieber also advised that the wine walk would also take place this Saturday, from 4 to 8:00 pm

ASSISTANCE: Commissioner Karr thanked the Police Department for assisting a resident with gas and for assisting a resident push their car off the street.

BIRTHDAY: Commissioner Karr also thanked the City Clerk's Office for the cupcakes for his birthday.

MAYOR'S ANNOUCEMENT:

Thursday, March 1st – Sunset Beach Concert starts at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 2nd – First Friday from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on W. Tarpon Avenue

New Businesses:

Fit Yoga Factory
Party Pearlz

Mayor Alahouzos congratulated the Cultural & Civic Services Director Diane Wood and Project Director, Tina Bucuvalas, in receiving a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts to continue to promote important programs that represent our Greek culture in Tarpon Springs.

It is an honor to receive this funding and would like to thank the ladies for their hard work in applying for the grant.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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.