

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – FEBRUARY 7, 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, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS	MAYOR
TOWNSEND TARAPANI	VICE MAYOR
DAVID BANTHER	COMMISSIONER
REA SIEBER	COMMISSIONER
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 Curt Snare, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PEACE 4 TARPON:

Carl Von, 1006 Offspring Court, member of Peace 4 Tarpon, advised the Board of the resilient community mini-grant program and that they would be conducting workshops. (See exhibit 1)

ECKERD KIDS:

Dave Farkison, Eckerd Kids, advised the Board that Eckerd Kids was founded in 1968 and works with children in foster care or in need of adoption. He said that there were a lot of children from Tarpon Springs and that they rely on churches to point out these needs. Mr. Farkison invited the Board to an appreciation breakfast at Spartan Manor in which would be held on February 28, 2017.

IMPACT FEES:

Adam Valet, 1033 Rosetree Lane, said he had purchased a piece of property and found that Tarpon Springs was over 50% higher in impact fees than surrounding municipalities. He has been a resident for fifteen years, felt impact fees of \$ 10,000 was a lot to swallow and would like to know what can be done to solve this problem.

FRACKING:

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, former Commissioner, spoke how fracking would affect Tarpon Springs and reminded all that the City passed a resolution, but felt the Board has a window to do an Ordinance to ban fracking in Tarpon Springs and its service areas.

PROCLAMATION:

1A. AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH - MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed the month February as National African History Month. There was no one present to accept so the proclamation would be mailed.

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

1B. AMERICAN HEART MONTH – COMMISSIONER SLATTERY

Commissioner Slattery read and proclaimed the month of February as American Heart Month. There was no one present to accept so the proclamation would be mailed.

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

2. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT – CALVIN, GIORDANO AND ASSOCIATES

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director introduced Luis Serna, City consultant from Calvin, Giordano and Associates, who explained why this project was being done and that they would be coming back in March with four Ordinances. This would replace the current transportation concurrency with a concurrency mobility management system. This was being done due to an initiative by Forward Pinellas, which was a combination of the Pinellas Planning Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization which asked all municipalities to come up with a consistent strategy for transportation impact.

Mayor Alahouzos inquired if this was a mandate and Mr. Serna said yes, pretty much. The Mayor also asked if there was a formula, and Mr. Serna said no, that it varied due to the development.

PRESENTATION:

3. GENERAL FUND UPDATE – RON HARRING

Ron Harring, Finance Director gave a power point presentation on the general fund budget and explained unassigned fund balance. Mayor Alahouzos thanked Mr. Harring and the Finance Department for all they do. Commissioner Banther was glad to see the City was operating on budget, but during budget, would like to look at staffing levels of the Fire and Police Department. City Manager LeCouris explained the reason for the problem in the gap in the Fire Department was due to people leaving and two serious injuries causing others to be out. He said that the City was awaiting a grant which would pay to provide four people for two years and possibly into a third year. Mayor Alahouzos asked why unassigned funds would be used this year, and Mr. Harring said at this point it was just a projection after looking at all the funds.

4. CYCADIA CEMETERY PRESENTATION – PAUL SMITH

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, gave a power point presentation on proposed cemetery property that had become available and offered to the City for cemetery space expansion. He advised that the cemetery was very vital to the community and that the expansion was very much needed. The Board also agreed expansion was desperately needed. Commissioner Kikta was glad to hear this could be done due to the amount without going to referendum, and asked where funds were coming from to pay for property. Mr. Smith advised that the money would be coming from the perpetual care fund which currently has over two million dollars. Additionally, he said from the time this fund was established, funds had doubled. Commissioner Tarapani would like the city when planning this area spare as many trees as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jacob Karr, 146 Cleveland Place, was in favor of this project; however, wanted the city to allow the long time tenured business on this property, time to relocate. He agrees with Vice Mayor Tarapani to save as many trees as possible, and look into road safety in this area. Mr. Karr would also like a portion of this be utilized as overflow parking for the sports complex.

(Continued)

PRESENTATION (Continued):

5. CITIES THRIVE CONFERENCE REPORT – COMMISSIONER SIEBER

Commissioner Sieber reported on the conference she attended. She said that Tarpon Springs got national recognition, and was invited as she was a part of Peace 4 Tarpon and due to her background in mental health. Sixty five cities attended with over two hundred people. This was a great experience and was happy to announce that two cities have modeled Peace 4 Tarpon. Commissioner Sieber advised that for attending she received a \$ 500.00 check in which she gave to the City.

The Board thanked Commissioner Sieber for attending and representing the city well.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

A. THOMPSON SIZEMORE GONZALEZ & HEARING, LLP: INVOICE # 86839

7. SPECIAL EVENTS:

A. SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PROCESSION – MARCH 5, 2017

8. AWARD FILE NO. 170073-N-JJ: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF LEGAL AND PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING

9. RENEW FILE NO. 160054-C-CM: MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATIONS (MRO) SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES THROUGH NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE CONTRACT NO. R142104

10. EXTEND FILE NO. 150063-C-JJ: MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATING SUPPLIES THROUGH FLORIDA STATE CONTRACT NO. 450-000-11-ACS

11. AWARD FILE NO. 170075-S-JJ: TEMPORARY PLANNING SERVICES

12. AWARD FILE NO. 170074-N-RS: PUBLIC SAFETY HEALTH SCREENING

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, had no problem with this, just felt woman were discriminated on cost for mammograms vs. testosterone checks. Commissioner Kikita advised that City insurance does not charge for mammograms and wanted the City Manager to check why the City was getting charged for this.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER

SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKITA

To approve agenda items 6A, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

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

Commissioner Slattery	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Commissioner Banther	Yes
Vice Mayor Tarapani	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA

13. APPROVE LEASE AND SELECTION OF SPOIL SITE

Bob Robertson, Program Manager, advised the Board that the spoil site was the same used in 1999. He then reviewed the status of the project and said pieces were following into place. Mayor Alahouzos thanked Mr. Robertson and asked who the owner of the property was. Mr. Robertson said that the property was owned by Anclote Properties, who is George Stamas. The Board thanked Mr. Robertson, the Marine Commerce Committee, and Mr. Stamas.

Public Comments:

Frank DiDonato, 720 Woodmont Drive, former Mayor, commended the Board for this project and knows the amount of time this takes. He would like to see the Board consider maintenance dredging for Bayous and Rivers; and would like the Board to look a purchasing a permanent spoil site for this purpose.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR TARAPANI

To approve the lease and election of spoil site.

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

Commissioner Slattery	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Commissioner Banther	Yes
Vice Mayor Tarapani	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

**14. RESOLUTION 2017-01: APPLICATION 16-134; CONDITIONAL USE; COMMUNITY GARDEN
(QUASI-JUDICIAL) (1ST Reading)**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATION # 16-134 REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A COMMUNITY GARDEN ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 116 N. RING AVENUE, IN THE CONDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL MIXED ZONING DISTRICT (CRM-7.5); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR 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.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, gave the background of this project and said that at this time no structures were proposed; however, a shed or storage structure to store gardening equipment might be needed in the future. Additionally, she said that staff was recommending approval with the following conditions: 1. The property is to be used as a Community Garden, all other uses are subject to further review and subsequent approval consistent with the Land Development Code; 2. The hours of operation of the Community Garden are from sunrise to sunset, 3. The maximum size of any accessory structure will be determined at the time of permitting pursuant to LDC Section 36.00 and Section 210.01; 4. The setbacks for any accessory structure are as follows: Rear yard setback of five (5) feet and side yard setback of seven and half (7.5) feet; 5. The maximum allowed height of any accessory structure is 20 feet, 6. Any accessory structure is to be approved by the Technical Review Committee, pursuant to LDC Section 36.00, 210.01 and 230.00; 7. Any accessory structure must be reviewed by the Heritage Preservation Board pursuant to LDC Section 109.00 and be consistent with the City's Design Review Guidelines Manual; 8. Any accessory structure to be constructed on the property will required building permit approval, subsequent to Technical Review Committee and Heritage Preservation Board approval; 9. The conditional use will expire within one year of approval, if a building permit is not issued for the property.

Opponents:

City Attorney Daigneault asked for proponents and there were none.

Proponents:

Helen Dalzell, 1706 Palomino Drive, and Heidi Phillips, 1127 S. Pointe Alexis Drive, said that the

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SLATTERY
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

That Ordinance 2016-13 be approved on its first reading
with added language to be brought back at second reading.

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

Commissioner Slattery	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Commissioner Banther	Yes
Vice Mayor Tarapani	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

(Continued)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

15. EXTENSION OF SITE PLAN APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2016-08: APPLICATION 15-76 MERES CROSSING APARTMENTS

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATION # 15-76 FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A 236-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX IN A SPECIAL AREA PLAN (SAP) DISTRICT LOCATED AT ON THE EAST SIDE OF ALTERNATE U.S. 19 APPROXIMATELY 550 FEET SOUTH OF MERES BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Urwiller explained that this was for a one year extension of an approved Resolution 2016-08, application 15-76 for Meres Crossing Apartments. There was no changes to the site plan and there have been no changes in the land use regulations that would impact this project. The applicant is in the final stages of preparing the construction drawings and needs additional time to file for the building permit prior to the original expiration date of March 1, 2017.

There were no Board and public comments.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR TARAPANI

To extend site plan Resolution 2016-08 application 15-76
Meres crossing apartments for one year.

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

Commissioner Slattery	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Commissioner Banther	Yes
Vice Mayor Tarapani	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

MISCELLANEOUS:

16. APPROVE SELECTION AND PLACEMENT OF BICYCLE RACKS – PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Sherry Orr, member Public Art Committee, gave a power point presentation discussing the election and placement of bicycle racks. The Committee was asking the Board for guidance. Additionally, she said that the Committee was calling all artists for bike racks with historical themes since no historical themes were received.

The Board offered their choices and placement sites they liked:

Vice Mayor Tarapani:

Dogs	Cultural Center
Octopus (Big)	Train Depot
Greek Key	Tarpon Avenue Parking Lot
Musical Notes	Hope Street near St. Michael Shrine
Nautical Flags	Marina

Commissioner Sieber:

Greek Key	
Tennis Balls	Tennis CourtsCraig Park
Sponge Helmet	Sponge Docks
Nautical Flags	Marina
Musical Notes	Performing Arts
Octopus (Big)	
Dogs	Dog Park

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta:

Greek Key (Rectangular)	
Tennis Balls	Tennis Courts
Sponge Helmet	Sponge Docks
Octopus (Big)	Sponge Docks
Musical Notes	Performing Arts

Commissioner Banther:

Gave no specifics, but felt designs should be specific and appropriate to locations. For example, Train design at train depot.

Mayor Alahouzos:

Mermaid	Bayou
Greek Key (Circle)	Cultural Center
Musical Notes	Anywhere
Tennis Balls	Tennis Courts
Nautical Flags	Marina
Sponge Helmet	Sponge Docks
Dogs	Dog Park
Dolphin	Anywhere on River
Octopus (Big)	Sponge Docks
Sail Boats	Near Boats

(Continued)

MISCELLANEOUS (Continue):

16. APPROVE SELECTION AND PLACEMENT OF BICYCLE RACKS – PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Public Comments:

Frank DiDonato, 720 Woodmont Road, felt this was an excellent project and suggested that a bike rack be placed near the new pool at the High School.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve selection and placement of bicycle racks.

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

Commissioner Slattery	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Commissioner Banther	Yes
Vice Mayor Tarapani	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

17. STORMWATER PROJECT UPDATE

Tom Funcheon, gave a power point update on stormwater. Mayor Alahouzos thanked Tom and his staff for doing work in house. The Board appreciates public works and anytime they do things in house.

Public Comments:

Jacob Karr, 146 Cleveland Place, felt this was a great update and liked savings when projects were done in house. He said that the city should hold County and State accountable for County and State streets.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

VISITORS: City Manager LeCouris said that visitors from the Cayman Islands and reminded all to stop by the Sponge Exchange to meet them.

NAME CHANGE: Commissioner Kikta advised that even though she had been married for a year, she just officially changed her name.

SENIOR MEETING: Mayor Alahouzos advised that he be hosting a senior center information meeting on February 15, 2017 from 10:00-11:00 am at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CHRIS ALAHOZOS
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.

Unofficial Copy