

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

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: TOWNSEND TARAPANI VICE MAYOR

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 Melody Kidd, Crystal Beach Community Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos recognized the Girl Scouts of Beautiful Waters who gave a presentation of the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: IN MEMORIAM RESOLUTION – GEORGE BILLIRIS

Commissioner Banther read the resolution in its entirety and presented it to the family.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE CITY'S DEEP AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE MICHAEL BILLIRIS.

Beverley Billiris, Former Mayor, thanked the Board for the resolution honoring her husband. The Board expressed their condolences, and spoke of his contributions to the community.

The Board asked for public comments and there were none.

SPECIAL PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION: MAYOR'S TOP APPLE AWARDS

Mayor Alahouzos welcomed everyone to the Mayor's Top Apple Awards and explained the history of the award and the criteria required to qualify for the award. He then recognized the following special guests:

David Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner
Eileen Long, Pinellas County School Board Member
Dr. William Corbett, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Lori Matway, Associate Superintendent
Pam Moore, Associate Superintendent
Steve Christopoulos, Plato Academy Schools
Robin Wikle Former School Board Member (always a Champion of Education)

Mayor Alahouzos read the "Mayor's Top Apple Award Proclamation". City Clerk Jacobs announced that six school-based administrators from four local schools with an "A" grade were recognized and would receive a customized engraved marble apple, a proclamation, and a personalized banner. She announced the recipients as the Mayor and Board handed out the awards to the following:

Tarpon Springs Fundamental School

Principal Dr. Elaine Meils

Brooker Creek Elementary School

Principal Jennifer Mekler
Assistant Principal Abigail Cannata

East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

Principal Karen Huzar

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION: IN MEMORIAM RESOLUTION – GEORGE BILLIRIS (Continued)

Plato Academy Charter School Tarpon Springs

Principal Danielle Turro
President & CEO Steve Christopoulos
Assistant Principal Hayley Harris

Mayor Alahouzos then thanked the following sponsors for their donations to this event and presented each with a certificate of appreciation:

Bill Gresham, Waste Management
Steve Stocks, Lowe's Home Improvements Tarpon Springs
Ed Hoffman, Hoffman Architects
Ferman Chevrolet Tarpon Springs
Florida Hospital North Pinellas

Mayor Alahouzos announced a recess at 6:53 pm and reconvened at 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ECONOMY: Peter Dalacos, former Commissioner, 514 Ashland Avenue, said that he felt an immigrant witch hunt would be happening that would affect the economy and increase the cost of fruits and vegetables.

LEGISLATION: Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, would like the City Attorney to review recent legislation HB17 that would affect home rule and provide a memo to the board.

PROCLAMATION:

1A. GIRL SCOUT WEEK – COMMISSIONER BANTHER

Commissioner Banther read and proclaimed the week of March 6 – March 12, 2017 as Girl Scout Week. The proclamation was accepted by the Girl Scouts of Beautiful Waters and they thanked the Board for the proclamation.

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

1B. GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed March 25, 2017 as Greek Independence Day. The proclamation was accepted by Costa Sisois and he thanked the Board for the proclamation.

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

1C. FLORIDA SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS WEEK – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed the week of March 19 - March 25, 2017 as Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week. The proclamation was accepted Jarred Phillips, Vice President of the Chapter of Surveyors and Mapping Society of Tampa Bay who thanked the Board for the proclamation. Mayor Alahouzos also recognized other surveyors in the audience from the office of George F. Young.

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PROCLAMATION: (Continued)

1D. PROCUREMENT SERVICES MONTH – COMMISSIONER SIEBER

Commissioner Sieber read and proclaimed the month of March, 2017 as Procurement Services Month. The proclamation was accepted by Jay Jackus, Procurement Services Director and he thanked the Board for the proclamation.

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

1E. TARPON SPRINGS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEEK – COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta read and proclaimed the week of March 12, 2017 as Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society Week. The proclamation was accepted by Peggy Proestos, Phyllis Kolianos, and Joan Jennings, members of the Historical Society and they thanked the Board for the proclamation.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

2. TARPON SPRINGS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT – PEGGY PRESTOS

Peggy Prestos, member, Tarpon Springs Historical Society, gave a power point presentation on the Tarpon Springs Historical Society serving the area for fifty years (Exhibit 1). She then invited the Board to the Golden Anniversary Gala, to be held on Friday, March 10, 2017, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. She further said that tickets were still available and can be purchased at the door.

The Board thanked Ms. Prestos and all the volunteers of the Historical Society for all they do to preserve history and keep the history alive. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta asked how many visits the Historical Society had last year, and Ms. Prestos said that last year they had over 9,000 visits and this year it would probably be over 12, 000 visits.

3. PLANT OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD – TARPON SPRINGS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Mayor Alahouzos read and presented the Plant Operations Excellence Award for the wastewater treatment facility to Paul Smith, Public Services Director. Mr. Smith introduced his staff which included: Frank Fulgrum, Waste Water Division Manager; Ray Page, Utilities Supervisor; Rob Marcinacuk, Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator; Jere' Jones, Waste Water Operator; and Andrew Jones, Waste Water Operator.

Mr. Page recognized the Board for their ongoing support and the City Manager's leadership. Additionally, he said that this was the third award the Waste Water Treatment plant had received within ten years.

The Board congratulated the team and have learned a lot about the Wastewater Treatment Plant through attending the Citizen's Academy. City Manager said this was good for the City to be a model and win awards. Mr. Smith thanked all for the accolades; however, said the success of the department was due to the team.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. MINUTES:

- A. JANUARY 10, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
 - B. JANUARY 24, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
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5. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

- A. THOMPSON SIZEMORE GONZALEZ & HEARING, LLP: INVOICE # 87110
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6. SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION: APRIL 14, 2017
 - B. DRIVING AWAY BREAST CANCER CAR SHOW: MAY 6, 2017
 - C. ECO-FEST: MAY 13, 2017
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7. AWARD FILE NO 17088-C-CM: UTILIZE FLORIDA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION CONTRACT NO. 16-VEH14.0; CAB AND CHASSIS AND OTHER FLEET EQUIPMENT

8. AWARD FILE NO. 170087-C-CM: UTILIZE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE CONTRACT NO. 120716-NAF; VEHICLES, CARS, VANS, SUVS AND LIGHT TRUCKS WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT, ACCESSORIES AND SERVICES

9. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO BID NO. 160001-B-JJ: CITY HALL EXTERIOR REHABILITATION AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT

10. EXTEND FILE NO. 140059-C-JJ THROUGH CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG RFQ NO. 7563: LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SERVICES

11. AWARD FILE NO. 170090-C-RS: LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES THROUGH CITY OF PLANT CITY RFP 16-022UO-SS

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve agenda items 4A, 4B, 5A, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA

12. AWARD BOD MP/ 170067-B-JJ: ADVANCED WASTERWATER FACILITY CALRIFIER REHABILITATION

Paul Smith, said that this was to provide the general rehabilitation and replacement of all metals and equipment in two existing secondary wastewater clarifiers and appurtenant work. Additionally, he said that it was due to the cost that it was on the special consent agenda.

Mayor Alahouzos asked if one at a time can be done, and where funding was coming from. Mr. Smith said they need both but one at a time will be taken down; and that funding was coming from part of the CIP funds.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comment and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To award bid no. 170067-B-JJ advanced wastewater facility clarifier rehabilitation to RTD Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$ 1,250,243.00 which includes acceptance of additive alternate 2, 16" valve replacement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

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SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

13. APPROVE LICENSE OF USE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN

City Manager LeCouris explained the background of this item and thanked all who have been working on this. Mayor Alahouzos congratulated everyone for this project and asked what the completion date was. City Manager LeCouris said that he did not have a completion date but that if approved tonight, they would be starting on immediately. The Mayor also asked if electricity was needed at this and the City Manager responded that at this time it is not, but if needed at a later time would deal with it. Commissioner Sieber said this was on her bucket list since being elected three years ago and felt it was a great location.

Public Comments:

Mr. Bartholomew reiterated what the Board expressed and appreciated staff and former Commissioner Robin Saenger for this. He was looking forward to getting this project started.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKTA

To approve license of use agreement for
Community Garden.

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09: ADOPTION OF THE STANDARD UNSAFE BUILDING ABATEMENT CODE (2ND Reading)

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6: BUILDINGS, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, SECTION 6-1 – BUILDING CODE ADOPTED; AMENDMENTS, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE STANDARD UNSAFE BUILDING AND ABATEMENT CODE; 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; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

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 February 24, 2017.

Anthony Mastracchio, Building Development Director, said there was no new information from the first reading.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KIKTA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

That Ordinance 2017-09 be adopted on its second and final 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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: (Continued)

15. ORDINANCE 2016-15: MCALPIN ANNEXATION (QUASI-JUDICIAL) (2ND Reading)

City Attorney Daigneault advised the Board that the applicant would like this item to be continued at the next meeting.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER BANTHER

That Ordinance 2016-15 be deferred to the meeting of March 21, 2017.

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

16. RESOLUTION 2017-09: FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 A CHANGE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TARPON SPRINGS FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE CREATION OF A NEW POSITION, WITH AN ASSOCIATED POSITION DESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

City Manager LeCouris advised the Board that this would be the first of a few resolutions that would be coming before them. He said that it was a tough market out there and that this would allow people in training to be put into position when someone who has announced and would be retiring soon. Mayor Alahouzos asked if this was a full time position, and if that person can go out on calls. Chief Butcher replied that it was a full time position and depending on what certifications they had, could possibly go out on those type calls. The Board felt this was a great tool in place and felt there was definitely a need.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKTA

That Resolution 2017-09 be adopted as presented.

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

MISCELLANEOUS:

17. DISCUSSION – CLOSURE OF TAX COLLECTOR’S TARPON SPRINGS OFFICE (COMMISSIONER BANTHER)

The Board were all appreciative that Mr. Thomas had contacted them regarding this issue and expressed that it had to do with efficiency and cost savings. The Board would like to create awareness of this to the public and discuss how to move forward with this closure in a positive manner. Commissioner Banther suggested that a flyer be placed in water bills advising our residents, and that maybe training for Library employees can be done to assist our elderly residents.

Charles Thomas, Tax Collector, advised the Board of his plans and of a phone bank that he felt would be helpful to residents. He also provided a flyer (Exhibit 2) that would list services offered in person, on-line, and by phone. Mr. Thomas also suggested that a tax payment box and ballot box could be placed at the Library and picked up by their courier. City Manager LeCouris said that the Supervisor of Election had already contacted the Library regarding ballots. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta would like the flyer to include that the Tarpon Office would be closing. Mr. Thomas would have his public relations person work with the city to modify.

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STAFF/BOARD COMMENTS:

K-9 DOBIES: Chief Kochen announced to the Board that he was very proud of the K-9 team for taking 2nd place in the U.S.P.C.A., Region-1, K-9 trails for narcotics and 2nd place for patrol. He said this would qualify Officer Nguyen and K-9 Dobies (Erni) to compete once again in the National trails next month in North Carolina.

LEGISLATION: Attorney Daigneault touched on upcoming bills that Mr. Dalacos was talking about and said that home rule was very important and urged Board to reach out to delegation regarding bills that would affect home rule, CRA, and public records litigation. Commissioner Banther said he would reach out to Representative Chris Sprowls on these issues.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS: City Manager LeCouris said that at the next meeting the Board would be discussing items for Penny for Pinellas.

ELECTIONS: City Clerk Jacobs announced that the upcoming election would be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, and that Wednesday, March 8, 2017, was the deadline for requesting to receive a vote by mail ballot to be mailed. Commissioner Banther reminded all to vote.

SPONGE DOCKS: Mayor Alahouzos said that the business owners at the Sponge Docks would like an officer assigned to that area. Both City Manager LeCouris and Chief Kochen responded that assigning one officer to any area was impossible and made the Board aware of community policing and the added presence they have in place.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, March 11th - Antique & Treasure Sale downtown (Mother Meres Parking Lot) 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 18th - Sunset Beach Clean-up from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 19th – Greek Independence Day Celebration Parade starting at 1:00 p.m. Parade route from Lemon Street to Dodecanese Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 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.

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