

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION –MAY 22, 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, MAY 22, 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
	ERICA AUGELLO	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 Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jean Hungiville, Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce, advised the Board that Tarpon Springs won the best Historic Small Town for 2018 from USA Today. She thanked all and said that she was working with the City on signage & with USA today for use of the logo.

Mayor Alahouzos was very honored that Tarpon Springs was voted for this recognition.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. MEMORIAL DAY – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed May 26, 2018, as Memorial Day. There was no one present to accept the award so it would be mailed. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta announced that the Elks Lodge would be hosting a lunch after the Memorial Day Service at Craig Park.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

2. NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK – COMMISSIONER KIKTA

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta read, supported the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign, and proclaimed May 19-25, 2018, as National Safe Boating Week. Joan Jennings, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 119; and Steve Raskin, Flotilla Commander, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board. Additionally, Ms. Jennings spoke on boat safety.

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta advised the Board that her nephew just graduated from the Coast Guard. Mayor Alahouzos thanked Ms. Jennings and Mr. Raskin for providing safety on the water.

Mayor Alahouzos asked public comments and there were none.

3. NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK – COMMISSIONER SIEBER

Commissioner Sieber read and proclaimed the week of Mayr 21-27, 2018, as National Public Works Week. Tom Funcheon, Public Works Director, accepted the proclamation, and thanked the Board.

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

4. AHEPA DAY – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed the week of May 20, 2018, as Ahepa Day. Tim Keffalas, Ahepa President, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board. Mr. Keffalas informed the Board that the Ahepa gave out five scholarships this year.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

PRESENTATION:

5. ROSE HILL CEMETERY – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Mayor Alahouzos presented the designation of Rose Hill Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places.

Alfred Quaterman, Rose Hill Cemetery Board, and Annie Dabbs, Chairman of the Rose Hill Cemetery Board, thanked the Board and all who made this happen. Mr. Quaterman and Ms. Dabbs said this was a long process; however, was an honor to receive as they have worked hard to protect and preserve Rose Hill Cemetery's rich history.

Vice Mayor Banther thanked all involved with Rose Hill Cemetery and the volunteers and Rotary. Rose Hill Cemetery was a place to honor our heritage and was happy this recognition was received. Mayor Alahouzos congratulated and thanked all who volunteer, and said that Rose Hill Cemetery represents and houses prominent people who represent Tarpon Springs.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

ADDENDUM #1: UPDATE: ANCLOTE RIVER DREDGE PROJECT

Bob Robertson, Project Administration Director, gave a brief update regarding federal funding available; however, the Army Corp of Engineers did not know the amount of funding yet. Mr. Robinson said the Army Corp continues to work on the design and would keep the Board updated as the project progressed.

Vice Mayor Banther questioned if this would be pre Irma or full dredge, and Mr. Robertson said that the intent was to do a full dredge. Additionally he said that Congressman Bilirakis was working on having a twenty year dredge and not just pre Irma levels. Mr. Robertson also advised that Army Corp boats were seen on the river and that was because they were taking samples. Vice Mayor Banther liked quarterly reports on the project and encouraged all to lobby harder. Commissioner Sieber thanked Mr. Robertson for his diligence to get this project started. Commissioner Karr inquired if funds were approved for the dredge and Mr. Robinsons replied yes; however, amount and if this was only pre Irma was unknown yet. Commissioner Karr asked who additionally can be lobbied, and City Manager LeCouris said Senators; however, the best hope was Congressman Bilirakis. Commissioner Karr felt the Board needed to reach out to others as well, because this was an important opportunity and does not want to miss out on this.

Public Comments:

Athena Tsourdoulis, 634 E. Orange Street, would like to receive monthly updates and asked if that was realistic. City Manager LeCouris advised Mrs. Tsourdoulos that weekly updates on this project and others were provided on the city's websites.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

A. TRASK & DAIGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE # 56067

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve agenda item 6A.

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

7. AWARD BID NO. 180115-B-RS: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Commissioner Karr pulled this item from the consent agenda and questioned Chief Kochen if the current message boards could be used for this. Chief Kochen explained that this was the plan to use these signs when there was emergencies or major issues. He said the current signs could be used but not recommended as the new message boards the city would have total control of.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To approve agenda item 7.

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:

8. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Bob Kochen, Police Chief, reviewed the background on this item and distributed a cost estimate for SROs in the schools (Exhibit 1). He explained that Tarpon Springs was ahead of this mandate and already had four SROs in the local schools; however, currently the elementary SRO was shared between the three schools, so would only need to hire an additional Officers. Chief Kochen advised that if this item was passed the officers would be trained and ready when the school year began. Chief Kochen also explained that this was just approving the contract with Pinellas County in which would provide six SRO's at the full funding amount provided by the school board of \$ 58,000.00 per officer. City Manager LeCouris said that Tarpon Springs was blessed to be ahead of this mandate for years and was very passionate and started this program when he was chief. He felt the best way to protect our kids was to place our own officers in the schools. Having Officers at the Elementary School age forms bonds with young kids and the Officers act as mentors and role models. He also felt that this was an important investment to the Community and was proud that the City was protecting our kids.

The Board was in agreement and proud that Tarpon Springs was the lead on protecting its children, and felt that this was very important. Commissioner Karr inquired if there was a plan for Charter Schools and Chief Kochen said that that this was thought of for the future.

Public Comment:

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, former Commissioner, was proud that the Board was continuing with this and adding on additional SRO's He was concerned and suggested that officers would be trained with social workers and work with counselors. Chief Kochen said that there was a process to match SRO's with the right schools and was very confident with the two additional officers hired for the elementary schools.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To authorize execution of School Resource Officer contract with the Pinellas County School 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

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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

ADDENDUM #2: RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

City Manager LeCouris was happy to report that not only did candidate Kevin Powell hired had technical skills but people skills. Additionally, he said that a bonus was that Mr. Powell used to live in this area and was ready to move back here. The Board was very impressed by Mr. Powell's resume and felt that he would be a good fit to this very important department. The Board looked forward to moving forward.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To ratify appointment of Keith Powell as
Building Development Director

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

ADDENDUM #3: AWARD BID 180116-B-JJ: WESTWINDS/GRASSY POINTE RESIDENTIAL RECLAIMED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM RETROFIT

Bob Robertson, Project Administration Director, explained that the purpose of this project was to construct approximately 13,500 feet of 2 to 8-inch reclaimed water transmission/distribution mains and other necessary appurtenances to supply approximately 310 residential irrigation customers in the Westwinds and Grassy Pointe subdivisions.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To award bid 180116-B-JJ: Westwinds Pointe residential reclaimed water distribution system retrofit to General Underground, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$1,533,024.34 which includes acceptance of additive alternate No. 1, asphalt milling and overlay for the Public Services 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	Yes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**9. ORDINANCE 2018-12: LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 41.03
STORMWATER (1ST Reading)**

City Attorney Augello read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS AS FOLLOWS: APPENDIX A. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 141.03 STORMWATER RETROFIT ALLOWING AN EXEMPTION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OVER EXISTING IMPERVIOUS SURFACES; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE AT PUBLIC HEARING; 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 Augello announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its 1st Reading, the 2nd Reading would be held on June 12, 2018 and would be published in the "Tampa Bay Times" by title only on May 4, 2018 and June 1, 2018.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said that the land owner intended to construct additional gross floor area, and the Land Development Code required compliance with all stormwater management requirements. In addition, the gross floor area was being placed over existing impervious surfaces and the Land Development Code provides no flexibility, so a full stormwater review was required.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

That Ordinance 2018-12 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

MISCELLANEOUS:

18. AFFIRM FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Alahouzos asked for Board or Public Comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To affirm Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund
Appointment of Carlton Howard reappointed
to the 5th seat.

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:

Waterline Break: City Manager advised of the major water line break on Florida Avenue and Meres Boulevard today. The contractor and crews were working through the night to repair and should hopefully be repaired by morning. Vice Mayor Banther was hopeful to have water this evening at his house.

Graduation: Commissioner Miccio-Kikta congratulated the class of 2018 and wished them the best of luck in their future.

Memorial Day: Commissioner Miccio-Kikta reminded all of the luncheon by the Elks Lodge at 11:00 am after the Memorial Day Ceremony at Craig Park.

Hurricane Preparedness: Vice Mayor Banther informed all to be hurricane ready and advised that he always keeps a supply of water on hand year round.

Contratulations: Vice Mayor Banther congratulated Commissioner Karr and his wife as they are expecting their first child which is a girl.

Condolences: Mayor Alahouzos and Commissioner Sieber gave their condolences to the family and friends of County Commissioner John Morroni who lost his battle to Cancer. Mayor Alahouzos also gave condolences to the Faugno family (Police Department) for the loss of their son.

Mayor's Announcements:

Saturday, May 26th – **Salsa on the Docks** from 6:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. with lots of food, music and fun. Please come and support our local businesses.

Monday, May 28th – **Memorial Day Ceremony** at Craig Park starting at 11:00 a.m. with a BBQ to follow sponsored by the Tarpon Springs Elks Lodge.

Friday, June 1st – **First Friday** from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on Tarpon Avenue.

Thursday, June 7th – **Sunset Beach Concert** starting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 8th to Sunday, June 10th - **Opa! Palooza** at the Sponge Docks

Welcome the following new businesses to the city:

- Royal Healing
- Spartan Energy Solutions
- Kevin's Custom Woodworking

Mayor Alahouzos further advised that now that a request by two Commissioners has been made to reschedule the BOC meetings in June, it was a great opportunity for him as part of our Sister Cities program to travel to Greece and meet with the Greek Ministry of Education to discuss the need that there was in the Tampa Bay area for certified Greek teachers to teach the Greek language in public charter schools. As always he said, he will be paying for his own expenses during this trip.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 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.