

**JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MET IN A WORK SESSION IN THE CITY HALL SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, ON TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS:

HERB ELLIOTT	CHAIRMAN
CHRIS HRABOVSKY	VICE-CHAIRMAN
GEORGE BOURIS	MEMBER
MICHAEL EISNER	MEMBER
JACQUI TURNER	MEMBER
JOHN GLENZER	MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:	MARK LECOURIS	CITY MANAGER
	JAY DAIGNEAULT	CITY ATTORNEY
	K. MICHELE MANOUSOS	DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Alahouzos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Manousos called the roll.

1. OPERATION OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

City Attorney Daigneault brought forth concerns, as outlined in his memorandum of May 17th, (see attached Exhibit 1) that the Board of Adjustment has not followed the guidelines set forth in the Ordinance, and may cause legal liability to the City.

The Board thanked the members of the Board of Adjustment and reiterated their importance; however, the guidelines were in place for a purpose and they needed to be followed.

Herb Elliott, BOA Chairman, explained the three items of concern: 1) Problem 2) Context of the Problem and 3) Solution. He provided various scenarios on the issues at hand, and felt there was a need for a change in the current guidelines, to provide more flexibility. The Board of Adjustment members spoke on the following issues at hand: the decisions were based on their own interpretation and they were not swayed by the Chairman; there was a need for follow-up on Board decisions; and the need for more member education and training on their role.

The Mayor and Commissioners supported the need for more training of the members; and restated firmly that ignoring the law was unacceptable and asked the BOA members to follow the laws in place. Attorney Daigneault stated that the City’s criteria were perfect and consistent with state law; therefore, would not recommend making any changes. The City Manager advised he would meeting with the City Attorney, and City Clerk to discuss education and training for board members.

At the Mayor’s request, Planning and Zoning Director, Heather Urwiller explained the process for following up on variances that were approved or denied.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CHRIS ALAHOZOS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

K. MICHELE MANOUSOS, CMC
DEPUTY 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.