

MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS  
REGULAR SESSION –MAY 8, 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 8, 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 Dave Farquharson, Eckerd Connect, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYORS OF ENTERPRISE VILLAGE/4.0 STUDENTS**

**MAYORS OF ENTERPRISE VILLAGE:**

The Board recognized the students who represented the City of Tarpon Springs as Mayors of Enterprise Village during the 2017-2018 school year:

Tristan Natale  
Kiriakos Christou  
Rosey Forcella

**4.0 STUDENT RECOGNITION:**

The Board recognized the students who earned a 4.0 grade point average or higher during the 2017-2018 school year:

**Sunset Hills Elementary:**

Bailey Aliberto  
Karsyn Darst  
James Dowdy  
Nicholas Koursiotis  
Luke MacNeill  
Tristan Natale  
Ethon Shannon-Sonderman  
Daniel Suarez  
Nicholas Suriano  
Eric Sweeney  
Demetri Tsismelis  
Carter Volker  
Domonick Zoidis

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYORS OF ENTERPRISE VILLAGE/4.0 STUDENTS (Continued)**

**Tarpon Springs Elementary:**

Sanaa Brown  
Evelyn Gomez-Perez  
Andrew Tran  
Nathaniel Telon  
Ayden Zadorozny

**Tarpon Springs Fundamental:**

Sophia deKoter  
Samantha Hall  
Marina Kamel  
Anna Ling  
Keegan Paez  
Annabelle Rowden  
Grace Rowden  
Micah Snare  
Arion Uruci  
Olivia Warticki

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYORS OF ENTERPRISE VILLAGE/4.0 STUDENTS (Continued)**

**Tarpon Springs Middle:**

Raven Aliberto  
Teila Burnett  
Jered Chavez  
Isabella Cherin  
Haley Demirdog  
Frederique Dicaire  
Cecilia Dieffenthaller  
Marissa Lelaine Gianvito  
Niki Glynatsis  
Acacia Hager  
Summer Anne Major  
Elizabeth McCreary  
Dalena Nguyen  
Trianna Rath  
Bryce Nathanael Rogers  
Gehres Colten Sakadales  
Efymia Trikilis  
Kayla Marie Vasquez  
Autumn Helena Waks  
Anna Walker  
Alyna Williams

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MAYORS OF ENTERPRISE VILLAGE/4.0 STUDENTS (Continued)**

**Tarpon Springs Senior High:**

Francesca Adué  
Denise Arline  
Isabelle Augugliaro  
Autumn Basnett  
Ella Blaisdell  
Samantha Brumm  
Hannah Cintron  
Lynnsey Crum  
Alexander Dakoulas  
Tyrell Daniels  
Skyler Diterlizzi  
Kaylee Dolzonek  
Meagan Dolzonek  
Melanie Drobot  
Clarissa Duebel  
Leah Francis  
Lauren Glass  
Lindsay Gregson  
Kailey Huebl  
Verena Isskandar  
Essence Key  
Molly Kole

Heather Lark  
Victoria Maddex  
Grace McElroy  
Eric Miccio  
Kelly Milbrandt  
Enrique Padro  
Anastasios Panagiotopoulos  
Lexi Pugh  
Alexandria Ramos  
Haley Reidy  
Kelly Rolen  
Demi Sacoolas  
Derrick Schroer  
Jakob Shelton  
Amy Stashchak

Sofia Stavropoulos  
Jacklyn Suiters  
Sara Tinsley  
Cierra Tinson  
Lillyanne Wain-Nye  
Briana Wobrock  
Katherine Zaronias

**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:

Chris Spowls, Representative  
David Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner  
Charlie Justice, Pinellas County Commissioner  
Eileen Long, Pinellas County School Board Member  
Dr. William Corbett, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Ward Kennedy, Area Superintendent, Pineallas County Schools  
Rod Davis, Provost, St. Petersburg College – Tarpon Campus  
Steve Christopoulos, President & CEO- Superior Schools - Plato Academy  
Robin Wikle Former School Board Member

Mayor Alahouzos read the "Mayor's Top Apple Award Proclamation". City Clerk Jacobs announced that fourteen school-based administrators from six 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

**Sunset Hills Elementary School**

Johnnie Crawford, Principal  
Julie Brewster, Assistant Principal

**Eastlake Middle School Academy of Engineering**

Lisa Stavropoulos, Teacher on behalf of 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

**Eastlake High School**

Carmela Haley, Principal  
Cindy Green, Assistant Principal  
Shawn Anderson, Assistant Principal  
Dwight Latimore, Assistant Principal  
Kris Toscani, Assistant Principal

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

Innisbrook Resort, Mike Williams, Managing Director  
Hoffman Architects, Ed Hoffman  
Tarpon Springs Elks Lodge, Commissioner Susan Miccio-Kikta  
Florida Hospital North Pinellas, Jeff Arrendal, Director of Respiratory Services  
Sister Cities of Tarpon Springs  
Waste Management, George Toke, District manager of Pinellas County

Mayor Alahouzos announced a recess at 7:00 pm and reconvened at 7:05 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ANCLOTE ROAD & U.S. ALTERNATE 19**

Greg Barnes, 1281 Windy Bay Shoal, spoke on the serious pot holes on Anclote Road and U.S. Alternate 19 and would like someone to look at and evaluate. Mayor Alahouzos said these are County Roads and would pass this information on to Pinellas County Officials.

**SEWER PROJECT LAKE TARPON**

Isabella Szeplska, 1101 E. Oakwood Street, had concerns about the company doing the Lake Tarpon sewer project. She said she contacted the City to complain as her yard had been trashed by the contractor and would like the City to look in to.

**DRUG HOUSE/SUN BAY MOTEL**

John Stevens, 418 Garden Avenue, inquired to the status of what he called the drug house located at 595 Pinellas Avenue. He also wanted to know why so much money was spent on the Sun Bay Motel and did not think the City should of purchased.

**BELCHER ROAD/DISSTON AVENUE**

Steve Williams, 1411 Fox Run Drive, wanted to know when the Belcher Road/Disston Avenue extension would be completed through to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. He felt the Board needed to get behind this project along with the Meres Boulevard extension.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK – VICE MAYOR BANTHER**

Vice Mayor Banther read and proclaimed, the week of May 7 – May 12, 2018 as Economic Development Week. Karen Lemmons, Economic Development Director accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board. She also thanked the Board for their support of her and of the local businesses.

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

**2. PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY – COMMISSIONER KIKTA**

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta read and proclaimed May 15, 2018, as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Robert Kochen, Police Chief, accepted the proclamation, thanked the Board, and read a short statement. Chief Kochen also reminded all about the annual service held at the Police Department on May 16, 2018.

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

**3. MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS**

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed the week of May 6 – May 12, 2018, as Municipal Clerk's Week. Irene Jacobs, City Clerk & Collector and K. Michele Manousos, Deputy City Clerk & Collector accepted the proclamations and thanked the Board. Board members then thanked and praised the Clerk's and their office.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.



**PRESENTATION:**

**4. REVIEW OF VISIT TO GREECE BY CITY OFFICIALS**

A narrated video of the City Officials trip to the sister cities of Kalymnos, Symi, and Halki, Greece was presented.

**5. PROPOSED FIRE STATION 70 REPLACEMENT PROJECT – BOB ROBERTSON**

Bob Robertson, Project Administration Director, reviewed the background of the proposed property purchase for the future of a new Fire Station 70. City Manager LeCouris gave additional background noting that a new station was originally proposed for 2023 to 2025, and this was the time to look in to. He was concerned as the current property was not large enough so wants to look at sooner and because property was available thought it was worth looking in to. He also said that there were other options that the property could be used for until building station, because did not want to look for land in the future. Additionally, he said that they are completing a title search, environmental analysis, and geo technical testing of the site, and if all good, would be brought back to the Board where a super majority vote was needed to purchase.

Mayor Alahouzos asked what the appraised value was and Mr. Robertson responded that it was \$249,000 was the offered price and that was less than fair market value. Vice Mayor Banther was in support of exploration and felt it was wise to retain the property. Commissioner Kikta felt it was a perfect piece of property and hoped the old building could be used for a training facility perhaps placing a second story on it. Commissioner Sieber also supported this idea. Commissioner Karr was glad the City was proactive; however, felt they should evaluate to see if this was the best spot for the fire station and due diligence of the property.

**Public Comment:**

Ed Barr, Commander of the American Legion Post 46, advised the Board that in 1964 the American Legion gave the City that property for \$ 10.00 with conditions of the agreement that the property could only be used for a fire station or it would revert back to them. They are willing to swap property.

John Stevens, 418 Garden Avenue, needed clarification where the land the city was considering was, and wanted the Board to consider because of traffic, how big the station was going to be and how many more trucks the station would have

**6. ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY – HEATHER URWILLER**

Heather Urwiller, Planning & Zoning Director informed the Board that in 2015 the City adopted a new local mitigation strategy (LMS) in coordination with Pinellas County. Pinellas County had now made updates; therefore, updates need to be made and placed on the City's web page. The "LMS" was a blueprint established to unify consistent course of action to eliminate or reduce the impact of disasters that threaten Pinellas County and its municipalities.

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

**7. NEWSLETTER FOR UTILITY BILLS**

City Manager LeCouris explained the possibility of a quarterly newsletter that could go out in the June cycle of the utility bills.

The Board thought this was a great idea; however, would like to see a draft prior to the newsletter going out. They also felt this was a great way to inform residents and would also like city projects included.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**8. MINUTES**

- A. JANUARY 23, 2018 REGULAR SESSION**
  - B. FEBRUARY 6, 2018 REGULAR SESSION**
  - C. FEBRUARY 6, 2018 SPECIAL SESSION**
  - D. FEBRUARY 20, 2018 REGULAR SESSION**
  - E. MARCH 6, 2018 REGULAR SESSION**
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**9. SATISFACTION OF LIENS**

Erine Koulianos	Utility Lien	68129-271202795
Vyrtice Archie	Utility Lien	34001-271305077
Donna Fatolitis	Utility Lien	51949-271204040
Pretium Mtg. Acquisition Trust	Utility Lien	67227-271305135
Trust No. 232715920090001070	Utility Lien	58107-272307240
John Barron	Utility Lien	42587-271204048
Mindy Dirienzo	Utility Lien	13151-271102360
Beverly/Robert La Rocque	Utility Lien	48897-271910202
Beverly/Robert La Rocque	Code Enforcement	16-80000008
Aris S. Kazouris	Code Enforcement	17-80000550

**10. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- A. FLAGS FOR FREEDOM: May 19, 2018**
- B. SPECIAL OLYMPICS PINELLAS COUNTY SUP INVITATIONAL: JUNE 23, 2018**

**11. AWARD BID NO. 180085-B-RS: MANHOLE REHABILITATION**

**12. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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**13. INCREASE ANDRENEW FILE NO. 17127-N-RS: CITY WIDE INTERNET AND RELATED SERVICES**

**14. REJECT ALL BIDS SUMMITTED FOR BID NO. 180047-B-CM: HIBISCUS STREET AND PINE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS \* (See next page)**

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**15. AWARD RFP NO. 180089-P-RS: SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) SYSTEM PROGRAMMING, PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

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Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve agenda items 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 9, 10A, 10B, 11, 12, 13, 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

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**CONSENT AGENDA: (Continued)**

**14. REJECT ALL BIDS SUMMITTED FOR BID NO. 180047-B-CM: HIBISCUS STREET AND PINE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS \* (See next page)**

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Commissioner Karr wanted to know what the plan was to address this issue if drainage was needed and what the plan was. City Manager LeCouris replied he wanted to look at why bids came back double and did not want to accept unless a re-analysis was done. He said the project would not be stalled; however, needed to find out what the issue was.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKTA

To approve agenda item 14.

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**

**16. ORDINANCE 2018-11: APPLICATION 18-03; PARRISH ANNEXATION (2ND Reading)**

City Attorney Perez read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ANNEXING LOT 9 AND LOT 10, BLOCK A, HIGHLAND GROVE MANOR SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO MAP, OR PLAT, THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGE 8 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.37 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON JERU BOULEVARD IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Perez announced that the legal advertisement requirements were met and this public hearing was called by virtue of this Ordinance being published by title with a map in the "Tampa Bay Times" on March 30, 2018 and April 22, 2018.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said there was no new information since the first reading.

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

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

That Ordinance 2018-11 be adopted on its second 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

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

**17. ORDINANCE 2018-08: WATER AND SEWER RATE PLAN AND REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (1ST Reading)**

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City Attorney Perez read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS; REMOVING REFERENCES TO PAST IMPACT FEES; INCREASING THE TAP-IN FEES FOR NEW RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE; DECREASING THE RATE OF INCREASE FOR WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019); INCREASING WATER RATES EACH YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028; ESTABLISHING A FLAT MONTHLY SEWER RATE; DECREASING THE RATE OF INCREASE FOR SEWER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

City Attorney Perez announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading would be held on May 22, 2018 and would be published in the "Tampa Bay Times" by title only on May 8, 2018 and May 11, 2018.

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, gave a power point presentation with Ron Haring, Finance Director who reviewed the timeline. Mayor Alahouzos was glad to see it drop lower than it would have been, and wondered how it compares to other cities. A lengthy Board discussion continued and Board was concerned with public comments heard from residents especially from Tarpon Key and there was discussion on deferring this item. City Manager LeCouris explained to the Board not to defer first reading due to advertising and notice requirements; however, suggested that staff look in to this and changes could be brought back during the second and final reading.

**Public Comment:**

The following spoke in opposition of this Ordinance and their concerns were already high rates and water quality:

Gary Williams, 1419 Fox Run Drive  
Isabella Szepelska, 1101 E. Oakwood Street  
Greg Barnes, 1281 Windy Bay Shoal  
David Hamilton, 904 Westwinds Boulevard  
Steve Williams, 1411 Fox Run Drive  
Lori Joe Shrader, 1209 Windy Bay Shoal  
Sherri Spaulding, 1251 Windy Bay Shoal  
Elizabeth Prosenner, 1259 Windy Bay Shoal  
Windy Crosato, 616 Palm Avenue

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

**17. ORDINANCE 2018-08: WATER AND SEWER RATE PLAN AND REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (1ST Reading)**

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MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

That Ordinance 2018-08 be approved on its first reading.

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

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**18. APPOINTMENT TO THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD**

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To appoint Laura Milford as Regular Member,  
this term will expire May 31, 2022.

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

**19. APPOINTMENT TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Board made the following nominations for Alternate #2:

Commissioner Karr	Claire E. McCloy
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Donald A. Bergemann
Commissioner Sieber	Donald A. Bergemann
Vice Mayor Banther	Donald A. Bergemann
Mayor Alahouzos	Donald A. Bergemann

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

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

Appoint alternate #1, Susan Hales as Regular Member, this term will expire March 17, 2001; and appoint alternate #2, David Hamilton to the Alternate #1 position; and appoint Donald A. Bergemann, as Alternate #2, this term will expire March 17, 2020; and extend the terms for Dan Jenkin, Roger Sellow, Marty Peters, and Frank DiDonato, these terms expire on or before March 17, 2019.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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CHRIS ALAHOUZOS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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.*