

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – JUNE 20, 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, JUNE 20, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

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

ABSENT/EXECUSED:	REA SIEBER	COMMISSIONER
	MARK G. LeCOURIS	CITY MANAGER

ALSO PRESENT:	ROBERT KOCHEN	ACTING 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 Jason Klimis; gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Wanda Kimsey, 894 Royal Birkdale Drive, Student at SPC, spoke on publishing an article for her capstone project on the City's emergency management, in which would promote the City.

SOLAR: Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, former Commissioner, thanked Paul Smith, Public Services Director and Mayor Alahouzos for attending the solar meeting put on by Mr. Goen.

FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST: Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, advised that a letter was sent from the Friends of the Anclote regarding funding municipalities received from the Florida Communities Trust Project. He said that the City of Tarpon Springs did not apply for this but felt that the City should get its share to purchase the Walmart property. He also felt that by purchasing this property, the City could collect revenue in many ways.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. ANCLOTE RIVER DREDGE PROJECT UPDATE – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos updated the Board on the Anclote River Dredge Project. He had spoken to Governor Scott's assistant and stated his and the Board's disappointment with the Governor vetoing this; however, she advised of an Economic Development Program that they can still receive funds for this. At this time there was no one assigned to the program but would let the City know when they do.

The Board appreciated the extra time staff had put into this, as the City must stay on top of this. They felt that they as well as the City must be persistent and possibly visit Tallahassee to lobby. The Board encourages residents to continue to contact local officials to assist.

Public Comment:

Elizabeth Posner, 1259 Windy Bay Shoal, said she was at a meeting where Congressman Bilirakis' aide said that the Congressman was looking for securing federal funding for this, and wondered what she can do as a resident. Vice Mayor Banther explained the process and how funding was structured, and encouraged residents to respectfully contact Senator Latvala and Representative Sprowls.

2. GENERAL FUND UPDATE FY 2017 AND BUDGET OVERVIEW FY 2015

Ron Haring, gave a power point presentation on the budget overview to date. He also presented the Boards budget books. The Board thanked Mr. Haring for his presentation and the value of quarterly updates. They also thanked and appreciated the work of the Budget Advisory Committee. Mayor Alahouzos asked if there would be any surplus, and Mr. Haring said that it was still too early to determine that. He asked what other cities charge, as the Duke Energy Franchise agreement was up for renewal in 2020, and Mr. Haring said all are around six percent. Mayor Alahouzos said it was encouraging to see property taxes increasing. Vice Mayor Banther and Commissioner Miccio-Kikta would like the City to go out to bid for Employees Health Insurance. He was also interested to see an analysis of what it would do to the City if the additional homestead passes, and felt that in the long run, residents would truly not save and would be taxed in other ways to make up for this. Commissioner Slattery asked if there would be a decrease in what was received from Duke Energy if more residents went to solar, and Mr. Haring said, yes. Commissioner Karr asked why reserved funds did not increase, and Mr. Haring explained but would be happy to sit down with him and explain further.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

3. CEMETERY IRRIGATION PROJECT

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, showcased a presentation on the irrigation improvement project at the Cemetery that was done in house and saved the City a lot of money. He introduced Francisco Pavez, Chief Utility Mechanic; Justin Economos and Michael Saroukos, Maintenance Mechanics. Mr. Pavez project manager then gave a power point presentation on the process.

The Board thanked all for the presentation and all involved who worked on this project. The Board would like the City to recognize these employees for their innovative thinking and for the cost savings to the City do this work in house. They also were impressed and appreciate the technical aspects to this system. Mayor Alahouzos asked if there was a program in place to promote employees and Mr. Smith explained.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

4: ATHLETIC FIELD FEE STRUCTURE

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, gave a power point presentation on the proposed revisions to the league fees for use of City Athletic Fields. He said in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board the leagues embraced this change. Mr. James Mauer, Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board then introduced members Elizabeth Posner, Alice Morgan, Jason Klimis, and Chris Defiores who were in attendance. He advised that the effective date would be September 1, 2017, and the rate would be \$ 2.50/fee/hour. The Committee felt this was a reasonable rate that would allow partial cost recovery, and would waive the recreation activity card fee league participants.

The Board thanked the advisory board for their service, and felt that the fields we have are the best around.. Commissioner Karr asked if LED lighting was looked at and Mr. Funcheon said yes; however, the cost would be double then what was there now. He also asked, if Junior and Senior leagues were charged by the High School for use of their field and Mr. Funcheon said, no. Mayor Alahouzos asked if the leagues were a mix of residents and non-residents, and if the rates reflect that. Mr. Smith said the leagues were a mix and resident recreation cards were cheaper than non-residents.

Public Comment:

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue felt that the City was on the right track making these changes and would like the Parks and Recreation board to be updated on the possibility of a sports complex at the landfill and for them to weigh in on that. He also mentioned that he had noticed field lights left on, on several occasions and had to call the Police Department to have turned off.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. MINUTES:

- A. APRIL 18, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
 - B. MAY 2, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
 - C. MAY 16, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
 - D. MAY 30, 2017 WORK SESSION (JOINT MEETING WITH BOA)
 - E. JUNE 6, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
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6. SATISFACTION AND RELEASE OF LIENS

7. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

- A. TRASK & DIAGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE # 54183

8. SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. HIPPIE FEST: AUGUST 12, 2017

9. APPROVE REVISED ATHLETIC FIELD FEE STRUCTURE

10. APPROVE COMBINED CAD/RMS, CRIME SCENE AND FINGERPRINT AGREEMENT WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

11. AWARD BID NO. 170104-B-JJ: RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND HILLSIDE DRIVE DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

12. INCREASE FILE NO. 170002-N-RS: RADIO AND PAGER (MOTOROLA) EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

13. AWARD FILE NO. 170135-C-RS: ALUMINUM SULFATE THROUGH PINELLAS COUNTY BID 167-0128-B-(LN)

14. AWARD FILE NO. 170136-C-CM: SOD MATERIALS AND SERVICES (CO-OP), PINELLAS COUNTY CONTRACT NO. 167-0120-B(PF)

15. APPROVE INCREASE TO BID NO. 140049-C-CM: HVAC REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

16. AWARD FILE NO. 170137-C-RS: MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATING SUPPLIES (MRO) THROUGH U.S. COMMUNITIES

Commissioner Karr told the Acting City Manager that it would be helpful if additional information was in the backup for projects.

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CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To approve agenda items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 6, 7A, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

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

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

Commissioner Karr requested that item 27 be moved since the Parks and Recreation Board was still in attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS:

27. AFFIRM MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR 2017

Mayor Alahouzos noted that this was done annually.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KARR
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KARR

To reaffirm members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for 2017.

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

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

SPECIAL CONSENT:

20. INCREASE RFQ NO. 160132-S-JJ: CITY ENGINEER OF RECORD

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, advised that the purpose of these agreements were to provide professional engineering services for both capital improvement projects (CIP) and general operations services for city wide projects. This additional funds for the City's Engineers of record would allow for the design and permitting work for improvements to Mango/Meres Boulevard as well as miscellaneous engineering tasks as needed.

Mayor Alahouzos asked if these funds were in the budgeted, and Mr. Smith said yes and were part of the CIPs. He then asked since being increase so much would it benefit the City to go out to bid. Acting City Manager Kochen responded why this does not go out to bid and explained the process. Commissioner Karr asked how this was built into the budget and how many people were involved, and Mr. Smith replied.

Mayor Alahouzos would like for Bob Robertson in the future to update the Board on projects.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To Increase RFQ No. 160132-S-JJ City Engineer of Record with American Consulting Engineers of Florida, LLC and Cardno, Inc. from \$ 200,000.00 to \$ 500,000.00 annually for various City departments.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried 3 to 1 as follows:

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

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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

21. AWARD BID NO. 170100-B-JJ: LAKE TARPON SANITARY SEWER EXPANSION PHASE III

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, said that the purpose of this project was to provide for the installation of a gravity sewer system for connection to the existing system and was anticipated to take three hundred calendar days for completion. This was the final phase to the Lake Tarpon Sewer project that was mandated.

Mayor Alahouzos suggested the Mr. Smith continue to look for resident grants for funding. Mr. Smith said that currently there were no such grants; however, the City had various funding options available and that the residents had been advised years prior of the mandate to prepare. Commissioner Miccio- Kikta was glad this was moving forward. Commissioner Karr suggested the possibility of updating pipes that have aged now that they were completing this project. He then thanked Mr. Smith for this completion as Tarpon Springs was environmentally sensitive due to the surrounding bodies of water in the City.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To award bid no. 170100-B-JJ Lake Tarpon Sanitary Sewer expansion phase III to MTM Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$ 904,660.00 which includes acceptance of additive alternate 1 Agru Liner for precast sanitary manholes 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	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

22. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY TO EXTEND PENNY FOR PINELLAS LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX

City Attorney Augello explained that this was an inter-local agreement for execution by municipalities on how penny funds would be divided if the Penny for Pinellas was approved in the November election. Commissioner Karr asked how would residents would be informed, and Acting City Manager Kochen said through the links on the City's website, and informational flyer in the utility bills, and through social media.

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

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

To authorize execution of inter-local agreement with Pinellas County to extend penny for Pinellas local Infrastructure sales surtax.

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

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

23. AUTHORIZE REVISION OF PERSONNEL RULES

Acting City Manager Kochen stated that a Committee was formed and had the labor relations Attorney review and make changes to the City's existing personnel rules dues to changes in labor law and legal decisions on various personnel matters. Additionally, he said that they would also be implementing Power DMS that would provide policies and training on-line where employees would have to read and sign-off on. Mayor Alahouzos suggested that employees also be informed at monthly safety meetings of this.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To authorize revision of personnel rules.

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

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

24. RESOLUTION 2017-25: BUDGET RESOLUTION FY 2017

City Attorney Augello read the following resolution by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA,
AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KIKTA
SECOND: COMMISSIONER BANOTHER

That Resolution 2017 be adopted as presented.

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

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

25. ORDINANCE 2017-20: APPLICATION 17-43; REZONING AMENDMENT, GIALOUSIS, 620 BAYSHORE DRIVE FROM R-100 TO R-100A (2nd READING) (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

City Attorney Augello read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.8 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 620 BAYSHORE DRIVE (APP. 17-43), FROM R-100 TO R-100A; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Augello announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing and explained the process. She 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. The City Attorney announced that the legal advertisement requirements were met and this public hearing was called by virtue of this Ordinance being published by title only in the "Tampa Bay Times" on April 28, 2017.

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

Applicant:

Ms. Urwiller advised the Board that the applicant was not in attendance and had to leave the meeting due to another engagement.

Proponents/Opponents:

City Attorney Augello asked for proponents and opponents and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Ordinance 2017-20 be adopted on its second and final reading.

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

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

26. RESOLUTION 2017-23: TARPON PLAZA PARTIAL REPLAT

City Attorney Augello read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT (APPLICATION # 17-49) TARPON PLAZA – PARTIAL REPLAT; ACCEPTING ALL OFFERS OF DEDICATION AS DESCRIBED IN SAID PLAT; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO CERTIFY APPROVAL THERE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said this was a simple plat and explained.

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Resolution 2017-23 be adopted as
Presented.

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

Commissioner Karr	Yes
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Yes
Commissioner Sieber	Absent
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

FOURTH OF JULY: Commissioner Miccio-Kikta and Commissioner Karr wished all safe travels and a Happy 4th of July.

FLAG DAY: Commission Miccio-Kikta thanked all who attended the Flag Day ceremony held at the Elks Club.

WELCOME BACK: Commissioner Karr welcomed back Vice Mayor Banther from his vacation.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES: Commissioner Karr thanked all volunteers for their valuable service on Boards and Committees and to staff liaisons.

Mayor's announcements:

Tuesday, July 4th -**Picnic** at Craig Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
-**Fireworks** at Fred Howard Park at Sunset.

Thursday, July 6th -**Sunset Beach Concert** 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday, July 7th -**First Friday** 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Downtown Tarpon Avenue

-Congratulations to Tonjua Williams the new President of St. Petersburg College, we look forward to working with her and wish her the best in her new role.

-Update on Senior Information Center

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 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.