

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

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

ABSENT/EXECUSED: DAVID BANOTHER 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 Horn, Church on the Bayou Presbyterian Church; gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Alahouzos thanked the Tarpon Springs Police Department Honor Guard for the presentation of the flag at the meeting.

**PROCLAMATION:**

**1. HURRICANE AWARENESS MONTH MAYOR ALAHOUZOS**

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed the month of June, 2017, as Hurricane Awareness Month. The proclamation was accepted by Fire Chief Butcher who thanked the Board for the proclamation.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**2. HURRICANE SEASON 2017 – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Scott Young, Deputy Fire Chief, gave a power point presentation on Emergency Management Hurricane Season 2017, and reviewed new information. Additionally he advised residents of a app called ready Pinellas that tells a residents the zone one is in and how residents could register to receive alerts at [https://alertregistration.com/Pinellas CoFLEMS/](https://alertregistration.com/PinellasCoFLEMS/).

Mayor Alahouzos and Commissioner Karr thanked all for the presentation and for all the Fire Department does.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

**PRESENTATIONS (Continued):**

**3. FLSUN CO-OP PROGRAM – DAVE SILLMAN; NORTH PINELLAS FL SUN COORDINATOR**

Dave Sillman, North Pinellas FL Sun Coordinator, gave a power point presentation on solar energy and how FL Sun will assist, guide, and help residents receive discounts on new systems. Mr. Sillman was looking to receive the endorsement of the City through using the official seal, and the City getting this information out to its residents.

Mayor Alahouzos thanked Mr. Sillman for the presentation and advised he was a big supporter of solar and glad that the City would be part of this effort. Commissioner Kikta said she was currently looking at installing solar to her house and felt this was a great program. She asked if there was a minimum charge for the grid to Duke energy, and Mr. Sillman said there was but was not sure of the charge. Commissioner Sieber thanked Mr. Sillman for the impressive presentation and asked why Florida was ranked #12? Mr. Sillman said that it had to do with state policy; however, solar was becoming more affordable. She felt the City should have a solar meeting to inform the residents of Tarpon Springs. Commissioner Karr asked if this included battery storage, and Mr. Sillman said that it would be up to the individual to get this at this time it was expensive; however, explained about net metering and the power company buying power back. Commissioner Karr also asked about the timeline and if a roof had to be replaced, and Mr. Sillman said that the timeline was a three to four month process, and believed that if a roof had to be replaced, the system could be removed and replaced. Mayor Alahouzos asked if financing was available and Mr. Sillman said yes, and that Pinellas County will be offering a program called PACE based on the equity of the home in where PACE would pay for it and the customer would then be bill through their tax bill.

**Public Comments:**

Paul Robinson, resident, asked if the system was net metered and if there was a power outage would the house still lose power. Mr. Sillman said, yes because the grid does; however, the alternative was to have your own storage source. He asked if there was a federal rebate, and Mr. Sillman said there was a thirty percent rebate until 2021 and that this was also a tax credit.

Chris Daskrol, resident, Stonehaven Way, heard that solar was a leader in employing residents and asked if that was true, and Mr. Sillman replied yes.

Steve Williams, resident, Fox Run Drive, advised that he had received two quotes and that Duke Energy's minimum was \$ 15.00.

**4. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Robert Kochen, Police Chief, gave a power point presentation on the Tarpon Springs Police Department's strategic plan. He said the plan serves as a living document to guide efforts to manage the agency and ensure community safety for the next five years. The plan is reviewed annually in order to measure success, and reveal where more work was needed, and designed to allow for changes in technology, crime patterns, demographics, and economic conditions. Additional information (Exhibit 1).

The Board thanked Chief Kochen and would like to thank all of the officers for their outstanding policing. Mayor Alahouzos asked if this included the policing in the Sponge Docks area and Chief Kochen said that it did include the Sponge Docks; as well as, the downtown areas. Commissioner Karr asked where the bike units were used, if encouraged to reach out to mental health assistance, and if the department had access to dieticians. Chief Kochen said that bike units are usually at Sponge Docks, Downtown area, schools, and used in neighborhoods. He said that mental health assistance was offered, and that the employee was able to use the gym; however, it was personal accountability on how they person ate or trained. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta advised that she had received positive feedback on the coffee with cops program.

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**PRESENTATIONS (Continued):**

**ADDENDUM 1: DISCUSSION: DREDGE PROJECT FUNDING VETO (COMMISSIONER SIEBER)**

Commissioner Sieber asked that this item be placed on agenda as she felt the City should continue to fight. Links have been posted and urged residents to write to Governor Scott, Senator Latvala, and Representative Sprowls. Mayor Alahouzos notified all that he called the Governor; however, spoke to his Secretary, telling them the importance the dredging was to the economy. He asked City Clerk Jacobs to then read a letter into the record from Commissioner Banther who was absent from the meeting (Exhibit 2).

City Manager LeCouris was at a conference and thanked Karen Lemmons for working over the weekend to begin preparing next moves. He said there will be no stalling in this project and would continue along with the Board and Staff to continue fighting for funding. He said that a letter along with the unsigned resolution was sent to Governor Scoot, Senator Latvala, and Representative Sprowls. Both Commissioners Miccio-Kikta and Karr agree with colleagues on the importance of the dredge and have also reached out to all.

Public Comment:

Joan Jennings, 2204 Pine Drive, Member of the Marine Commerce Committee, said that the dredge was long over due, and the dredge was important to the region and straps the local industry. She encouraged all citizens to overturn veto or allocate other funding by contacting their state officials.

Jack Russell, 616 Island Avenue, business owner, felt that safety in the Resolution should have been emphasized more

**ADDENDUM 2: RESOLUTION 2017-24: REQUESTING RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR DREDGE PROJECT**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution in its entirety:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS IMPLORING THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE ANCLOTE RIVER DREDGE PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Commissioner Karr asked if additional language could be added for safety importance; however, the rest of the Board felt that the safety issue was implied.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

That Resolution 2017-24 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	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5. ATTORNEY'S FEES:**

**A. THOMPSON SIZEMORE GONZALEZ & HEARING, LLP: INVOICE # 87998**

**6. SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**A. JULY 4TH PICNIC IN THE PARK: JULY 4, 2017**

**B. FIREWORKS: JULY 4, 2017**

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Commissioner Kikta was happy to see the fireworks on the agenda and thanked sponsors for the picnic.

**7. APPROVE CITY PARTNERSHIP WITH FLSUN ON NORTH COUNTY SOLAR CO-OP**

**8. EXTEND FILE NO. 150063-C-JJ: MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATING SUPPLIES (MRO) THROUGH FLORIDA STATE CONTRACT NO. 450-000-11-ACS**

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**9. RATIFY INCREASE TO BID NO. 150090-B-RS: CHEMICALS FOR THE REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER PLANT**

**10. AWARD RFP NO. 170018-P-CM: DEBRIS REMOVAL, DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES**

**11. INCREASE BID NO. 170022-B-RS: TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES**

**12. INCREASE FILE NO. 170132-R-RS: REVENUE GENERATING CONTRACT FOR DANCE CLASSES**

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To approve agenda items 5A, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**SPECIAL CONSENT:**

**13. REQUEST TO SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OR LIEN: 742 ARTHURS COURT**

City Attorney Daigneault gave the background on this case. Commissioner Karr inquired as how the amount recommended by the Attorney was determined, in which Attorney Daigneault explained. City Manager LeCouris said that a lot of factors were taken in to consideration.

Mayor Alahouzos asked if this policy should be revisited and City Attorney Daigneault agreed.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To settle administrative fine or lien: 742 Arthurs Court in the amount of \$ 2,000.00 plus the City's Administrative costs of \$ 575.00, for a total of \$ 2,575.00 and must be paid within sixty (60) days. If not paid with the sixty days, the offer will rescind the lien and will revert to its original amount.

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**14. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VACANT PROPERTY: NE CORNER OF NORTH STREET AND MANGO STREET (PARCEL NUMBER 18-27-16-91080-030-0110**

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City Manager explained that this property would assist with flooding for the extension of Meres Boulevard and would save the City money. The Board was happy to see that this property became available as not having this property would cost the City much more to develop a vault system.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To authorize purchase of vacant property: NE corner of North Street and Mango Street (Parcel # 18/27/16/91080/003/0110)

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	Absent
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**15. ORDINANCE 2017-20: APPLICATION 17-43; REZONING AMENDMENT, GIALOUSIS, 620 BAYSHORE DRIVE FROM R-100 TO R-100A (1<sup>ST</sup> READING) (QUASI-JUDICIAL)**

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City Attorney Daigneault 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 Daigneault announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing and explained the process. He 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 if this Ordinance was approved on its first reading, the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading would be held on June 20, 2017, and was published in the "Tampa Bay Times" with a map on April 28, 2017.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said this request was to amend the zoning designation from R-100 to R -100A. She said that this meet all the criteria and was consistent with the Land Development Code. This was review by the Technical Review Committee and approved, and staff recommended approval.

Applicant:

Renee Gialousis, agreed with staff's comments

Proponents/Opponents:

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO- KIKTA

That Ordinance 2017-20 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

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

**16. RESOLUTION 2017-21: APPLICATION 17-45; CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED FROM R-100 TO R-100A (1<sup>ST</sup> READING) (QUASI-JUDICIAL)**

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City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATION # 17-45 REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED SITE PLAN TO ALLOW FOR MANUFACTURING OF RECREATION WATERCRAFT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1430 L & R INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, IN THE IR (INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTED) DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Daigneault announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing and explained the process. He 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.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said this request was for a conditional use approval to allow for manufacturing of recreation watercraft in the IR (Industrial Restricted) district and approval of the associated site plan. This meet all the standards for review and the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously approved the application. Staff was recommending approval with the following conditions: 1) The developer is responsible for acquiring all jurisdictional permits and for meeting the minimum criteria of the Land Development Code; 2) Construction plans shall be consistent with the site plan. The payment of all requisite fees attendant to the project shall be paid in accordance with the Land Development Code; 3) The existing structure will not be required to be retrofitted with sprinklers provided that the "west" wall of the proposed metal structure is a 2 hour fire rated wall separating the two buildings; 4) The proposed metal building will be sprinkler protected; 5) The Fire Department Connection will be out away from the buildings within 100 foot of the existing fire hydrant on the north side of the driveway; 6) The existing gravel/grass pad in front of the proposed metal building will be either paved or rated to support 30 tons of fire apparatus; 7) The applicant must provide shielded lighting and direct all lighting internal to the project; and 8) The conditional use and site plan will expire within one year of approval, if a building permit was not issued for the property.

Applicant:

David Bell, agreed with staff's comments

Proponents/Opponents:

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

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

**16. RESOLUTION 2017-21: APPLICATION 17-45; CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED  
FROM R-100 TO R-100A (1<sup>ST</sup> READING) (QUASI-JUDICIAL)**

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Board Comments:

Commissioner Sieber asked where the company was moving from and Mr. Bell said Ozona. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta felt this was the perfect location for this type of business and welcomed them to the City. Commissioner Karr asked how many boats a month were being produced and Mr. Bell said they were custom built, so three to four. He also noted his concern with drive way and made recommendations.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO- KIKTA

That Resolution 2017-21 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	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

**BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

SUNBAY HOTEL: City Manager LeCouris said appraisals were received and negotiations would be starting.

FLAG CEREMONY: Reminded all that a Flag Ceremony would be held at Elks Club on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

OPA PALOOZA: Commissioner Sieber reminded all about OPA Palooza at the Sponge Docks from Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Mayor's Announcements: Mayor Alahouzos made the following announcements:

Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – **Opa! Palooza Greek Festival** at the Sponge Docks – free admission and free parking at the Dog/Splash Park (Live Oak Street).

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – **Rose Cemetery Centennial Celebration** - 11:00 a.m. at the Cemetery.

Congratulations to Commissioner Sieber for being part of the Graduating Class of 2017 for Leadership Pinellas. We are all proud of you.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 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.*