

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – JULY 10, 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, JULY 10, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

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

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| 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 Manousos called the roll.

INVOCATION:

Reverend Melody Kidd, Crystal Beach Community Church gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS BY TARPON SPRINGS JOINT HONOR GUARD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Greg Barnes, 1281 Windy Bay Shoal, thanked the Board for getting with Pinellas County on Anclote Road. He spoke with Commissioner Dave Eggers and was grateful that road was repaired.

PROCLAMATION:

1.PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed July, 2018, as Parks and Recreation Month. Paul Smith, Public Services Director, and Tom Funcheon, Public Works Director, accepted and thanked the Board for the proclamation.

Commissioner Sieber thanked both Mr. Smith and Mr. Funcheon for the amazing job done on all of the parks.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

PRESENTATION:

2. LIBRARY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Sherri Patterson, Library Board Chair, gave a power point presentation on the annual Library Board report. She then thanked the Board for the Library and for their support and leadership.

The Board thanked staff, the Library Board, the Friends of the Library, and the volunteers for all they do to make the Library a success. Vice Mayor Banther noted the challenges all face at that location and asked if the Library received Lepa Ratner passes yet. Mrs. Patterson they did not as of yet; however, this was in the works. Vice Mayor Banther wants to be sure passes are in the Library prior to Lepa Ratner receiving the annual City funds of \$ 5,000. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta would like to see Library eventually expand as there are many visitors daily.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. AWARD FILE NO. 180129-C-CM: FENCING GATE OPERATORS AND HANDRAILS PINELLAS COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 178-0123-B (LN)

4. RATIFY AN INCREASE AND RENEW FILE NO. 180023-C-RS: FIRE EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICE THROUGH LAKE COUNTY CONTRACT 17-0606G

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To approve agenda items 3 and 4.

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

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5. ORDINANCE 2018-16: WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES (1ST Reading)

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 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 RELAIMED BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY CHARGES FOR SPECIFIC RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SPETEMBER 30, 2019; INCREASING WATER RATES EACH YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2028); ESTABLISHING A FLAT MONTHLY SEWER RATE; DECREASING RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

City Attorney Daigneault announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its 1st reading, the 2nd reading would be held on July 24, 2018 and would be published in the "Tampa Bay Times" by title only on July 13, 2018.

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, gave a power point presentation on the revised water and sewer rate plan proposed revisions to Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances. The Board thanked Mr. Smith and all who reviewed and made changes from what originally presented, and for the informative presentation made to Tarpon Key Subdivision residents.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

5. ORDINANCE 2018-16: WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES (1ST Reading)

Public Comments:

The following spoke in support of the revised propose plan and thanked all for the informative presentations made by staff:

Greg Barnes, 1281 Windy Bay Shoal
Justin Vessey, 467 Briland Street
Leslie Shishler, 1107 Sunset Drive

The following spoke and were opposed to the ready to serve charge.

Peter Kousathanas, 26 Parkin Court
Leslie Shishler, 1107 Sunset Drive

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

That Ordinance 2018-16 be approved on its first reading.

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

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

10. ORDINANCE 2018-15: APPLICATION 18-72; WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS MORATORIUM (2nd Reading)

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE ESTABLISHED TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING OF ANY APPLICATION, AND ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMIT FOR LOCATION OF ANY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, TOWERS OR ANTENNAS IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

City Attorney Daigneault said 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 July 10, 2018.

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

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Ordinance 2018-15 be adopted on its second and final reading.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

7. APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To appoint Eileen Scott, as a regular member to fill the expired term of Deborah Tsalickis, this term expires July 1, 2021; and appoint Shelia Hayter, as a regular member to fill the expired term of Kimen Mitchell, this term expires July 1, 2021; and appoint Nancy Clark, as alternate member #2, this term will expire July 1, 2020.

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

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

8. DISCUSSION: HOMELESS ISSUES – COMMISSIONER KIKTA

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta first read from a prepared statement (Exhibit 1) apologizing for the miss information in the Community, and that this was not to stop or discuss local soup kitchens. She said the intention of this item was to discuss vagrants in which all started due to disturbing photos of vandalism received and wanted to discuss this as a Board to see how this issue can be corrected. This vandalism by vagrants is costing the city money and staff time. She felt possibly that foot patrol needed to be increase. This item needs to be addressed but was not sure how to correct and felt all needed to work as a team to resolve.

The Board then had a lengthy discussion on the issues that were occurring by vagrants in town. The Board said there was a difference between homeless and needy vs. chronic vagrants. The Board would like to meet with churches and organizations to discuss how this problem can be rectified as this issue had worsened all over Tarpon Springs including the Sponge Docks which is a tourist attraction. Again, the Board clarified that they are not talking about those who are down on their luck or those needing assistance, they are talking about chronic homeless that come from other areas damaging city property and panhandling and scaring residents and visitors from going to businesses. The Board appreciated and thanked those who help the local residents with assistance, as the City also donates funds to the Homeless Leadership. Commissioner Sieber advised that she served on the Homeless Leadership Pinellas for five years and that dealing with chronic homeless was the hardest to deal with as some have mental issues and drug abuse problems.

City Manager LeCouris informed the Board that he and along with the police department are trying to use a five-prong approach to this issue which is: 1. identify the problem, 2. what was causing the problem, 3. what were the contributing factors, 4. talk with all involved (churches and organizations), and 5. come back to the Board with a plan in August and have a discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

8. DISCUSSION: HOMELESS ISSUES – COMMISSIONER KIKTA

Public Comments:

The following spoke on the continuation of feeding those in need, that no homeless were coming from other areas, spoke on all that the outreach programs assist with, more code enforcement needed for abandoned homes or buildings, the clarification of the definition of vagrant or chronic homeless, knowing those on the street and their struggles, and that the discussion and input of the community was needed:

Michael Muzio, 315 N. Florida Avenue
Beverley Billiris, 1028 Peninsula Avenue
Father Sampson Kasapakis, 1636 Palomino Drive
Ada Torres-Delgais, 304 S. Pinellas Avenue
Linda Lizelle, 1706 Palomino Drive
Tim Keffalas, 205 Leafwood Drive
Linda Madano, 626 Bayonet Court
Tommy Frain, 624 Pent Street
Chris Palaidis, 1297 Greenleaf Court
Vasile Faklis, 929 Oakview Road
Nick Gerakos, 1021 Hamilton Avenue
Paul Goodman, 1006 Ospery Court

Board and Staff Comments:

July 4th: Vice Mayor Banther thanked all employees who volunteered and Waste Management for sponsoring the event. Commissioner Sieber and Commissioner Karr felt this was a great event and thanked all.

Crosswalks: Commissioner Sieber asked if the County was going to go back and put crosswalks not that the road was completed on Spring and Grand Boulevard. City Manager LeCouris said he did not believe so; however, the City can coordinate when they do the crosswalk at the end of Tarpon Avenue. Commissioner Karr met with the County and talked about crosswalks planned by the Yacht Club Bridge and pointed out other areas where crosswalks were needed on Spring Boulevard. Encouraged Board to reach out to the County on this issue.

Mayor's Announcements:

Saturday, July 21st – **Wine Walk** 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. –Tarpon Avenue

Mayor Alahouzos congratulated Commissioner Eggers and Commissioner Pat Gerard on their re-election

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
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.