

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – JULY 11, 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, JULY 11, 2017 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
	THOMAS TRASK	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:

City Attorney Trask 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 announced that items 13A & B: Application 17-47: Zoning and Land Use Amendment; Hunt A. Ordinance 2017-21: Amending Future Land Use from RL and RM to ROG (1st Reading), and B. Ordinance 2017-22: Amending Zoning from R-100A and RM-15 to RO (1st Reading) would be deferred to the July 25, 2017 Regular Session. He also announced that Item # 14 – application 17-52: License to encroach 21 N. Safford Avenue (Tarpon Tarpon) has been postponed by the applicant.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1A. PARK AND RECREATION MONTH – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed July 2017 as Park and Recreation Month. Tom Funcheon, Public Works Director, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board.

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

1B. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY – COMMISSIONER KARR

Commissioner Karr read and proclaimed July 26, 2017 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day. The proclamation would be mailed as there was no one in attendance to accept.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

2. PROJECT UPDATE – BOB ROBERTSON, PROJECT ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

Bob Robertson, Project Administration Department Director, gave a power point presentation reviewing current projects and an overview of the department (Exhibit 1). He then reviewed in detail five of the forty-six projects listed, advising of the current status and the next steps for these projects.

Anclote River Dredge: Mr. Robertson said that the Army Corp of Engineering was working to finalize contribute funds agreement for funding that needs congressional approval, and that state funding through Florida Job Growth Grant Funding seemed like a strong possibility.

Mayor Alahouzos advised that would like Mr. Robertson's information on the website and would like to see another column with the estimated completion date. Commissioner Banther meet with Senator Nelson's staff and suggested a meeting with Congressman Bilirakis. Commissioner Kikta thanked Mr. Robertson for heading the project and this department and would also reach out to former Congressman Bilirakis. Commissioner Sieber agreed with colleagues and the importance of this dredge. Commissioner Karr asked why the City was looking for the dredge site now when funding would not come until 2019, and Mr. Robertson explained that it was an important part of the design phase.

Community Garden: City Manager LeCouris added that the fencing for the Community Garden was forthcoming but was just a little delayed.

Richard Ervin Park: City Manager LeCouris said that there were minor things to finish for the road at Richard Ervin Park.

Athens Street: City Manager LeCouris said that the Athens Street project was going out for bid and would be completed prior to season.

Meres Boulevard: City Manager LeCouris Meres extension was moving forward.

Lake Tarpon Sewer: Mr. Robertson reported that construction bids came in about \$ 250 thousand dollars under budget and was the final phase of this project. Mayor Alahouzos asked if grants were available and Mr. Robertson said that no grants were available, but there was various funding options. Commissioner Karr asked if replacing the older water lines could be looked at since the street would be already open and since the city was under budget.

Westwinds and Grassy Pointe Reclaimed Water: Mr. Robertson advised that 40% of the design was completed and this would be about a 20% increase in connections. Commissioner Karr inquired as to what the fees were, and Mr. Robertson responded that it was approximately \$ 300.00 for the connection plus deposits. Then the resident would need to get a plumber to handle the connection from the house.

Swimming Pool: Mr. Robertson reported that the conceptual design and cost estimate were completed. The project was estimated at \$ 1.5 million and that the County was using CMAR method of construction. Mayor Alahouzos asked when the construction would start, and Mr. Robertson said completion would be by spring of 2018. Mayor Alahouzos asked if building permits would be received from the City and they would follow the same process. Mr. Robertson said yes, they would follow the same process. Vice Mayor Banther supports this; however, has heartburn building a pool on school property. Commissioner Sieber was glad to see this moving forward.

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2. PROJECT UPDATE – BOB ROBERTSON, PROJECT ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR (Continued)

South Spring Boulevard: Mr. Robertson stated that currently several alternatives were being explored. City Manager LeCouris explained that the City had no control of this project and riprap was added to repair shoreline from caving in. Additionally, he said safety trumps unsightliness. The consensus of the Board was to bring back and possibly hold a public hearing on this. The Board liked the option featuring a one-way street. Commissioner Karr suggested adding Palm Trees to soften the riprap look. He also asked if placing dirt over riprap was considered a change. Mr. Robertson said yes, and would be a maintenance issue when sand was washed away.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. MINUTES:

A. JUNE 20, 2017 REGULAR SESSION

4. PARTIAL RELEASE OF LIEN

5. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

A. TRASK & DIAGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE # 54323

B. JOHNSON JACKSON LLC: INVOICE # 1007

C. JOHNSON JACKSON LLC: INVOICE # 1008

Commissioner Sieber would like and update on what was spent so far on the eminent domain attorney for the motel.

6. SPECIAL EVENTS:

A. COMMUNITY OUTREACH – SHEPHERD CENTER: AUGUST 4, 2017

7. AWARD RFP NO 170014-P-CM: AUDIT SERVICES, INTERNAL

8. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF FORM DR-420, DR-420 TIF AND DR 420-MM-P

Mayor Alahouzos asked that Mr. Haring, Finance Director, explain this item in which he did.

9. INCREASE FILE NO. 170007-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF ODOR CONTROL CHEMICALS

10. AWARD BID NO 170114-B-RS: SODIUM HYDROXIDE TANKS AND CONTAINMENT

11. AWARD FILE NO. 170146-C-CM UTILIZING U.S. COMMUNITIES PURCHASING ALLIANCE CONTRACT NO. 15-JLP-023: HVAC PRODUCTS, INSTALLATION, SERVICES AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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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 3A, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

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

SPECIAL CONSENT:

12. RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

City Manager LeCouris announced that Fire Chief Rick Butcher was retiring after thirty nine years of service and his last day would be September 6, 2017. He said he had an easy decision since the second in command was trained and capable to move into this position. City Manager LeCouris was honored to recommend Scott Young as the next Fire Chief, and asked the Board to ratify this appointment.

The Board congratulated Chief Butcher on his retirement and for his outstanding service. The Board also felt that Deputy Chief Young met the qualifications needed and would do a great job. Fire Chief Butcher said it was an honor and a pleasure to work for the City and thanked the Board of their continued support.

Public Comments:

Reverend Milton Smith, former Firefighter, said that Chief Butcher had done an outstanding job as Chief and was recognized throughout the state of Florida for his fire service. He also felt that the Chief transition would be smooth and that Deputy Chief Young would do a great job as Chief.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To ratify appointment of Scott Young as Fire Chief
Effective September 7, 2017.

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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SPECIAL CONSENT (Continued):

ADDENDUM # 1: AMENDMENT TO INTER AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

Bob Robertson advised that work being done was captured in this agreement. The Board was glad that Mr. Robertson was in charge of this project. Vice Mayor Banther was in support of this project, but for the record if the school board caused any additional delays, he would be skeptical to approve in the future.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To approve amendment to inter agency agreement between the City and Pinellas County School Board – Swimming Pool Project, and for Mayor or City Manager to execute.

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

13A & 13B: APPLICATION 17-47 ZONING AND LAND USE AMENDMENT; HUNT

A. ORDINANCE 2017-21: AMENDING FUTURE LAND USE FROM RL AND RM TO ROG (1ST Rdg.)

B. ORDINANCE 2017-22: AMENDING ZONING FROM R-100A AND RM-15 TO RO (1ST Rdg.)

Mayor Alahouzos announced that these items were deferred to July 25, 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS:

14. APPLICATION 17-52: LICENSE TO ENCROACH 21 N. SAFFORD AVENUE (TARPON TAVERN)

Mayor Alahouzos announced that this item was postponed.

15. AUTHORIZE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – VICE MAYOR BANTHER

City Manager LeCouris explained that this was Vice Mayor Banther's idea as they cannot call their own special meeting. He felt this would be a fair way to give the Board of Adjustments an opportunity to discuss suggestions amongst themselves, then they can submit suggestions to the Board. Once the Board received suggestions then they could review. Vice Mayor Banther felt this was a good compromise to at least have an opportunity, but urged all board members to abide by all the current rules in place. The Board then thanked all who serve on the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To authorize special meeting of the Board of Adjustments.

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:

Citizen's Academy: City Clerk Jacobs announced that the next Citizen's Academy would begin on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 and that there were still four spots open.

Ride-along: Commissioner Banther encouraged his colleagues to go on a ride along with the Police and Fire Department. He mentioned that today he had went on a ride along with the Fire Department and the first call was to save a kitten.

MOTEL: Commissioner Karr asked how negotiations were going with the Motel by the Bayou and would like and update. City Manager said it was still in the process of the appraisal, and that the person hired for the appraisal passed away and the Attorney hired from the motel was in the hospital and that was the cause for the delay.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, July 15th - **Night in the Islands** at the Sponge Docks from 6:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 22nd -**Wine Walk** 4:00-8:00 p.m.

-I would like to thank all the City employees who helped to make the July 4th Celebration at Craig Park a wonderful event this year. You did an exceptional job making the celebration a lot of fun for our residents with activities, free food and music. It was the largest attendance by far at this event.

-It was an honor to have Shahra Anderson from Senator Nelson's office and Shauna Johnson and David Leahy from Senator Rubio's office here on Wednesday, July 5th to discuss funding for the dredging project and other items concerning the City. I'd like to thank them for taking the time out of their busy schedule to meet with us.

-I received information from Governor Scott's office that the City may apply for funding through the newly created Florida Job Growth Grant Fund for the Anclote Dredge Project. Our Project Administration Department Director, Bob Robertson, and Karen Lemmons, our Economic Development Manager have been assigned to obtain the information and apply on behalf of the City.

-I received invitations from our Sister Cities; Kalymnos, Halki and Symi to visit this summer. I have accepted the invitations and will be visiting and attending a convention in Kalymnos in the next few weeks. The visit to Greece will be at my own expense.

-I have requested our City Manager, Mark LeCouris, to coordinate a meeting with our County Commissioners and our Board to discuss concerns and or/issues that we have in the City, as some of the roads fall under the jurisdiction of the County including Beckett Bridge. Chairman, Janet Long and the County Commissioners are in favor of a joint meeting.

Welcome New Businesses

- Jay's Treasures
- Ella's Boutique
- Fratello's Pizzeria
- Veterans AC and Heat
- Afrocentric Hair braiding

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 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.

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