

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – AUGUST 1, 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, AUGUST 1, 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
	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 David Farquharson, Tarpon Springs Ministerial Association/Eckerd Alternatives, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Alahouzos asked and there were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS)

Heather Urwiller, Planning & Zoning Director, gave an update as representative of the City on the Local Mitigation Strategy. She explained that the purpose of the LMS was to provide a “blue print” or guide establishing a unified and consistent course of action needed to eliminate or reduce the impact of disasters that threaten Pinellas County and its municipalities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. SATISFACTION AND RELEASE OF LIENS

James G. Shoemaker	Utility Lien	16147-271204038
John E. Tsavaris, Tre.	Utility Lien	43595-280006159
Judith M. Brown	Utility Lien	42095-270707990
Bradford W./Elizabeth Sullivan	Code Enforcement	16-80000029

3. AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

4. BID NO. 170063-B-RS: REJECT ALL BIDS TO FURNISH AND INSTALL ONE (1) ALUMINUM CANOPY FOR DIXIE HIGHWAY LIFT STATION

5. AWARD BID NO. 170140-B-CM: TREE REMOVAL AND RELATED SERVICES

6. RENEW FILE NO. 150038-C-CM: CONCRETE BATCH MIX MATERIALS & SERVICES

7. APPROVE FILE NO. 170157-N-CM: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF AQUA TECH ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) PARTS, REPAIRS AND SERVICES

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To approve agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

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 AGENDA

8. REQUEST TO SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OR LIEN: 1402 CASTLEWORKS LANE

City Attorney Daigneault gave the background of this case and that \$ 575.00 the amount of the Administrative costs of the City was offered to settle.

Commissioner Karr inquired if there was a formula on how the Attorney comes up with a settlement recommendation, and City Attorney Daigneault responded.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comment and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND:

To settle administrative fine or lien: 1402 Castleworks Lane
for \$ 575.00 plus utility lien of \$ 638.72 totaling \$ 1213.72.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To settle administrative fine or lien: 1402 Castleworks Lane
for \$ 3,575.00 plus utility lien of \$ 638.72 totaling \$ \$ 4,213.72
and must be paid within the sixty days. If not paid within the
sixty days, the offer will be rescinded and the lien would
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	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

**9. RESOLUTION 2017-26: APPLICATION 17-56; CONDITIONAL USE FOR SCHOOL OF GENERAL -
EDUCATION, 431 E. SPRUCE STREET, INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTED DISTRICT (QUASI-JUDICIAL)**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATION # 17-56 REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL OF GENERAL EDUCATION ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 431 E. SPRUCE STREET, IN THE INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTED ZONING DISTRICT (IR); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR 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, explained this was a conditional use permit to allow a School of general education to be developed at 431 E. Spruce Street. Additionally she said that services were already provided and that the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval and that staff recommended approval with the following conditions: 1. The property is to be used as a School of General Education, all other uses are subject to further review and subsequent approval consistent with the Land Development Code, and 2. The conditional use will expire within one year of approval, if building permit is not issued for the property.

Applicant:

Jacob Fassnacht, Agent for the applicant was in agreeance with staff.

Proponents/Opponents:

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

Closing

There were no closing comments.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Resolution 2017-26 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

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

10. RESOLUTION 2017-27: APPLICATION 17-62; CONDITIONAL USE FOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITY, 425 E. SPRUCE STREET, INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTED DISTRICT (QUASI – JUDICIAL)

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA APPROVING APPLICATION # 17-62 REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A PORTION OF THE BUILDING TO BE USED AS A COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 425 E. SPRUCE STREET, IN THE INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTED ZONING DISTRICT (IR); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR 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 that this was a conditional use permit to allow a portion of the building to be used as a Commercial Recreation Facility at the property located at 425 E. Spruce Street. She said that this met all the conditions; the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval; and that staff was recommending approval with the following conditions: 1. The property is to be used as a commercial recreation facility, all other uses are subject to further review and subsequent approval consistent with the Land Development Code, and the conditional use will expire within one year of approval, if building permit is not issued for the property.

Commissioner Sieber asked if this was the existing gym and Ms. Urwiller said, yes. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta asked if this was in the same building as the school that was just approved, and Ms. Urwiller also responded, yes.

Applicant:

Jacob Fassnacht, Agent for the applicant was in agreeance with staff.

Proponents/Opponents:

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

Closing Comments:

There were no closing comments.

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

That Resolution 2017-27 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

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

11. ORDINANCE 2017-23: APPLICATION 17-61; VACATING AND ABANDONING UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT - 933 LINN HARBOR COURT (2ND READING) (Quasi-Judicial)

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, VACATING AND ABANDONING 144 SQUARE FEET OF THE CENTER ONE THIRD OF THE TEN FOOT WIDE UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED ALONG THE REAR PROPERTY LINE OF 933 LINN HARBOR COURT, LOT 152 BRITTANY PARK PHASE 1A SUBDIVISION, PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The legal advertisement requirement were met and this public hearing was called by virtue of this Ordinance being published by title only with a map in the "Tampa Bay Times" on July 14, 2017 and July 21, 2017.

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

Proponents/Opponents:

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

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

That Ordinance 2017-23 be adopted on its second & final 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

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Budget Work Session: City Manager LeCouris reminded all that Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. would be the first Budget Work Session.

Greece Trip: Vice Mayor Banther spoke about a possible Greece trip of officials to the islands of Kalymnos, Symi, and Halki, since invited by our Sister Cities. He said that the Commission would pay their own expenses; however, requested that the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk attend the trip with them and that their expense be covered. He said that this would take place around the Greek Easter Holiday. Vice Mayor Banther asked that any Commission member able to go let Trish Hickey know by the end of the month, and that travel arrangements would be handled through the Clerk's Office. Mayor Alahouzos asked the City Attorney about the Sunshine Law, and Attorney Daigneault said that the Sunshine Law also applied out of the Country.

Appreciation: Vice Mayor Banther thanked Commissioner Karr for driving around town with Pat Garard, Pinellas County Commissioner at large.

Dredge: Vice Mayor Banther thanked Congressman Gus Bilirakis for his letter in support of grant money for the dredge project. City Manager LeCouris updated the Board that the paperwork was submitted for the grant.

Bayou: Commissioner Karr would like an update on the Bayou.

Flag Pole: Commissioner Karr asked if the flag on the cell tower behind Fire Station 70 was going to be replaced. City Manager LeCouris said that was being worked on.

Hippie Fest: Commissioner Sieber announced that Hippie Fest would take place on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at the Sponge Docks.

Mayor's Announcements: Mayor Alahouzos announced the following:

Thursday, August 3rd - Sunset Beach Concert 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday, August 4th - 1st Friday 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on W. Tarpon Avenue

Saturday, August 5th - Night in the Islands 6:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Sponge Docks

Welcome New Businesses

- Cole Link Foundation
- Lynmar Events and Design
- Three Coconuts

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 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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