

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – AUGUST 15, 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 15, 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 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Jacobs called the roll.

INVOCATION:

Reverend Milton Smith, Mt. Herman Missionary Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cultural Center: Anita Protos, 901 Bayshore Drive, said this was the last community with historic significance, and voiced how horrible the Cultural Center building looked.

PRESENTATIONS:

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

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, gave an update as representative of the City on the Local Mitigation Strategy. She explained 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.

2. FLORIDA HOSPITAL NORTH PINELLAS ER UPDATE – TRICIA WILLIAMS, CEO

Robin Wikle, Campaign Consultant; and Tricia Williams, President/CEO; Florida Hospital North Pinellas gave a power point presentation on the updates of the hospital (Exhibit 1).

The Board thanked Ms. Wikle and Ms. Williams for the presentation and glad that the hospital was a community partner.

Public Comments:

Charles Samarkos, 1110 S. Florida Avenue, Hospital Board member, was thankful for the continued support of the community and the City, and asked for the City’s continued support.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. MINUTES:

- A. JULY 14, 2017 REGULAR SESSION**
- B. JULY 25, 2017 REGULAR SESSION**

4. SATISFACTION AND RELEASE OF LIENS

5. ATTORNEY’S FEES: A. TRASK & DIAGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE # 54563

6. SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. LABOR DAY ARTS-CRAFTS SHOW: SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2017**
- B. TRIATHLON: SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**
- C. BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: SEPTEMBER 16, 2017**

7. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALS FIRST RESPONDER AGREEMENT

Commissioner Sieber thanked the Fire Chief and City Manager on this. Chief Butcher explained this was a two year deal (Exhibit 2). Mayor Alahouzos asked how this was reimbursed and Chief Butcher advised that it was four times a year and that logs were kept through the Finance Department.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

8. INCREASE FILE NO. 150018-C-RS: WATER AND WASTEWATER SUPPLIES

9. AMEND FILE NO 160015-C-RS: DELL COMPUTERS THROUGH FLORIDA STATE CONTRACT NO. 43211500-WSCA-15-ACS

10. CANCEL FILE NO. 150139-C-RS: PRINTERS – MULTIFUNCTION

11. AWARD FILE NO. 170165-C-RS: MANAGED PRINT SOLUTIONS THROUGH NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE (NATIONAL IPA) CONTRACT NO. R5242

12. AWARD FILE NO. 170166: ROAD AND LANDSCAPE MATERIALS (CO-OP), PINELLAS COUNTY CONTRACT NO. 167-0390-B(PF)

13. AWARD FILE NO. 170084-C-CM: LIGHTING SERVICES, HOLIDAY DISPLAY (CO-OP)

City Manager LeCouris called upon Tom Funcheon, Public Services Director, to explain why this was not done in house (Exhibit 3). Mr. Funcheon said that this started in 2008 and due to the cost of the purchasing new lights, the old décor needing repair, the cost of repair and labor, the City found it more feasible to go with a company. Additionally, he said if display has any issues, the fix it right away.

Commissioner Sieber thanked the City for making sure that the Sponge Docks area was also decorated. Mayor Alahouzos asked that due to request of business owners at the docks if decorations would stay up until after Epiphany. Commissioner Karr felt the décor was important to the community and inquired why decorations were not more faith based. City Manager LeCouris said that he would forward case law from the City Attorney that would reflect why cities needed to stay non-secular.

14. AWARD FILE NO. 170163-C-RS: TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT NO. 100614#CDW

Public Comments:

Anita Protos, 901 Bayshore Drive, said in the past the City was criticized when the used less decorations. She also suggested that the Board look at having a lighting ceremony program with various choirs singing to bring out the community. Ms. Protos said that the Christmas Parade needed the Shriners to be a part of the parade like in the past and would like to see the Halloween Carnival in downtown again.

Rodney Hardy, 304 S. Disston Avenue, complemented Commissioner Karr about bringing forward the true meaning of Christmas which is the birth of Christ. He felt by doing this, it would bring community back.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To approve agenda items 3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 6A, 6B, 6C,
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

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

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

SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA

15. AWARD BID NO. 170143-B-JJ: RING AVENUE PARKING LOT AND BRICK PAVEMENT REHABILITATION FROM LEMON STREET TO TARPON AVENUE

City Manager LeCouris said that the reason this item was on special consent was due to the cost.

Mayor Alahouzos was happy to see that the completion of this project would be four months. Commissioner Sieber asked if the project was going to be handled in house, and City Manager LeCouris reply no, by contract. Commissioner Karr said this was in great need and would like to see the landscape and lighting design, in which the City would provide to him.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To award bid no. 170143-B-JJ: Ring Avenue parking
lot and brick pavement rehabilitation from Lemon
Street to Tarpon Avenue.

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

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

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SPECIAL CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

16. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 425 PENT STREET

City Manager LeCouris explained that this was for efforts for the drainage project due to stormwater. Commissioner Karr asked where this was being funded from and City Manager responded that it was from the Sewer and Water fund.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KARR
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To authorize execution of contract for purchase of property located at 425 Pent Street.

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

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

**17. RESOLUTION 2017-28: APPLICATION 17-36; TARPON SPRINGS AQUARIUM SITE PLAN
(QUASI-JUDICIAL)**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATION # 17-36 FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE TARPON SPRINGS AQUARIUM TO CONSTRUCT A 4,866 SQUARE FOOT AREA INCLUDING DISPLAY TANKS, THEATER AND GIFT SHOP LOCATED .40 MILES NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF DIXIE HIGHWAY AND NORTH PINELLAS AVENUE: PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONCURRENCY; 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 site plan to construct a 4,866 area including display tanks, theater, and gift shop for the Tarpon Springs Aquarium. The Technical Review Committee reviewed this application and had no objections. Staff found the application to be consistent with the review criteria and was recommending with approval with the following conditions: 1) the developer is responsible for acquiring all other jurisdictional permits/or approvals and for meeting the minimum criteria of the Land Development Code; 2) the applicant must mitigate for tree removal at the time of permitting pursuant to LDC Section 133.06; 3) any lighting to be installed on site is to be shielded and directed internal to the site; 4) construction plans shall be consistent with the approved site plan. The payment of all requisite fees attendant to the project shall be paid in accordance with the Land Development Code; 5) this site plan shall expire within one year of the effective date unless an application has been filed for a building permit with construction plans signed and sealed by a registered engineer licensed in the State of Florida.

Commissioner Karr inquired as to what permits were required and what type of fence would be used on the property to which Mr. Ganson, Engineer for the projected replied.

Applicant: Scott Konger, applicant agreed with staff.

Proponents/Opponents:

There were no proponents or opponents.

Closing Comments:

There were no closing comments.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

**17. RESOLUTION 2017-28: APPLICATION 17-36; TARPON SPRINGS AQUARIUM SITE PLAN
(QUASI-JUDICIAL)**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

That Resolution 2017-28 be adopted as presented.

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

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

**18A. APPLICATION 17-15: LAND USE AND REZONING SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MERES BOULEVARD AT
ALT. 19 N. (WIKLE)
ORDINANCE 2017-13: AMENDING FUTURE LAND USE FROM ROG TO CL ON FUTURE LAND USE MAP
(2ND READING)**

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.7 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF ALTERNATE 19 SOUTH AND MERES BOULEVARD (APP-17-15), FROM ROG, (RESIDENTIAL OFFICE GENERAL), TO CL, (COMMERCIAL LIMITED); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 with a map in the Tampa Bay Times, on March 3, 2017 and August 4, 2017.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said the only additional information was that Pinellas County acted on June 18, 2017 to officially change the countywide land use from (O) Office to Retail Services so the second reading could be consistent with their map.

There were no Board or public comments.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

**18A. APPLICATION 17-15: LAND USE AND REZONING SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MERES BOULEVARD AT ALT. 19 N. (WIKLE)
ORDINANCE 2017-13: AMENDING FUTURE LAND USE FROM ROG TO CL ON FUTURE LAND USE MAP
(2ND READING) (Continued)**

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

That Ordinance 2017-13 be adopted on its second reading.

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

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

**18B. APPLICATION 17-15: SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MERES BOULEVARD AT ALT. 19 N. (WIKLE)
ORDINANCE 2017-14: AMENDING THE ZONING FROM RO TO NB ON THE ZONING MAP
(2nd READING) (Quasi-Judicial)**

The City Attorney 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 0.7 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF ALTERNATE 19 SOUTH AND MERES BOULEVARD (APP-17-15), FROM ZONING DESIGNATION RO (RESIDENTIAL OFFICE DISTRICT) TO NB, (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) 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 legal advertisement requirement were met and this public hearing was called by virtue of this Ordinance being published by title only in the "Tampa Bay Times" on March 3, 2017 and August 4, 2017.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, said there was no new information.

There were no proponent or opponents.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

**18B. APPLICATION 17-15: SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MERES BOULEVARD AT ALT. 19 N. (WIKLE)
ORDINANCE 2017-14: AMENDING THE ZONING FROM RO TO NB ON THE ZONING MAP
(2nd READING) (Quasi-Judicial) (Continued)**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

That Ordinance 2017-14 be approved 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	Absent
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

19. ORDINANCE 2017-24: VACATE RIGHT OF WAY OF 19000SQ. FT. EAST OF ORANGE STREET BETWEEN JASMINE AVENUE AND SPORTS COMPLEX (CEMETERY) (1ST READING)

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, VACATING AND ABANDONING RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW), FOR 19,100 SQUARE FEET OF EAST ORANGE STREET BETWEEN JASMINE AVENUE AND SPORTS COMPLEX; 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 City Attorney announced that if this Ordinance is approved on its 1st Reading, the 2nd Reading. will be held on September 5, 2017 and will be published in the Tampa Bay Times on September 5, 2017.

Commissioner Karr inquired if this vacation had to do with the expansion of the cemetery and Ms. Urwiller said, yes. He also inquired as to other vacations in the future in which Ms. Urwiller replied.

Proponents/Opponents:

There were no proponents or opponents.

Closing Comments:

There were no closing comments

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

That Ordinance 2017-24 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	Absent
Commissioner Sieber	Yes
Vice Mayor Banther	Yes
Mayor Alahouzos	Yes

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

20. RESOLUTION 2017-29: SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

The City Attorney read the following Resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES, POLICE, FINANCE, CITYCOMMISSION/CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR, CULTURAL & CIVIC SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF POSITIONS; ELIMANTION OF POSITIONS; RECLASSIFICATION AND REGRADING OF POSITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

City Manager LeCouris, future explained this item and presented additional information (Exhibit 1).

The consensus of the Board of Commissioners were in support of this resolution and adding a police position.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

That Resolution 2017-29 be adopted as presented.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

21. APPOINTMENT TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nominations were as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Susan Hales
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Absent
Commissioner Sieber	Susan Hales
Vice Mayor Banther	Susan Hales
Mayor Alahouzos	Susan Hales

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To appoint Susan Hales, as Alternate #1, to fill the unexpired term of Louis Pappas, which expires March 20, 2020.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS (Continued):

22. APPOINTMENT TO THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD

Nominations were as follows:

Commissioner Karr	Option 1, Johnson, Tarapani, Bean
Commissioner Miccio-Kikta	Absent
Commissioner Sieber	Option 1, Johnson, Bean, Pace
Vice Mayor Banther	Option 2, Tarapani, Bean
Mayor Alahouzos	Option 1, Johnson, Tarapani, Bean

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KARR

To move the current Alternate Member, Carol Johnson, as a regular member to fill vacancy left by Phyllis Kolianos, this term expires May 31, 2021; and appoint Cyndi Tarapani, as a regular member to fill the unexpired term of Keaton Tunstall, this term will expire May 31, 2019; and appoint Tekoa Bean as an alternate member to fill the unexpired alternate position, this term expires May 31, 2020.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried three to one as follows:

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

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Fire Department Promotions: Scott Young, future Fire Chief, advised that the Fire Department promotional ceremony would be held September 6, 2017 at the Fire Station.

Cell Tower Flag: Commissioner Karr thanked Deputy Chief Young for getting the flag back up on the cell tower.

Mayor's Announcements: Mayor Alahouzos announced the following:

Friday, September 1st - **First Friday**, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Downtown Tarpon Avenue

Saturday, September 2nd to Monday, September 4th – **Sponge Docks Arts & Crafts Festival** 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome new businesses:

Irish Kelly's Pub

Condolences to our County Commissioner David Eggers and his family on the passing of his father, condolences to Roger Sellev and his family on the passing of his wife.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS
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.*