

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – AUGUST 21, 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, AUGUST 21, 2018 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 Milton Smith, Mt. Herman Missionary Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

*Commissioner Sieber arrived at 6:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESERVE TARPON: Jack Spirk, 2008 Golfview Drive, spoke on behalf of the group Preserve Tarpon. The group understood that WaWa had withdrew their application; and would like to turn in signed petitions into the public record (Exhibit 1). They also asked that these petitions be included in the Planning and Zoning file so consideration be given to any future development on this site.

PRESENTATION:

1. ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE TARPON SPRINGS: RODRIGO DAVIS, PROVOST

Rodrigo Davis, Provost, St. Petersburg College Tarpon Springs Campus gave a power point update and vision of the campus. Mayor Alahouzos congratulated him on his new position and thanked him for the presentation and his part on student exchange program with the Sister Cities. Commissioner Sieber asked what small business programs were being offered and Mr. Davis said mostly analytical. Commissioner Karr advised that he was an alumni and asked if there were any discussions about dorms on campus. Mr. Davis said no as he was focusing on enrollment at this time.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

A. TRASK & DIAGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE # 56566

3. SPECIAL EVENTS:

A. HOMECOMING PARADE – DATE CHANGE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

4. AWARD RFP NO 180118-P-RS: DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES

Mayor Alahouzos asked City Manager LeCouris to explain this. City Manager LeCouris said this was a way to get paperwork right and process consistently. He said that only two bids were received for this as most companies want to get the most money and do not want to lock themselves with a contract. Commissioner Karr asked what the pricing would be, and Ron Haring, Finance Director, replied that it would depend on the personnel working and their hourly rate.

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To approve agenda items 2A, 3A, and 4.

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:

5. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 2 TO COASTAL ROUTE FUNDING AGREEMENT

City Manager LeCouris said since the last meeting additional information was provided after staff met with Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and the Jolley Trolley.

Mayor Alahouzos felt this was beneficial to the Downtown and to the Sponge Docks and that the City should take advantage of some of the low or no cost advertising partnership options offered. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta also felt that merchants should take advantage of advertising on the trolley. Vice Mayor Banther supported and was glad that PSTA and the Jolley Trolley worked with staff to find additional options available. Commissioner Karr thanked all for bringing back options; however, still felt that partnerships should be recognized and if there was open advertising space, the partnership should be allowed to be placed there at no charge.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To authorize execution of amendment 2 to Coastal Route Funding Agreement.

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

6. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LIBRARY INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FY 2019-20.

City Manager presented this item noting that this was done every five years. He said the formulas have not changed and that this was done throughout the County. Both the Library Director and the Finance Director were happy with the agreement.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To authorize execution of Library Inter-Local Agreement for FY 2019-20.

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

7. ORDINANCE 2018-22: POLICE PENSION LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS (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 CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IH, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, PARAGRAPH 2-35, ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR POLICE OFFICERS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS; AMENDING SUBSECTION (G), PRE-RETIREMENT DEATH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney announced that if this Ordinance is approved on its 1st Rdg., the 2nd Rdg. will be held on September 4, 2018 and will be published in the " Tampa Bay Times" by title only on August 24, 2018.

City Manager LeCouris said that the Board gave him direction to speed up the process on this and that it had been discussed many times. This went before the Pension Board and they were looking at 80% and he along with Chief Kochen explained and made it very clear that the Board wanted to see benefits at 100% which was also consistent with the State.

The Board supported this and thanked City Manager LeCouris and staff for working on this. They were pleased to see the City moving forward with this, and that Tarpon Springs was a close knit Community. Vice Mayor Banther thanked Mrs. Kondek for her patience.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

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

That Ordinance 2018-22 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)

8. RESOLUTION 2018-18: SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN REVISIONS FOR FY 2019.

City Attorney Daigneault 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, PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, POLICE, HUMAN RESOURCES, CITY COMMISSION/CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR, CULTURAL & CIVIC SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF POSITIONS; ELIMINATION OF POSITIONS AND WAGE GRADES; RECLASSIFICATION AND REGARDING OF POSITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

City Manager LeCouris gave a summary on the main portions of the salaries with pay plan proposed. The average of the personnel would be getting a 3% raise. He said that employee minimums would start at \$ 12.00 an hour in which was above minimum wage. City Manager LeCouris said that the City was doing gradual increases so there would not be a financial shock at one time. He further explained that some of the changes the Board would see were: grades 4 and 5 have been removed, some grades were changed with no financial increases, some departments had upgraded job descriptions, and a reorganization of the Cultural and Civic Services Department. This was reviewed by the Budget Advisory Committee and that the average raises of municipalities throughout Pinellas County was 3%.

Mayor Alahouzos was glad that employees were being brought up to a higher level. He asked what part time employee's raises would be and City Manager LeCouris said that they would follow the same ranges as full time employees. Mayor Alahouzos did meet with Karen Lemmons, Economic Development Director and was glad to see all marketing efforts combined. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta asked if a salary survey was done and City Manager LeCouris said that this was done every three to five years and was due next year again. Vice Mayor Banther thanked the City Manager and Staff, and was glad to see wages going up as he felt the City needed to stay competitive. Commissioner Sieber thanked the City Manager for the regrades and reclassifications. Commissioner Karr inquired if the Tarpon Arts Manager was a new position and if someone was currently in this position in which Diane Woods, Cultural and Civic Services Director replied yes. Commissioner Karr made it known that he did not support this position and had reservations on the grade placed on this. City Manager LeCouris advised the Board that this was a second in command position and grade placement also had to do with marketing experience.

Commissioner Sieber still felt that a separate marking position was needed that could provide more data. Vice Mayor Banther was not in support of a separate position as no one knows what the future would hold if the third homestead exemption passed. Additionally, he was glad to see that the marketing efforts between departments would be bringing departments together. Commissioner Karr echoed Vice Mayor Banther.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Resolution 2018-18 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:

AGENDAS: Commissioner Karr would like to see agenda material provided a week before the meeting as it was difficult working full time and reviewing items the weekend before the meeting. Commissioner Sieber agreed. Vice Mayor Banther would like to see the Board move away from hardcopies and use laptops or iPads for agenda backup.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUILDING: Commissioner Karr wanted the update on the building next to where the Sunbay Motel was, and City Manager said that it was almost finished and there would be a grand opening.

HOME RULE: Commissioner Sieber said that she just got back from the Florida League of Cities conference and encouraged all to attend because of the learning and great networking. She also said that it was the 50th anniversary of Home Rule and noted its importance.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Alahouzos announced the following:

Monday, August 27th and Thursday, August 30th - PSTA Senior Transportation event at our Senior Information Center located in the Library from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. each day. If you would like a free ride to the event, please call United Taxi at (727) 777-7777 or Neighborly Care Network (727) 571-4384 at least 24 hours in advance and mention you are attending the event.

Saturday, September 1st thru Monday, September 3rd - Sponge Docks Arts & Crafts Show from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. down at the Sponge Docks.

Citizen's Academy: The 6th Citizen's Academy had begun and would like to welcome all the attendees and thank the City Clerk's Office for their time and effort in putting it all together.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

IRENE S.JACOBS, CMC
DEPUTY 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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