

MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS  
REGULAR SESSION – SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM/COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 324 EAST PINE STREET, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 AT 6:40 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 Alahouzoz called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Jacobs called the roll.

INVOCATION:

Reverend David Farguharson, Tarpon Springs Ministerial Association/(Eckerd Alternatives) gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alahouzoz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **PRESENTATION:**

### **1. HURRICANE IRMA DISCUSSION: MAYOR ALAHOUZOS**

Mayor Alahouzos gave an update on Hurricane Irma. He congratulated City employees on preparing the City and for the restoration after. The electricity power outages were out of City control; however, has a meeting with the President of Duke Energy on October 18, 2017 on this issue. Mayor Alahouzos gave accolades to Governor Scott and also said that he received a call from the President of Greece who gave his support, and accolades to Senator Bill Nelson, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, and County Commissioner Dave Eggers for their assistance. City Manager LeCouris updated the Board on restoration of the City and said that updates are posted three times a day.

Vice Mayor Banther supports what the Mayor said and said that the City of Tarpon was the most prepared City and thanked all department heads. He was proud of the City and very impressed watching department heads work at the Emergency Operations Center. The Board thanked City Manager LeCouris for his leadership during this time. Commissioner Karr also thanked neighbors for being good community neighbors and assisting each other.

#### **Public Comments:**

Hospital: Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, former Commissioner, was frustrated that Florida Hospital North Pinellas was closed during the storm and his mother had to be taken elsewhere.

Thanks: Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, said that the City's EOC won an award and others have come to view our model. It was also impressive that crews were out in the storm cleaning debris from drains to keep the city drains from clogging. He suggested and would like an update on radio channel 1610 and felt it would be a good way for communication to residents in a disaster. He also felt that employees should get a bonus of 5 to 10% for their performance in this recent crisis.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 2. ATTORNEY'S FEES: A) TRASK & DAIGNEAULT, LLP: INVOICE 54763**
- 3. AWARD FILE NO. 180001-N-RS: MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES – PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.**
- 4. AWARD FILE NO. 180003-N-RS: SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF HACH EQUIPMENT**
- 5. AWARD FILE NO. 180005-C-RS: CORROSION INHIBITOR THROUGH CITY OF SEBRING RFP NO 16-004**
- 6. AWARD FILE NO. 180004-N-RS: RADIO AND PAGER (MOTOROLA) EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

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

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

**ADDENDUM 1. SPECIAL EVENT: “WE SURVIVED IRMA” WEEKEND BUSINESS PROMOTION EVENT – SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2017**

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Commissioner Sieber explained the reasoning for this promotion. Vice Mayor Banther thanked her for bringing this idea forward. Commissioner Karr encouraged all to support Tarpon Springs businesses.

Public Comments: Jack Spirk, 2008 Golfview Drive, felt this was a wonderful idea.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

To approve Addendum 1.

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:**

**7. RATIFY DECLARATION AND EXTENSION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

City Manager LeCouris explained that he declared a State of Local Emergency on September 7, 2017 as Hurricane Irma approached through executive order 2017-01 and was extending through executive order 2017-02 as it was lasting longer than seven days, law required to do so.

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

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER  
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To ratify declaration and extension of local State of Emergency.

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:**

**8. ORDINANCE 2017-26: COSTAL ELEMENT (1<sup>st</sup> READING)**

City Attorney Daigneault read the following Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COASTAL PLANNING AREA AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY REVISING THE GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES FOR CONSISTENCY WITH CHAPTER 163.3178 FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM REVIEW OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Daigneault announced that if this Ordinance was approved on its first reading, the second reading would be held after review by the State Agency and Pinellas County and was published in the Tampa Bay Times by title only on September 1, 2017.

Heather Urwiller, Planning and Zoning Director, explained that the City was amending the Coastal Planning Area and Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan as part of the evaluation and appraisal processed outlined in Florida Statute 163.3191.

Commissioner Sieber thanked Miss Urwiller and asked if updates would be received from the County, and Miss Urwiller said, yes. Commissioner Karr also thanked Miss Urwiller for bringing this forward.

**Public Comment:**

Trisha Bryant, 3844 Lake Drive, St. Pete College Student, thanked all for allowing her to speak on this issue and urged the Board to adopt this Ordinance.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA  
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

That Ordinance 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

**BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS**

**Wine Walk:** Commissioner Sieber reminded all about the Wine Walk on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

**Mayor's Announcements:**

Welcome New Businesses to the City:

Nili's Gallery

Tarpon Blue Crab and Seafood

Joyful Heart Training Center

Sophia's Simple Pleasures

Senior Center:

Grand Opening of our Senior Information Center on October 2, 2017 at the Tarpon Springs Library.

The telephone number for the center will be (727) 937-1110.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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CHRIS ALAHOZOS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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.*