

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REGULAR SESSION – SEPTEMBER 5, 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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS	MAYOR
DAVID BANTHER	VICE MAYOR
REA SIEBER	COMMISSIONER
JACOB KARR	COMMISSIONER
SUSAN MICCIO-KIKTA	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 Bob Murphy, Unitarian Universalist Church, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1A. SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos read and proclaimed September 11, 2017 as 9/11 Remembrance Day. Reverend Murphy accepted the award and thanked the Board for the proclamation. Additionally, he said that on Monday, at 7:00 a.m. there would be a prayer gathering at Church on the Bayou.

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

1B. LIBRARY AND SIGN UP MONTH – COMMISSIONER SIEBER

Commissioner Sieber read and proclaimed the month of September 2017 as Library Card Sign-up Month in Tarpon Springs and encouraged everyone to sign up for their own library card. Cari Rupkalvis, Library Director, accepted and thanked the Board for the proclamation. Ms. Rupkalvis advised the Board on Library happenings, and announced the grand opening of the Senior Center would be October 2, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS:

ADDENDUM 1: STORM PREPAREDNESS – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Scott Young, Deputy Chief and Rick Butcher, Fire Chief, gave an update on storm preparedness including how to receive alerts (Ready/Alert Pinellas) and evacuation zones.

The Board thanked Deputy Chief Young, and Chief Butcher for the update, and advised residents to stay safe, stay informed, prepare now, charge cell phones, and refill medications.

Public Comments:

Terri Long, 728 Chesapeake Drive, noted that medications would be provided to residents if they call their pharmacies.

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, former Commissioner, had experience with storms/hurricane, suggested that trucks of ice be brought in as he felt this was what was needed the most.

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PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

2. STORMWATER UPDATE ON LATE AUGUST FLOODING EVENTS (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER SIEBER)

Bob Robertson, Project Administration Director; Bob Kochen, Police Chief; and Tom Funcheon, Public Works Director, gave a power point presentation on August 2017 Storm Events and how they were handled.

The Board thanked all for the update, and appreciated employees working in bad weather conditions.

Public Comments:

Warren King, 734 Chesapeake Drive, felt the issue was water coming back up from storm drains, and high tides. He said he lived there twenty five years and this was never an issue until storm drains were installed.

Andy Salivaris, 495 Riverside Drive, felt that a Police Officer or employee was needed at Sponge Docks to take care of issues at Sponge Docks. He also suggested that roads should be closed; and said he called 911 as cars were speeding causing water to enter businesses.

Lesley Usher, 734 Chesapeake Drive, explained that this issue began when brick streets were re-bricked.

Don Baker, 728 Chesapeake Drive, said that professionals live on this street that give back to Tarpon Springs, and felt that this issue should be addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. MINUTES:

- A. AUGUST 1, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
- B. AUGUST 3, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
- C. AUGUST 15, 2017 REGULAR SESSION

4. SATISFACTION AND RELEASE OF LIENS

John Barron	Utility Lien	42587-271204048
Frances L. Penman, Estate	Utility Lien	143-271203896
Helen Frascia Pennetta	Utility Lien	35567-271102307
John A./Nancy A. Bennet	Utility Lien	25029-280002771
Jack Doolittle	Utility Lien	9737-271808983
Ligaya Z. Spisak, Estate	Code Enforcement	09-80000643
Ligaya Z. Spisak, Estate	Code Enforcement	13-80000550
Osama El-Alami	Sewer Impact	MR 1486
Gloria M. Augustinus	Sewer Impact	MR 1267

5. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

- A. JOHNSON JACKSON LLDC: INVOICE # 1367, 1368 & 1369

6. SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. HOMECOMING PARADE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2017
- B. OKTOBERFEST & EUROPEAN FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 6-8, 2017
- C. ZOMBIE RUN: OCTOBER 14, 2017
- D. BEACH TO BAYOU 5K: OCTOBER 15, 2017
- E. SPONGE DOCKS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW: OCTOBER 28-29, 2017
- F. ANTIQUE & TREASURE SALE: NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Commissioner Karr said it was nice to see all the great things going on in Tarpon Springs.

7. APPROVE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

8. AWARD BID NO. 17155-B-RS: SUPPLY AND DELIVER CUSTOM SUMITOMO MIXERS

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKTA

To approve agenda items 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 5A, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, 7, AND 8

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

9. HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Jane Kniffen, Human Resources Director, reviewed the background of the Healthcare Insurance Plan noting it was a competitive health care plan in which the City has had for many years; and that the cost increase was not out of line. Additionally, she said the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust instituted a wellness clinic and wellness programs.

City Manager LeCouris said that after October, the city would start looking at comparing plans. Mayor Alahouzos asked what can lower increases, and Mrs. Kniffen said it depends on the year experience. He also advised that he used the clinic and they provide excellent service and that this was a great benefit to the employees. Vice Mayor Banther looked forward for the update for the clinic. Commissioner Kikta felt that the current insurance had excellent coverage. Commissioner Karr inquired if this had gone to bid, and City Manager LeCouris replied no; however, looking at doing this in the future.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER KIKTA

To approve Healthcare Insurance Plan (Plan 15) for fiscal year 2018 provided by the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT), effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, with cost sharing as outlined in (Attachment 2) of backup.

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 AGENDA (Continued):

10. DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Jane Kniffen, Human Resources Director, advised that last October Florida Municipal Insurance Trust negotiated a new partnership with Delta Dental which is one of the nation's largest dental provider. She said there was no changes to coverages or premiums for fiscal year 2018.

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

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIEBER
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

To approve renewal of employee dental insurance with the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) using a Delta Dental plan, for a period of twelve (12) months commencing October 1, 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

11. PROPERTY & CASUALTY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCES FY 2018

Jane Kniffen, Human Resources Director, said that due to favorable claims experience and low reinsurance rates over the past several years have contributed to substantial reductions in the City's risk management premiums.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

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

12. REQUEST TO SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OR LIEN: 0 GULF ROAD

City Attorney Daigneault gave the background on this item stating that the settlement amount offered to settle the lien was to eliminate or drastically reduce the balance of payoff amounts. City Attorney Daigneault said that the buyer wants to build on the lots and help in improving the City; so therefore, he recommended that the City offer to settle this matter for \$ 700.00 plus the administrative costs of \$1,225.00 for a total of \$1925.00, and that the requesting part be given sixty (60) days to pay that amount and if the amount is not paid, the liens would revert back to their original amount.

Commissioner Karr asked who requested the settlement and Attorney Daigneault said that it was the developer.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve the request to settle the administrative fine or lien at 0 Gulf Road for \$ 700.00 plus the administrative costs of \$ 1,225.00 for a total of \$ 1,925.00 and must be paid within sixty days (60) or the lien would revert to their 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:

13. ORDINANCE 2017-24 (2ND & FINAL READING)

City Attorney Daigneault 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.

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.

Louie Serna, Staff Representative, said this was a request to vacate a portion of East Orange Street located between Block 121, Lots 3 & 4 and Block 124, Lot 1 and a portion of Lot 2 of Tarpon Springs Official Map, and there was no additional information since the first reading.

Proponents/Opponents:

There were no proponents or opponents.

Closing Comments:

There were no closing comments.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Ordinance 2017-24 be adopted on its
Second and final ready.

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:

14. RESOLUTION 2017-34: GOLF COURSE FEE AMENDMENTS

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 FEES UTILIZED BY THE GOLF COURSE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT; INCLUDING ELIMINATION OF THE FLORIDA RESIDENT DISCOUNT, ADDING A DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Paul Smith, Public Services Director, introduced Howard Hunt, Golf Course Manager, who gave a brief description of the reasoning of these amendments. Prior to increasing rates, product needed to be where it is. Mayor complimented how great the golf course looked like and supported the rate increase. He asked how the city fees compare to other courses. Mr. Hunt felt that we were very competitive. Commissioner Miccio-Kikta and Vice Mayor Banther said the courses looked fantastic; however, would like to see the snack bar renovated. Mr. Hunt said that they could host more golf tournaments if the club house could seat at least a hundred people. Commissioner Karr was in support of rates and the idea of the discount card. Commissioner Sieber would like to see a Marketing person hired.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA
SECOND: VICE MAYOR BANTHER

That Resolution 2017-34 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

MISCELLANEOUS:

15. PSTA APPOINTMENT – MAYOR ALAHOUZOS

Mayor Alahouzos explained the background of this item and nominated Vice Mayor Banther for this position, and Vice Mayor Banther accepted.

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

The consensus of the Board was to appoint Vice Mayor Banther for this position.

16. BUDGET UPDATE

Ron Haring, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed budget. The Board thanked all involved including the Budget Advisory Committee.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONERS SALARIES:

City Manager LeCouris advised the Board about the Mayor/Commissioner salary survey that he had prepared (Exhibit 1). Additionally, he said that the Mayor and Commissioners salaries have not changed for years. The majority of the Board was not in favor of increasing as they felt that insurance benefits the Mayor and Commissioners received were part of the total compensation received that other cities did not receive. The consensus of the Board was not to bring forward at this time.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Hurricane Irma: Chief Kochen asked for all to watch the storm and updates issued. The Board wants all to prepare for the storm, and be safe.

Stormwater: City Manager will bring back Chesapeake Drive issue and stormwater studies to the Board.

Condolences:

Commissioners Sieber and Karr gave their condolences to the family of Steve Weyer, employee, who had passed away.

Tidal Water: Commissioner Karr asked for information on tidal water, and City Manager LeCouris said that it would be part of the update.

Mayor Announcements:

Thursday, September 7th - **Sunset Beach Concert** - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 9th - **Triathlon** - Fred Howard Park - 7:30 am – Noon

Saturday, September 9th - **Night in the Islands** - Sponge Docks - 6:00 pm-11:00 pm

Monday, September 11th – **Community Interfaith Service** – Church on the Bayou-7:00 pm. - I would like to thank the Church on the Bayou and the Unitarian Universalist Church for hosting this event in remembrance of September 11th and for honoring the first responders who serve our community.

Saturday, September 16th – **Recreation Back to School Bash** – Splash Park – 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Welcome New Businesses to the City:

Mady Moon Coastal Supply

Reminder:

1st Public Hearing on the Budget - Wednesday, September 6th - 6:30 pm

2nd Public Hearing on the Budget-Tuesday, September 19th- 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 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.