

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
SPECIAL SESSION – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM/COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 324 EAST PINE STREET, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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
	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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Alahouzos announced the purpose of the meeting was for public input on the budget

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION 2018-19: TENTATIVELY ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2018

City Clerk Jacobs read the titled Resolution in its entirety:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, TENTATIVELY ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2018.

Ron Harring, Finance Director, reviewed FS 200.065 which outlined the process for conducting this public meeting.

Public Comments:

Marty Peters, 1702 Heritage Oaks Court, Vice Chair of Budget Advisory Committee, advised the Board that the Budget Advisory Board supports this millage rate given the uncertainty with the state legislature and their desire to have more control over the local governments rather than allowing their elected officials to make those decisions.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Resolution 2018-19 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)

2. RESOLUTION 2018-20: TENTATIVELY ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

City Clerk Jacobs read the titled Resolution in its entirety:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, TENTATIVELY ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

Public Comments:

Marty Peters, 1702 Heritage Oaks Court, advised the Board of the Budget Advisory Committee's recommendations. One dealt with the salary and classification plan amendments and pay increases of 2019. Overall they supported the budget and felt that staff had done a nice job on developing the budget. The Committee thought that their input had been adopted in most cases and some adjustments had been made before it got to the Board. The motion the Budget Advisory Committee had was that the Budget Advisory Committee supports the salary and classification plan amendments and pay increase for fiscal year 2019 and suggests the addition of other supporting materials to demonstrate appropriateness within the competitive cities in Pinellas County. The Committee recommended that it be compared to other cities as was done in the past and needed to keep the City competitive. Second motion, was a raise for the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. The Budget Advisory Committee recommended an increase for the Mayor and Board of Commissioners based on the cost of living to be reflected in the fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Karr:

- Reiterated that there was budget money for tanks for the Fire Department that they were getting a grant for and money for the trail extension at park north of the Anclote River that was pending and would like to see these funds allocated to South Spring Boulevard and the rocks. He felt this was a safety issue and that dollars should be put toward this. City Manager LeCouris said that rocks are stabilization for the shoreline and that there would be different things that could be done such as completion of sidewalks.
- Agrees comparatives should be looked at when looking at grade changes.
- Not for or against a cost of living increase (COLA) for the Board but felt it should be discussed to attract potential qualified candidates in the future.

Commissioner Sieber:

- Agree that positions should be compared with other cities.
- Supports some type of increase for the Board as other cities have increases, and to attract potential candidates. Would like to see where the Board stands compared to other municipalities.

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Board Comments (Continued):

Vice Mayor Banther:

- Under impression that comparatives are done when looking at salaries. City Manager LeCouris explained that they have been monitoring and that next year the full analysis would be brought back.
- As for Board pay raises, felt that health insurance should be factored in that was not given to part-time employees. If the Board was looking to attract more candidates, he did not feel that a COLA would be attractive enough.

Commissioner Miccio-Kikta:

- Suggest a COLA be looked at and that some kind of mechanism be put in to place to automatically increase when other salaries are looked at.
- Was aware that comparatives were done and monitored for positions.

Mayor Alahouzos:

- Would like to see a center for seniors next year.
- Was glad to see low wages increased and wants to stay comparative.
- Also would like to see COLA looked into for the Board.

The Board thanked the Budget Advisory Board for all of their work.

MOTION: VICE MAYOR BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER MICCIO-KIKTA

That Resolution 2018-20 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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 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.

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