

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL/REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 12, 2019 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR TO SERVE A TERM OF THREE YEARS AND TWO COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE A TERM OF THREE YEARS EACH; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BALLOT TITLE AND SUBSTANCE FOR ONE REFERENDUM QUESTION OF WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO GRANT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE VII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS TO NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANSIONS OF EXISTING BUSINESSES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO CREATE NEW, FULL-TIME JOBS IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SAID ELECTION; SUBMITTING SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION TO THE VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to have their Municipal General/Referendum question on the ballot on March 12, 2019, at which time it is necessary to elect a Mayor to serve a term of three years and two Commissioners to serve a term of three years each for Seat # 3 and Seat # 4; and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tarpon Springs desires to pose one referendum question to the electors of the City of Tarpon Springs proposing whether the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the City; and

WHEREAS, there have been filed with the City Clerk, within the time prescribed by law, petitions asking that the following persons be placed on the official ballot in said election, to be voted on as candidates for the office of Mayor and Commissioners:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Commissioner Seat # 3</u>	<u>Commissioner Seat # 4</u>
Chris Alahouzos David O. Archie	Connor Donovan Susan Miccio-Kikta	Townsend Tarapani

and

WHEREAS, said petitions have been examined by the City Clerk, who has reported that the petitions are in proper form, contain the required number of qualified signatures, and that said candidates are qualified to hold office according to the charter and the ordinances of the City, and the laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the referendum question set forth hereinafter to authorize the Board of Commissioners to grant Ad Valorem Tax exemptions, shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Tarpon Springs for referendum vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1. A Municipal General/Referendum Election is hereby called to be held on March 12, 2019, for the purpose of electing a Mayor to serve a term of three years and two Commissioners to serve a term of three years each for Seat # 3 and Seat # 4, and to submit to the electors a referendum question.

Section 2. The names of Chris Alahouzos, and David O. Archie, are hereby placed on the official ballot in said election as candidates for the office of Mayor of the City.

Section 3. The names of Connor Donovan and Susan Miccio-Kikta, are hereby placed on the official ballot in said election as candidates for the office of Commissioner, Seat No. 3 of the City.

Section 4. No other candidate having qualified for the office of Commissioner, Seat No. 4, other than Townsend Tarapani; therefore, Townsend Tarapani is hereby declared elected for a term of three years, commencing April 2, 2019, under Section 101.252, Florida Statutes.

Section 5. The ballot title and substance to appear on the ballot at the Municipal General/Referendum election held on March 12, 2019 shall be as follows:

NO. 1 REFERENDUM QUESTION

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANSIONS
OF EXISTING BUSINESSES**

Shall the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the City?

___ YES For authority to grant exemptions

___ NO Against authority to grant exemptions

Section 7. The City Clerk is directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that the referendum item provided above shall be considered by the electors of the City of Tarpon Springs at the Municipal General/Referendum Election held on March 12, 2019, and the ballot accordingly published.

Section 8. The polls shall open at the hours established. As provided in Chapter 2 of the Code, the polling places shall be established by contract between the City Clerk and the Supervisor of Elections of Pinellas County.

Section 9. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the standard agreement with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections for the procurement of the necessary ballots and equipment for said election, which contract shall include the testing, equipment, ballots, poll workers, polling places, procurement of absentee ballots and processing thereof, and the tabulation of the ballots at the election.

Section 10. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon final passage and adoption.