

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR THE MUNICIPAL (REFERENDUM) ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION OF PINELLAS COUNTY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018; ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BALLOT TITLE AND SUBSTANCE FOR TWO REFERENDUM QUESTIONS (PROPOSED EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO LEASE WITH TARPON SPRINGS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION AND PROPOSED SALE OF A PERPETUAL EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 1025 GULF ROAD); PROVIDING FOR SAID ELECTION; SUBMITTING SAID REFERENDUM QUESTIONS TO THE VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Pinellas County will hold a general election on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to have their Municipal (Referendum) questions on the ballot on November 6, 2018, at which time it is necessary to pose two referendum questions to the electors of the City of Tarpon Springs: (1) proposing an extension of and amendments to the City's lease with the Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation; and (2) proposing the sale of a perpetual exclusive easement over a portion of City-owned property at 1025 Gulf Road; and

WHEREAS, the referendum questions set forth hereinafter 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 (Referendum) Election is hereby called to be held in conjunction with Pinellas County's General Election to be held on November 6, 2018, to submit to the electors two referendum questions.

Section 2. The ballot title and substance of the proposed extension of and amendments to the City's lease with the Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 6, 2018 shall be as follows:

**CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1**

Extending and amending the City's lease with Florida Hospital North Pinellas

Shall the City's lease with Florida Hospital North Pinellas, which presently expires in 2040, be extended to 2070 with Hospital options for two renewal periods (the first for fifteen years, the second for ten years) extending to 2095 in exchange for a lump sum payment of \$3,000,000.00 from the Hospital for the period between 2040 and 2070 and base rent of \$300,000.00 per year from 2071 to 2095, and other amendments to the lease?

___ YES

___ NO

Section 3. The ballot title and substance of the proposed sale of a perpetual exclusive easement over a portion of City-owned property at 1025 Gulf Road to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 6, 2018 shall be as follows:

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 2

Sale of a perpetual exclusive easement over City property for a telecommunications tower

Shall the City sell to American Tower Corporation for the sum of \$720,000.00 a perpetual exclusive easement over a 3,000 square foot portion of City-owned property at 1025 Gulf Road, which portion has been leased to American Tower Corporation since 2004 for purposes of maintaining and operating a communications tower and associated equipment?

___ YES

___ NO

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that referendum items provided above shall be considered by the electors of the City of Tarpon Springs at the General/Referendum Election to be held on November 6, 2018, and the ballot accordingly published.

Section 5. The polls shall open at the hours established for the General/Referendum election. 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 6. 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 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon final passage and adoption.