

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TAVARES CITY COUNCIL**

**February 3, 2016
4:00 P.M.**

TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

**Robert Wolfe, Mayor
Lori Pfister, Vice Mayor
Bob Grenier, Councilmember
Kirby Smith, Councilmember**

ABSENT

Lisa Johnson, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

**John Drury, City Administrator
Robert Q. Williams, City Attorney
Nancy A. Barnett, City Clerk
Bob Tweedie, Economic Development
Director
Brad Hayes, Utility Director
Lori Houghton, Finance Director**

**Lori Tucker, Human Resources Director
Tammy Rogers, Community Services
Director
Richard Keith, Fire Department
Jacques Skutt, Director of Community
Development
Stoney Lubins, Police Chief**

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I. INVOCATION

Pastor Rick Fountain, First Baptist Church of Tavares

Pastor Fountain gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolfe

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wolfe

Mayor Wolfe asked if staff had any changes to the agenda. There were none.

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tab 1) Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2016

Mayor Wolfe

25 **MOTION**

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27 Kirby Smith moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried
28 unanimously 4-0.

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30 **V.PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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32 **VI. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE CONTACTS**

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34 Attorney Williams stated Tabs 7, 8 and 10 are quasi-judicial and related to land use (annexations
35 and Special Use permit pertaining to Public School District and the property on south of Woodlea).
36 He asked those who wished to speak to be sworn in and he administered the oath.

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38 Attorney Williams asked Council if any had received ex parte communications. There were none.

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40 **VII. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**
41 **INTO THE RECORD**

Nancy Barnett

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43 Ms. Barnett read the ordinances and resolutions by title only:

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45 **ORDINANCE 2016-03**

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47 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, REZONING A COMBINED TOTAL OF**
48 **APPROXIMATELY 10.95 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF LAKE**
49 **DORA DRIVE, BETWEEN DISSTON AND DORA AVENUES; FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE**
50 **FAMILY (RSF-A) TO MIXED USE (MU); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND**
51 **OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN**
52 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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54 **ORDINANCE 2016-05**

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56 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY BY**
57 **ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 1.77 ACRES LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF S.R. 19,**
58 **APPROXIMATELY 700 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF C.R. 561 AND S.R. 19;**
59 **REZONING SAID PROPERTY FROM LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL (R-6) TO CITY OF**
60 **TAVARES HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-2); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND**
61 **OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR**
62 **SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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64 **ORDINANCE 2016-06**

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66 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TAVARES**
67 **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP 2020, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF**
68 **FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 1.77 ACRES OF LAND**
69 **GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF S.R. 19, APPROXIMATELY 700 FEET SOUTH**
70 **OF THE INTERSECTION OF C.R. 561 AND S.R. 19; FROM COUNTY URBAN MEDIUM TO CITY**
71 **COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR**
72 **TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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74 **ORDINANCE 2016-01**

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76 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY BY**
77 **ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 9.97 ACRES LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WOODLEA**
78 **ROAD AND MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED WITHIN THIS ORDINANCE; REZONING SAID**
79 **PROPERTY FROM LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE DISTRICT (A) TO CITY OF TAVARES**
80 **PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT (PFD); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND**
81 **OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR**
82 **SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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84 **ORDINANCE 2016-02**

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86 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TAVARES**
87 **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP 2020, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF**
88 **FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 9.97 ACRES OF PROPERTY**
89 **GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF WOODLEA ROAD AND MORE ACCURATELY**
90 **DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; FROM LAKE COUNTY URBAN LOW TO CITY OF**
91 **TAVARES PUBLIC FACILITY / INSTITUTIONAL (PUB); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND**
92 **CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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94 **ORDINANCE 2015-20**

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96 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, RESCINDING ORDINANCE 2015-10**
97 **REGARDING THE INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT AND AMENDING THE**
98 **CITY OF TAVARES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CHAPTER 6, INTERGOVERNMENTAL**
99 **COORDINATION ELEMENT, GOAL 6-1 INCORPORATING THE ADOPTED INTERLOCAL**
100 **SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT (ISBA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAVARES AND LAKE**
101 **COUNTY; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;**
102 **SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF**
103 **TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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105 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03**

106 **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA TO ISSUE**
107 **TAX-EXEMPT DEBT TO DESIGN, PERMIT, ACQUIRE, INSTALL AND CONSTRUCT A CITY**
108 **OWNED AND OPERATED PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS;**
109 **EXPRESSING SUCH INTENT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED STATES**
110 **TREASURY REGULATION SECTION 1.150-(2)(E) TO REIMBURSE WITH THE PROCEEDS OF**
111 **SUCH TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING, EXPENDITURES MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIGN,**
112 **PERMITTING, ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH**
113 **IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOTES, BONDS OR**
114 **OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT**
115 **NOT EXCEEDING \$12.0 MILLION TO PAY THE COST OF SUCH PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING**
116 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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118 **RESOLUTION 2016 - 04**

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120 **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING**

121 **FOR PLAN RESTATEMENT OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN NO. 7763,**
122 **A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN WITH THE MASSMUTUAL FINANCIAL COMPANY TO**
123 **COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE PPA ACT OF 2006, THE HEART ACT OF 2008, AND**
124 **THE WRERA ACT OF 2008.**

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126 Mayor Wolfe asked that those who wished to speak fill out the "Request to Speak" form and bring to
127 the City Clerk. He noted that ordinances on first reading will be discussed in full at the next Council
128 Meeting.

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130 **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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132 Mayor Wolfe asked if any audience member was in disagreement with any item on the Consent
133 Agenda. He noted that Tab 2 will be pulled to allow Mr. Hope to speak on this matter.

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135 **MOTION**

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137 **Lori Pfister moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 3 - Award of RFP for Debt Financing**
138 **to Iberia Bank] with changes, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-**
139 **0.**

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141 **Tab 2) Authorize City Attorney to Make Offer on Sparks Property** **Richard Keith**

142 Chief Keith stated the parcel of land in this matter is on Ianthe Street at the corner of Old 441 next
143 to the Gateway property where the Public Safety Facility will be built.

144 Mayor Wolfe invited Mr. Hope to speak. Norman Hope stated that he is not objecting to the
145 purchase as it is essential for the building. He asked the source of the funding and if comes from
146 city funds will it be included in the total loan for the building.

147 Ms. Houghton confirmed that the cost of the acquisition of the property will be included in the loan
148 amount. The city will front the funds until the closing of the loans in the next few months. The loan
149 proceeds will then reimburse the city.

150 **MOTION**

151 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Option 1 [authorization for City Attorney to negotiate with the**
152 **property owner for a purchase of his property at a price up to \$136,800 and identify a**
153 **funding source for that amount], seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously**
154 **4-0.**

155 **Tab 3) Award of RFP for Debt Financing for FY 2016 Budgeted** **Lori Houghton**
156 **Capital Items [Approved Under Consent]**

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158 **IX. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC HEARING**

159 **(All Ordinances under First Reading are not discussed, unless otherwise noted, until the**
160 **Second Reading)**

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162 **First Reading**

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164 **Tab 4) Ordinance #2016-03 – Rezoning of 10.95 Acres between** **Jacques Skutt**

165 **Disston & Dora Avenue, South of Lake Dora –**
166 **Residential to Mixed Use**

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168 **Tab 5) Ordinance #2016-05 – Annexation & Rezoning to Highway Jacques Skutt**
169 **Commercial – 1.77 Acres – 29774 & 29814 State Road 19**
170 **(East Side of SR 19)**

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172 **Tab 6) Ordinance #2016-06 – Small Scale Future Land Use Jacques Skutt**
173 **Amendment to City Commercial – 1.77 Acres –**
174 **29774 & 29814 State Road 19**
175 **(East Side of SR 19)**

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177 **Second Reading**

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179 **Tab 7) Ordinance #2016-01 – Annexation & Rezoning of Vacant Jacques Skutt**
180 **Property – 9.9672 Acres, South of Woodlea, West of SR 19 –**
181 **For Public School**

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183 Mr. Skutt stated the Lake County School Board wishes to purchase this property adjacent to 20
184 acres of land that they already own north of the subject property. Their long range plan is to
185 construct a new public school. The property is vacant, unused and is in the vicinity of the Tavares
186 sports complex. It is accessible to existing and planned residential development. The School Board
187 has also applied for a Special Use permit that is required for all new school uses under the City's
188 Land Development Regulations. The Board has also applied for a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan
189 Amendment for Public Facilities Institutional on the Future Land Use Map.

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191 When the School Board moves forward for construction they will be required to submit through the
192 usual site plan process and will comply with any regulations in place at this time. The Planning &
193 Zoning Board recommended approval and staff recommends approval.

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195 Councilmember Smith asked if there is a timeline when the school will be built. Kelly Randall,
196 Senior Planner, representing the School Board, answered there is not a timeline currently but it is in
197 the long range plan and is at least 10 years out at this point.

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199 **MOTION**

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201 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Ordinance #2016-01, seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion**
202 **carried unanimously 4-0.**

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204 **Tab 8) Ordinance #2016-02 – Small Scale Future Land Use Jacques Skutt**
205 **Amendment – 9.9672 Acres, South of Woodlea,**
206 **West of SR 19 – For Public School**

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208 Mr. Skutt stated this amendment accompanies the annexation and rezoning just approved. It
209 designates the property in the Future Land Use Map 2020 as Public Facilities. He said this
210 designation will serve as the most appropriate land use for this property. The Planning & Zoning
211 Board recommended approval and staff recommends approval.

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Kirby Smith moved to approve Ordinance #2016-02, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

ADOPTION HEARING

Tab 9) Ordinance #2015-21 – Adoption of Amendment to Comprehensive Plan – Chapter 6 – Intergovernmental Element to Incorporate the ISBA **Jacques Skutt**

Mr. Skutt stated this ordinance incorporates the newly adopted ISBA between the City of Tavares and Lake County. He noted that on April 15th the City processed an identical ordinance however the State had an issue with the process. The ordinance was revised and sent for approval and on June 6th the State Department of Economic Opportunity completed its review and identified no comments. The Planning & Zoning Board acting as the City’s Local Planning Agency unanimously recommended approval of this ordinance on November 19th and staff recommends approval.

MOTION

Bob Grenier moved to approve Ordinance #2015-21, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Tab 10) Resolution #2016-01 – Special Use Permit for Public Elementary School – South of Woodlea, West of SR 19 – Paul Bryant Property **Jacques Skutt**

Mr. Skutt stated this resolution is for the property just annexed for the new school. The City’s LDR’s require that the City approves a Special Use permit for all zones and it is a condition of the purchase of this property that the School Board wants to ensure that this Special Use permit is in place. The Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval and staff recommends approval.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve Resolution #2016-01, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Tab 11) Resolution #2016-03 – Authorization to Reimburse For Costs Associated with Constructing the Public Safety Complex **Lori Houghton**

Ms. Houghton reported the resolution states an intent of the City to issue tax exempt debt for design, acquisition, permitting, installation and construction of the Public Safety Complex. Council reviewed various funding options for this facility and directed staff to pursue debt issuance with the passage of the new tax. An Interlocal agreement was approved on June 16, 2015 for the Infrastructure Sales Tax renewal. F.S. 2012-055 provides that the city may pledge the infrastructure sales tax revenue for any qualified project after the referendum has been approved. The project has

264 been designed and is currently in the bid preparation stage which is expected to commence later
265 this year. Certain expenditures will be incurred as the design is completed which will be reimbursed
266 to the City through this resolution.

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268 She noted the resolution has been reviewed by Bond Counsel, the City Attorney, and the City's
269 Financial Advisor.

270 Mayor Wolfe thanked Ms. Houghton for her work on this project.

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272 Councilmember Smith asked for confirmation that the wording "acquisition" is intent for the property
273 for which the City Attorney will be negotiating. Ms. Houghton confirmed.

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275 **MOTION**

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278 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Resolution #2016-03, seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion**
279 **carried unanimously 4-0.**

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281 **Tab 12) Resolution #2016-04 – Mass Mutual/Hartford 401**
282 **Retirement Plan Restatement**

Lori Houghton

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284 Ms. Houghton advised that this resolution is a housekeeping measure and relates to the general
285 employees retirement plan of about six members that carried over when the city moved to the FRS
286 plan. She said the plan must be restated to follow IRS guidelines every six years and this allows
287 staff to make those changes. No other changes will be made to the plan per the agreement with the
288 FRS.

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290 **MOTION**

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292 **Lori Pfister moved to approve Resolution #2016-04, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion**
293 **carried unanimously 4-0.**

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295 **X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

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297 **Tab 13) Request from Rotary Club for Change in Use of City Funds**
298 **For Dragonboat Event from Fireworks to Event Operations**

Lori Houghton

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300 Ms. Houghton stated the Rotary Club has presented a letter to the City Administrator. They are
301 requesting to re-program the funds that the city currently has in its budget of \$3,000 for Dragonboat
302 Fireworks, for Dragonboat general expenditures. She said they are planning on a one day event
303 this year instead of two days.

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305 Councilmember Smith questioned if this approval would encourage other similar organizations to
306 make a request. He said he understood that it was budgeted for the fireworks however since the
307 fireworks are not going to be done, he would rather the funds go back into reserves. He said the
308 fireworks had been a good public service.

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310 Mr. Gonzales (representing the Rotary Club) stated the intent is to ramp up the Saturday
311 entertainment. The Chinese acrobats from Epcot will participate, the Japanese drummers, several
312 music events plus demos for kayaks and canoes and paddle boards, so there will be more to do.
313 The money is put back into the community and one of the main fundraisers is for local scholarships.

314 He noted the event has helped to establish a Sister Program in Taiwan. He discussed their
315 expenses for the event noting last year the event resulted in a \$3000 loss for the club. He also
316 discussed the international exposure for Tavares through the visit last year of the International
317 Rotary President.

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319 Councilmember Grenier asked for a report of the expenditures if the city approves the request.
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321 Mayor Wolfe noted he had solicited funds for the fireworks in the past. Mr. Gonzales said he
322 believed the city had paid for the fireworks directly last year. He said this year when the club
323 reviewed the city budget they noted it had been labeled "fireworks."
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325 Vice Mayor Pfister said she had done some research and found that there was much community
326 support for the fireworks. She said this should be considered a community grant.
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328 **MOTION**

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330 **Kirby Smith moved to not approve the request of the Rotary Club, seconded by Lori Pfister.**
331 **The motion carried unanimously to deny, 4-0.**
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333 **Tab 14) Tavares Square Improvements**

Bob Tweedie

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335 Mr. Tweedie advised this is a request to use the current budgeted TIF funds (Tax Increment
336 Financing District) which are designated for the façade grant improvement program, to be
337 repurposed for the future Tavares Square site. The building was recently demolished and the site is
338 now graded. Staff continues to move forward on marketing the site for future redevelopment
339 however that process may take 1 to 3 years. In the short term the goal is to have a site that is
340 visually attracted and useful for the public as open green space with a park-like atmosphere. Staff
341 has identified some improvements which includes fencing as well as some plantings and
342 improvements to the four parking lot areas.
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344 Councilmember Smith said he is the liaison for the project and had wanted to ensure that the
345 fencing can be used elsewhere. He said the property is in the center of the downtown and needs to
346 look nice. He said it could be considered a façade type project. Councilmember Grenier asked how
347 in depth the irrigation would be. Mr. Tweedie said it would be just to water the grass primarily on the
348 west end of the property.
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350 **MOTION**

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352 **Lori Pfister moved to approve the use of \$20,000 in TIF Façade Grant Funds for the Tavares**
353 **Square Improvements, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**
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355 **Tab 15) Authorization to Issue Notice to Proceed to Gator Sktch**
356 **For Phase III of Public Safety Project – Design & Engineering**

Richard Keith

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358 Chief Keith stated Gatorsktch has done roughly half of the design and engineering for the project
359 under a FEMA grant. The total build out of the project will be approximately 10 million. This will
360 allow Gatorsktch to complete the design and engineering of the Public Safety Facility, Phases 1, 2,
361 and 3. He noted that he had provided a breakdown of the monies still needed in each phase. He
362 said there will be a Phase 4 but that will come later. This is a request for authorization to proceed all
363 the way up to construction documents.

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365 Councilmember Smith asked if the city should wait until the property on the corner is resolved. Chief
366 Keith said the design works around that property. Councilmember Grenier said he is on the Horizon
367 Team and it is designed with it or without it. Vice Mayor Pfister said the plans had been discussed
368 before and she had had concerns about the kitchen consulting firm and duplicity of services with the
369 County. She asked what was left in the plans after that discussion.

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371 Chief Keith said the kitchen consultant who specialized in commercial kitchens, was hired by
372 Gatorskitch as the kitchen will serve multiple purposes and is oversized as it could become a
373 hurricane shelter. Vice Mayor Pfister asked if the city would not be able to use the County
374 Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Chief Keith said the City's EOC and the County's EOC are
375 two different functionalities. Mr. Drury noted the City's EOC is the upstairs conference room but it is
376 not hardened space. The City received a federal grant for \$500,000 to build a Public Safety
377 complex with an EOC. The funds were to relocate the City's conference room to a city EOC. Vice
378 Mayor Pfister said that answered her question.

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380 **MOTION**

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382 **Kirby Smith moved to authorize staff to issue a “notice to proceed” to GatorSkitch**
383 **Corporation for the completion of that organization’s contract (Phases 1, II, and III) with the**
384 **City for design and engineering of the city’s proposed Public Safety Facility, utilizing the**
385 **funding resource identified in the fiscal impact of an Infrastructure Revenue Bond, seconded**
386 **by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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388 **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

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390 **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

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392 **XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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394 **Betty Burleigh**

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396 Ms. Burleigh said she would be speaking on Jack King who was a charter member and a life
397 member of the Tavares Historical Society. She said she attended his funeral recently and had
398 brought his obituary:

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400 “Jack Worth King Jr., age 86 of Tavares passed away Sunday January 17, 2016 following a brief
401 illness with his devoted wife of 66 years Charlene, at his side. Jack was born in Tavares on July 20,
402 1929. After graduation from Tavares High School in 1948 [Ms. Burleigh said that was wrong; he
403 graduated in 1947.] he served briefly in the navy and then began a lengthy career in law
404 enforcement.” Discussion followed on Mr. King’s career and life in Tavares.

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406 Ms. Burleigh also noted that a week ago Sunday her 15th great-grandchild was born.

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408 **Scott Traut – 904 N. New Hampshire**

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410 Mr. Traust said he had made an on line request to speak but had not had a response.

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412 Mr. Traut said he and his wife had moved to Tavares in 2012 and love the atmosphere in Tavares.
413 He said the only fault they have found is with regard to speeding on New Hampshire. He said over

414 the last four years more families have moved in with children and there are no sidewalks and very
415 little right of way to the road. He said from the southeast corner of the high school to US 441 there
416 are no stop signs. He said he understood that the reason was for a steady stream of traffic flow
417 from the high school during school hours. He said it is difficult for the police to regulate that outside
418 of school hours. He recommended that Council investigate some way to regulate the speed without
419 utilizing officer time by speed bumps or something placed strategically so that traffic can still flow
420 but they cannot flow as fast. He said they have seen people go 100 miles per hour on that road.

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422 Discussion followed on Mr. Traut's on line request. Mr. Drury said he would respond to Mr. Traut's
423 request.

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425 Norman Hope

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427 Mr. Hope thanked Council for voting to support the Public Safety Facility. He said this was a subject
428 he cared about deeply. He said his son in law is the head SWAT instructor for the State of Ohio and
429 his daughter is a consultant on police ranges in Ohio in addition to his own 30 years law
430 enforcement experience.

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432 **XIV. REPORTS**

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434 **Tab 16) City Administrator**

John Drury

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436 **Utility Director**

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438 Mr. Hayes said that bids are due 11:00 tomorrow morning for the Ruby Street project and he would
439 be returning to Council to request approval for the award of bid.

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441 **City Attorney**

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443 Attorney Williams said he believed the TLP – Sunset View project is underway.

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445 **Tab 17) Council Reports**

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447 **Vice Mayor Pfister**

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449 Noted she was glad to see Chris Thompson back. Acknowledged Mr. Tweedie's work on the
450 Tavares Square project. Congratulated both Chiefs on their project.

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452 **Councilmember Grenier**

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454 Councilmember Grenier said he is looking forward to the Black Tie Gala and asked Ms. Rogers to
455 comment. Ms. Rogers noted it is scheduled for February 20th at the pavilion. This will be the second
456 gala that is being put on for the community which will begin at 5:30 p.m. The tickets are on sale at
457 City Hall from 9 to 5 p.m.

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- 460 • Thanked Council for approving the public safety project
 - 461 • Planning has started for Rifles, Rails and History for September. He said a birthday party was held recently for Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson at the Civic Center.
 - 462 • February is the birthday month for Major Alexander St. Clair Abram's wife Joanna who was born in
463 February; she died in 1901 shortly after the fire in Jacksonville.

- 464 • Major Alexander St. Clair Abram's home is still standing at the corner in Tavares. He also has
465 another house that is on the National Register in Jacksonville that is still standing.
466 • Notes he continue to advocate fighting against the bill in the Florida House and Senate to remove
467 General Edmund Kirby Smith from the Hall of Statutory in Washington D.C.
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469 **Councilmember Smith**

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471 • Glad to see Chris Thompson back
472 • Noted African American Heritage Festival is this Friday and Saturday (Parade on Saturday and an
473 event on Friday at Tavares High School at 6:00 p.m.)
474 • On this day in 1893 Thomas Edison completed the world's first movie studio
475 • Today is National Carrot Cake Day
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477 **Mayor Wolfe**

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479 Stated he had attended the MPO monthly meeting and their event last Wednesday night with other
480 people from the city. He said Congress and the President have passed a Fast Act for highway
481 transportation construction. The State of Florida will be receiving just over 10 billion. In this process
482 Florida is considered a donor state and will now be receiving about 95% of its dollars back for
483 highway projects.
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485 Noted he had driven his son to Iowa to go back to school recently and had a good trip with him.
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487 Encouraged everyone who was in attendance for the first reading of the ordinances to attend at the
488 next meeting and that they could contact anyone on the Council to discuss one on one.
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490 **ADJOURNMENT**

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492 The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.
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494 Respectfully submitted,
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497 Nancy A. Barnett, City Clerk