

1 TAVARES CITY COUNCIL  
2 MINUTES

3  
4 May 18, 2016  
5 4:00 P.M.

6 TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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8 **COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

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10 Robert Wolfe, Mayor  
11 Lori Pfister, Vice Mayor  
12 Bob Grenier, Councilmember  
13 Lisa Johnson, Councilmember  
14 Kirby Smith, Councilmember

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16 **STAFF PRESENT**

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18 John Drury, City Administrator  
19 Robert Q. Williams, City Attorney  
20 Nancy A. Barnett, City Clerk  
21 Lori Houghton, Finance Director  
22 Lori Tucker, Human Resources Director  
23 Richard Keith, Fire Department  
24 Jacques Skutt, Director of Community Development  
25 Stoney Lubins, Police Chief  
26 Brad Hayes, Director of Utilities  
27 Bob Tweedie, Director of Economic Development

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30 **I. INVOCATION**

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32 Josh Paynter, Associate Pastor, Liberty Baptist Church, gave the invocation and led  
33 those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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35 **II. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wolfe

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37 **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Wolfe

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39 Mayor Wolfe asked if staff had any changes to the agenda. Mr. Drury said there were none from  
40 staff.

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42 **MOTION**

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44 Kirby Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lisa Johnson. The motion  
45 carried unanimously 5-0.

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47 Mayor Wolfe noted that if anyone in the audience wished to speak on any item they should  
48 complete the request form and bring to the City Clerk.

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**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Tab 1) Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION**

**Kirby Smith moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2016 as submitted, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Tab 2) Officers Recognition**

Chief Lubins presented the Department's Medal of Valor to Sergeant Tracy Goodknight, Officer Cullen O'Shea, and Officer Christina Connors regarding their actions during a recent event. Chief Lubins presented the event as follows:

*On May 7, 2016 Sergeant Tracy Goodknight, Officer Cullen O'Shea and Officer Christina Connors responded to a structure fire at 347 North Duncan Drive which is called Fire Point Products. This business manufactures products that utilize highly combustible and flammable materials. Upon their arrival, in just under a minute, they immediately saw a metal building heavily engulfed in smoke. They saw a severely burnt man laying outside the door of the business. As the officers assessed the scene, they heard banging from inside the building. Due to the heavy involvement of smoke, they could not enter through the door that was open.*

*The officers then went to a large roll up metal door on the side of the building. They were unable to lift it by hand because the metal was too hot and the paint was blistering. The officers saw a 16 foot metal pole that was lying nearby and the three officers rammed it through the base of the door. They kept ramming and lifting until a large enough gap occurred so that Officer O'Shea and Officer Connors could reach a woman who was trapped inside and suffering from significant burn injuries and smoke inhalation. Officer Connors and Officer O'Shea grabbed the woman's shoulders and feet and dragged her outside. Sergeant Goodknight had to keep holding the door open with the pipe until the rescue was affected. Once outside the officers carried the woman away from the fire.*

*Even after this rescue the officers continued their assistance to the fire and EMS personnel. Officer Connors assisted by placing oxygen on the woman and Officer O'Shea helped the fire department with the hoses.*

*The actions of these officers saved the woman's life. Their quick thinking, decisive action and determination exemplified policing at the highest level while exposing themselves to an extremely dangerous environment. Due to these heroic actions the Tavares Police Department will bestow the Award of Valor, the department's highest award, to Sergeant Goodknight, Officer O'Shea and Officer Connors.*

Chief Lubins stated Sergeant Goodknight has been with Tavares for 15 years; Officer O'Shea for three years; and it was her second day solo on the road for Officer Connors. He noted that she just joined the department not long ago after serving with the U.S. Army.

Chief Lubins presented red ribbons to each individual for the award noting that the medals would follow and those present gave a standing ovation.

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**Tab 3) Reuse Person of the Year**

Mayor Wolfe stated at the annual conference of the Florida Water Environmental Association, Mr. Hayes was given the award of Reuse Person of the Year due to his significant accomplishments of water supply infrastructure projects during his 10 years with the city. He noted that the reuse water system project has resulted in offsetting of over 300,000 gallons per day of ground water withdrawals from the Florida aquifer. In addition Mr. Hayes has been accepted into the Select Society of the Sanitary Sludge Shovelers. Mayor Wolfe presented the awards to Mr. Hayes.

**Tab 4) LCS 2016 Business Partner of the Year**

Mayor Wolfe said that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Orlando the City of Tavares will be recognized for this award. He invited Ms. Carmen Cullen-Batt to speak.

Ms. Cullen-Batt stated that the Department of Education has an award each year called CBRA which stands for the Commissioners Business Recognition Award. Lake County Schools has the opportunity to select two partners each year. Eight nominations were received and this year the City of Tavares was selected with Jenkins Auto Group. Ms. Cullen-Batt said the city had been nominated for its support of in-kind services and donations for the Renaissance Faire Education Day, support for the Rubber Ducky Race and Carnival held in Wooton Park, and school-wide collection drive "Red for Ed". Ms. Cullen-Batt said the recognition was about the Tavares staff who were excellent to work with. She said Commissioner Pam Stuart will be formally recognizing Mayor Wolfe and the City of Tavares at the Education Summit in Orlando on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember Smith thanked the school system. Mayor Wolfe also thanked Ms. Cullen-Batt and said he concurred with her comments on the Tavares staff.

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

Attorney Williams said there were two quasi-judicial hearings on the agenda: Tabs 7 and 8 – The annexation and rezoning of the JBN Group Meat Processing Plant and the accompanying Small Scale Future Land Use Map. He gave the oath to those who wished to speak. He asked Council if anyone had had ex parte communications outside of the room. There were none.

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

Ms. Barnett read the following ordinances by title only:

**ORDINANCE 2016-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TAVARES BY ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 9.46 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF C.R. 448 AND LAKE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD; REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM COUNTY HEAVY INDUSTRIAL TO CITY INDUSTRIAL; SUBJECT TO THE**

148 RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF  
149 TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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151 **ORDINANCE 2016-12**

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153 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE**  
154 **TAVARES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP 2020,**  
155 **PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON**  
156 **APPROXIMATELY 9.46 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE**  
157 **SOUTHEAST CORNER OF C.R. 448 AND LAKE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD;**  
158 **FROM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL TO CITY INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING FOR**  
159 **SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND**  
160 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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162 **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-23**

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164 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES AMENDING CHAPTER 15,**  
165 **PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE V, FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION**  
166 **TRUST FUND, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TAVARES;**  
167 **AMENDING SECTION 15-101, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 15-102,**  
168 **MEMBERSHIP; AMENDING SECTION 15-104, FINANCES AND FUND**  
169 **MANAGEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 15-106, BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND**  
170 **ELIGIBILITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-107, PRE-RETIREMENT DEATH;**  
171 **AMENDING SECTION 15-108, DISABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-110,**  
172 **OPTIONAL FORMS OF BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 15-115, MAXIMUM**  
173 **PENSION; AMENDING SECTION 15-116, MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION OF**  
174 **BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 15-127, PRIOR FIRE SERVICE;**  
175 **AMENDING SECTION 15-128, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN;**  
176 **ADDING SECTION 15-130, SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT COMPONENT FOR**  
177 **SPECIAL BENEFITS; CHAPTER 175 SHARE ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR**  
178 **CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS;**  
179 **REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING**  
180 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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182 **RESOLUTION 2016-09**

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184 **RESOLUTION OF CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA ENDORSING AND**  
185 **AUTHORIZING THE SINCLAIR AVENUE/RUBY STREET INTERSECTION (FDOT**  
186 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT #433673-1**

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188 **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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190 Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone opposed the Consent Agenda.

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192 **MOTION**

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194 **Bob Grenier moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 5 – Approval with Jones**  
195 **Edmunds for Preparing a SRF Construction Loan Application for the Lake Frances Water**  
196 **& Sewer System Upgrades & Lift Station 49 Improvements and Tab 6 – Amendment to**

197 **Lake County Water Authority Stormwater Grant Agreement for Increase in Grant Award**  
198 **and Time Extension of Agreement]. The motion was seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion**  
199 **carried unanimously 5-0.**

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

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

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205 **FIRST READING – None**

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207 **SECOND READING**

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209 **Tab 7) Ordinance #2016-11-Annexation & Rezoning – 13910 CR 448 – JBN Group, Meat**  
210 **Processing Plant**

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212 Mr. Skutt said this ordinance will annex the above property to Industrial (about 9.46 acres of  
213 property located on the southeast corner of CR 448 and Lake Industrial Blvd.). He said the  
214 property consists of two parcels of land where the Reddy Ice facility used to operate. The  
215 applicant desires to upgrade and improve the building with the intent to run a USDA meat  
216 packaging plant from this site. They will be connecting to city water and sewer. The property is  
217 contiguous to the City of Tavares boundary. The proposed plant may ultimately involve three  
218 shifts of workers and provide new jobs. The Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to  
219 recommend approval and staff recommends approval.

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221 Mr. Drury said he was excited about the project and noted that the applicants were present. He  
222 thanked them for coming to the U.S. and putting up their first facility in Tavares. Mr. Skutt  
223 showed a video of the applicant's operations in Brazil.

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225 Councilmember Grenier said he serves on the Horizon Team for this area and he is very  
226 supportive of this project. He invited the applicants to introduce themselves. Luis Silva, Paulo  
227 Cesar Barao Candido, Maria Stella Saab and Marianne Iozzi Siena, came to the podium. Mr.  
228 Silva thanked the city for welcoming them.

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230 **MOTION**

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232 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Ordinance #2016-11, seconded by Bob Grenier.**

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234 Vice Mayor Pfister clarified that there would be no slaughtering at the facility. Mr. Silva  
235 confirmed.

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237 Vice Mayor Pfister welcomed the group to the city.

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239 **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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241 **Tab 8) Ordinance #2016-12 – Small Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment**

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243 Mr. Skutt said this was the accompanying ordinance for the same property just annexed. The  
244 applicant is seeking an Industrial Future Land Use designation which is compatible with the

245 existing Heavy Industrial Future Land Use that is in the County and compatible with the zoning  
246 just approved. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended unanimously to approve this  
247 ordinance and staff recommends approval.

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249 **MOTION**

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251 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Ordinance #2016-12, seconded by Lisa Johnson. The**  
252 **motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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254 **Tab 9) Ordinance #2016-23 – Amendment to Fire Pension Plan regarding IRC Standards,**  
255 **Reference to Definition of Firefighter, and to Establish a Share Plan**

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257 Chief Keith stated there were several changes to this ordinance but they were driven by the  
258 State of Florida and the federal government. The changes will keep the plan in compliance with  
259 Chapter 2015-39 of the Laws of Florida and with the Internal Revenue Code.

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261 Chief Keith said the attorney for both the Fire and the Police Pension Boards had made the  
262 changes in the ordinance. He pointed out the cover letter from Attorney Christiansen and the  
263 letter of no impact from Foster and Foster, the actuarial for both plans. In addition he pointed out  
264 the letter from Bodghan Group who reviewed the ordinance for the City who also indicated there  
265 were no issues and recommended adoption.

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267 Councilmember Smith said he appreciated the City Administrator hiring a professional firm to  
268 review and help Council in making decisions.

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270 **MOTION**

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272 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Ordinance #2016-23, seconded by Bob Grenier. The**  
273 **motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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275 **Tab 10) Resolution #2016-09 - Authorization for FDOT to Manage the TAV Lee Trail Local**  
276 **Agency Project (LAP) Grant**

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278 Mr. Tweedie reported this resolution will endorse and authorize the State of Florida Department  
279 of Transportation for the administration delivery of the construction of the Phase 2 Tav Lee Trail  
280 Extension Component of the Wooton Park Enhancement Project. The project consists of two  
281 phases: Phase 1 is the construction of boat ramp, parking lot and similar features funded under  
282 city bond funds that were previously for the purchase and improvement of the land. Phase 2  
283 deals with the Tav Lee Trail Extension which currently ends in front of the Sand Bar. There is a  
284 gap from there to Sinclair Avenue. This will complete the trail through this FDOT funding  
285 through a program called LAP which is federal highway funding. There is a certification process  
286 required that the City does not possess currently, however, the FDOT can conduct the project  
287 on behalf of the City.

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289 Mr. Drury recognized the Executive Director of the MPO, T.J. Fish who has assisted in the  
290 project for the water, trail and railroad functions. Mayor Wolfe thanked Mr. Fish for his  
291 assistance.

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293 **MOTION**

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295 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Resolution #2016-09, seconded by Lori Pfister. The**  
296 **motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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298 **X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

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300 **Tab 11) – Approval of 2016-2017 TRIM Calendar**

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302 Ms. Houghton reported this is to approve the Budget Workshops for the FY 2017 Operating  
303 Budget and Truth in Millage Rate. The calendar lists all of the staff workshops and all the dates  
304 for public advertisements that is required. Ms. Houghton noted June 15<sup>th</sup> will be the presentation  
305 of the budget for the General Fund and discussion for the proposed Maximum Tentative Millage  
306 Rate. July 6<sup>th</sup> will be Budget Workshop to present the draft 2017 Enterprise and Special Fund  
307 budgets. On July 20<sup>th</sup> will be the workshop for presenting the Capital Improvement Plan and to  
308 discuss the General Fund and the Enterprise and Special Revenue funds, and to set the  
309 Maximum Tentative Millage Rate. She noted the rate may decrease but once submitted to the  
310 Property Appraiser on August 4, 2016, it cannot be increased. The two workshops for  
311 discussion and any changes that Council wishes to make will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> of  
312 2016 and two Public Hearings will be held September 7, 2016 and September 21<sup>st</sup> as the final  
313 Public Hearing for Budget and Maximum Millage.

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315 **MOTION**

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317 **Lori Pfister moved to approve the TRIM Calendar, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion**  
318 **carried unanimously 5-0.**

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320 **Tab 12) Agreement with Utility Technicians for SR 19 Water Main Relocation**

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322 Mr. Hayes stated this project is in front of Royal Harbor. He reviewed the background of the  
323 FDOT, State Road 19 widening and replacement of the bridge. In 2015 the staff reviewed the  
324 FDOT plans for relocation of the existing water line and determined that it would be more cost  
325 effective for the city to contract out the work and have more control of the installation.

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327 Councilmember Smith clarified that although the City did not know what FDOT would have  
328 charged, the city's past experience has been that it is more expensive for FDOT and more  
329 beneficial for the City to have more control over the project.

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331 Attorney Williams commented that the City has handled this both directly and indirectly through  
332 contracting out with FDOT in the past. He said he had asked the same questions and he  
333 thought this was the best way to handle this especially because the city is being proactive.

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335 **MOTION**

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337 **Lori Pfister moved to approve the bid from Utility Technicians in the amount of**  
338 **\$35,794.86 and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract. The motion was**  
339 **seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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341 **Tab 13) Special Parking Permits for Residents during Event**

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343 Mr. Tweedie said this was a request for staff to develop and implement a program for special  
344 parking permits for residents during special events. The Downtown Master Plan encourages  
345 residential uses within the downtown to enhance cultural and economic vibrancy. He said there  
346 are private residences with no off street parking within the downtown area. The special events  
347 impact parking by imposing restrictions. The plan would provide parking passes for residents  
348 who have only street parking, to be allowed to park in city-owned parking during the special  
349 events.

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351 Mayor Wolfe said he was in support as the City was trying to encourage Mixed Use in the  
352 downtown. Councilmember Smith also spoke in support.

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354 **MOTION**

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356 **Kirby Smith moved to approve staff's request to develop a plan, seconded by Bob**  
357 **Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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359 **Tab 14) City Administrator Evaluation and Setting of Annual Goals**

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361 Mayor Wolfe stated that each Councilmember has received a copy of all the evaluations and  
362 goals for the City Administrator. He asked that discussion should be held regarding the goals  
363 which should be specific and achievable. He asked that the salary review be held at the next  
364 meeting.

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366 Mr. Drury said he appreciated each Councilmember taking the time to provide an evaluation. He  
367 said he appreciated working for Council and implementing their collective goals.

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369 Mr. Drury read each Councilmember's City Administrator's Goals as follows:

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371 **Councilmember Grenier**

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- 373 • Continue economic development initiatives in the SR 19 CR 448 corridor.
- 374 • Continue to refer to the Master Plan and pick those items within the plan that can be  
375 economically completed.
- 376 • Maintain the vision of building on a historic foundation
- 377 • Market the development of the Clerk's Site
- 378 • Support passenger service from the Seaplane base to other Florida locations
- 379 • Continue alleyway improvement program
- 380 • Continue to work on current year goals as follows: complete Wooton Park West; secure  
381 grants for Woodlea Sports Complex from Lake County; develop funding program for  
382 Public Works facility; develop Public Safety Complex; install Gateway Signs at the Chris  
383 Daniels fountain park; Upgrade Ruby Street—sidewalks, lighting, brick pavers, bury the  
384 electric lines; Performing Cultural Center; Continue to work with the County on paying  
385 their fair share of fire protection; have City Flags installed at city buildings where  
386 appropriate; implement street paving plan; increase retail community in the downtown.

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388 **Councilmember Lisa Johnson**

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- Entice new business to the downtown
- Market and develop Tavares Square
- Clean up and spruce up the west end of the entrance to the City and Main Street
- Develop Monthly employee appreciation program (Councilmember Smith noted it would need to be budgeted)

Vice Mayor Lori Pfister

- Library expansion (Mr. Drury noted the city is in the preliminary design phases)
- Community Theater (multi-year goal)
- Add a significant signature fall event
- Amphitheater (start the process)
- Expand senior programs
- Balance the budget with no or minimum mill increase
- Complete projects already approved and near completion
- Employee appreciation and compensation
- Take ownership in schools in the city through supporting students

Councilmember Pfister said she was thinking about a Mayor’s Youth Council. She said there are a lot around the U.S. and often they take on projects for the city.

Councilmember Kirby Smith

- Start handing off some of the events to the organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and Tavares Waterfront Entertainment District
- Create a sound budget, keeping the millage rate at the same level or with less than a 2% increase
- Increase the road budget to at least 75% above current
- Finish landscaping project along Alfred Street
- Have Wooton Park West End completed
- Start work on getting bike trails from Tavares to Eustis and Mt. Dora utilizing railroad right-a-way as much as possible (will be multiyear but conversations and evaluation can be done within one year)
- Increase the reserve budget by 2%

Mayor Robert Wolfe

- Start construction of the public safety complex
- Budget no less than \$300,000 for repaving the city streets (Councilmember Smith asked if this could state “try” to budget no less than \$300,000)  
Mr. Drury noted what he budgets may be that number but what Council approves may be different
- Same level of service and reward employees with a raise
- Bury electric lines during the Ruby Street rehabilitation project
- Secure more funding from the County for the Woodlea Regional Sports Complex
- Start and then finish the Wooton Park West End

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437 Mr. Drury stated he would add all these goals into the work program and will work with each  
438 department to facilitate.

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440 Councilmember Grenier complimented Council's goals, noting they are all achievable, and  
441 many of the goals are similar.

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443 **MOTION**

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445 **Kirby Smith moved to adopt the goals that the City Administrator has read into the**  
446 **record, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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448 Mayor Wolfe said discussion will be held on an annual pay adjustment for the City Administrator  
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451 **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

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453 **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

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455 **Eagle Scott Project**

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457 Councilmember Pfister said she has been contacted by an Eagle Scout, Alexander Netwal, of  
458 Troop 233, who wants to do a project in Tavares. He has asked about either a cleanup at  
459 Aesop's Park of the lake, or building benches around the lake. She said he will return to make a  
460 presentation.

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462 Mr. Drury suggested the lake clean up because of the change to benches with the city's brand.  
463 Councilmember Smith commended the Eagle Scout program and the contributions made to the  
464 City in the last three years.

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466 **Consensus to have Mr. Netwal do the Lake Clean up.**

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468 **Speed Limit on Mt. Homer Road**

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470 Councilmember Smith noted that the speed limit on Mt. Homer Road just off Dora Avenue is 40  
471 mph and Dora Avenue is 35 mph. He said golf carts cannot legally drive on any streets posted  
472 higher than 35 mph and there are several medical businesses and banks that can be accessed  
473 from Mt. Homer if the speed limit was lowered.

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475 Mr. Drury said staff will follow up. Mr. Thompson noted it is a County Road. Mr. Drury said staff  
476 will go to the County to move this forward.

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478 **XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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480 **Denise Laratta, Royal Harbor**

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482 Ms. Laratta stated the city has had some negative publicity recently. She commended City  
483 Council and Mr. Drury and Attorney Williams for speaking positivity to the press about Tavares.

484 She commended Mayor Wolfe for handling a difficult situation with dignity.

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486 Betty Burleigh, 214 N. Hampshire Avenue, advised that on May 13<sup>th</sup> the city made history with the  
487 cutting of the ribbon for the Limelight. She said everything was green including the ribbon that  
488 glowed in the dark. She said the Spanish guitarist was amazing. She said on May 14<sup>th</sup> was the  
489 second annual Public Works Expo and that she had enjoyed the demonstrations. She said she  
490 had won a seaplane ride last year and this year she won a birdhouse. She added that Lt.  
491 Paynter had spoken at the dining room site at the Union Congregational Church on Monday and  
492 he introduced Officer Connors and discussed the three officers and their actions of bravery.

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#### 494 **XIV. REPORTS**

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#### 496 **Tab 14) City Administrator**

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498 Mr. Drury announced that Royal Harbor won the Civic Volunteer and Advocacy Award for the  
499 entire State of Florida. He wished them congratulations.

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501 Mr. Drury reminded Council of the Picnic in the Park for employees on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.

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#### 503 **Public Works Director**

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505 Mr. Thompson thanked the Police Officers for their actions on behalf of the city. He noted that  
506 Mr. Hayes' Sludge Shovelers award is a very prestigious award and is only given to a few  
507 people in the country.

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509 Mr. Thompson thanked everyone who were able to attend the Public Works Expo on Saturday.  
510 He said a new program will be starting in Tavares called "America in Bloom." Tavares has  
511 registered to participate in a national awards program for towns and cities of all sizes. It  
512 provides a framework for improving the overall quality of life while focusing on community  
513 involvement and beautification. America in Bloom is the only program of its kind that provides on  
514 site, one on one mentoring and coaching by a team of expert judges. Ms. Anderson, the  
515 Landscape Specialist, will be coordinating the program and more information will be  
516 forthcoming.

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#### 518 **Utility Director**

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520 Mr. Hayes stated this week is Reuse Week in the State of Florida as proclaimed by the Cabinet  
521 and the Governor. He said Florida is the leader in the nation in reuse water. Mr. Drury said since  
522 Mr. Hayes is the leader in Florida which makes him the leader in the country.

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#### 524 **Finance Director**

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#### 526 **City Attorney**

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#### 528 **Tab 15) Council Reports**

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#### 530 **Vice Mayor Pfister**

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532 **Councilmember Grenier**

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534 • He stated the Civic Center parking lot is one way going the same way as Caroline but it  
535 has now become Caroline Street Eastbound and is getting dangerous. He said the large  
536 signs that say “Do Not Enter” are not effective.

537 • He said there is a Eustis city limits sign at the railroad tracks however from there to the  
538 Kohl’s shopping center is all Tavares so that sign should not be there.

539 • He said the Limelight Event had been fun and nostalgic to experience

540 • He and Mr. Drury walked Tavares with House Representative Dennis Baxley whose  
541 district in the Senate will include Tavares. He said Representative Baxley is interested in  
542 history and he shared with him how interested he was in acquiring the statute of General  
543 Kirby Smith.

544 • He said he will participating in a ceremony in Sorrento to honor the veterans from 9:00 to  
545 3:00 this Saturday at the East Lake Public Library.

546 • His new book will be out July 4<sup>th</sup> and said he had gone to visit a 93 year old vet who was  
547 on the cover of the book. He said yesterday his parents had received their copy with his  
548 dedication to his father.

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550 **Councilmember Johnson**

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552 Councilmember Johnson congratulated Mr. Hayes on the Sludge Shovelers Award. She said  
553 that the Public Works event went well.

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555 Councilmember Johnson said in terms of the negativity publicity, that she wanted to thank Mr.  
556 Drury and all the staff leaders for keeping the city focused and running. She said now is the time  
557 to work together to get the projects done.

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559 **Councilmember Smith**

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561 Councilmember Smith said it is disappointing to have had the negative publicity and wished the  
562 Limelight project (one of 14 in the world) could have been featured instead. He suggested that  
563 the city move forward and continue to put the city in a good light. He said it is a great city and as  
564 America’s Seaplane City we need to continue to grow.

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566 Councilmember Smith said today is National “No Dirty Dish Day.” He added that on this day in  
567 1860, Abraham Lincoln was nominated to become president and in 1980, Mt. St. Helens began  
568 to erupt.

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570 **Mayor Wolfe**

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572 Mayor Wolfe said he had represented the City at the recent Florida League of Mayors  
573 convention. He said he heard former Governor Martinez speak and was able to speak with him.  
574 He said it was nice to be able to comment on almost everything that was discussed, regarding  
575 what the City of Tavares has been doing for the last ten years. He said had been able to  
576 comment on how things get done because of how the city’s staff, city administrator and City  
577 Council work together.

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579 Mayor Wolfe noted he had enjoyed the Limelight Event and the Public Works Expo was unique

580 and educational for the kids. He commended both the Public Works and Utility Departments.

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582 **ADJOURNMENT**

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584 There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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586 Respectfully submitted,

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588 Nancy A. Barnett, MMC

589 City Clerk