

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
February 17, 2016
4:00 P.M.
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

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**

I. INVOCATION

Tom Cavanaugh, First Baptist Church of Mt. Dora

Tom Cavanaugh gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge Of Allegiance

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolfe

Mayor Wolfe welcomed those present to the meeting. He asked those who Wished to speak to fill out a Request Form and give to the City Clerk.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wolfe

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion Carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tab 1) Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2016

Mayor Wolfe

MOTION

Bob Grenier moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2016, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Tab 2) Tavares Chamber of Commerce Update

Bob Tweedie

Janet Noack, President, gave an update on the Chamber. She said the Applications for Executive Director are still being reviewed and they hope to announce the new Executive Director at the next Chamber Update. She said Amanda Kelly, Membership Director, will be contacting City Councilmembers in the near future to ascertain whether they want to volunteer to assist on Saturdays at the Chamber from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

VI. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE CONTACT

Attorney Williams gave to those who wished to speak and asked them to identify themselves when they came to the podium He asked Council if they had had ex parte communications to report. All the Councilmembers indicated that they had spoken to the residents individually regarding the Lake Dora rezoning.

VII. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

Nancy Barnett

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 3) Air Boss Agreement for Planes, Trains & BBQ & Seaplane Fly In Event

Bob Tweedie

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Air Boss Agreement], seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC HEARING

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

First Reading

Second Reading

Tab 4) Ordinance #2016-03 – Rezoning of 10.95 Acres between

Jacques Skutt

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

Mr. Skutt presented the agenda summary for this rezoning. He said the existing homes on the south side of Lake Dora Drive, if the zoning were to be approved, would still be allowed as a permitted use in a Mixed Use zoning. He said a Bed and Breakfast establishment is allowed in a Mixed Use District however there are a number of restrictions. If someone desired to upgrade the Duncan house from a Bed and Breakfast to a use like a boutique hotel that would require an amendment to the permitted land uses and would require public hearings at the Planning and Zoning Board and City Council. He said rezoning the properties not only supplies a needed buffer and transition to the downtown but also provides an opportunity to redevelop or repurpose the properties with low intensity commercial uses that compliment and support the growing downtown.

Mr. Skutt stated the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend denial on the rezoning but they also wanted to communicate to the City Council that they are in support of preserving the Duncan house. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

Councilmember Smith stated he would be abstaining from voting due to a conflict as he owns property on the eastern end of the properties that are subject to the rezoning (confirmed by the City Attorney).

Audience Members – Request to Speak

Attorney Tim Hoban, 2752 Dora Avenue, said he is assisting Donna Jackson who lives at 728 Lake Dora Drive. He said Ms. Jackson and every neighbor she has spoken to oppose both the rezoning and the Comprehensive Plan change. He asked for clarification that two separate votes will be required. Attorney Williams confirmed that each ordinance would require a vote.

Mayor Wolfe said both ordinances could be addressed together in addition to the separate vote requirement.

Attorney Hoban said the neighbors believe Lake Dora Drive is the nicest street in all Tavares. He said the train tracks form a physical barrier between the houses on the water and the zoning to the north of the train tracks. He stated bed and breakfast is an allowed use in both residential, single family and mixed use, so it would make no difference whether the Duncan house is residential or mixed use. He said it makes a huge difference to every house on the street to be forcibly rezoned to Mixed Use as opposed to residential. He discussed various uses allowed in Mixed Use. He asked that Council revise the bed and breakfast ordinance so the Duncan house can be successful and an asset to the community.

Kevin Burkholder – 423 St. Clair Abrams Avenue

Mr. Burkholder said he is a licensed contractor and home inspector. Mr. Burkholder spoke on behalf of the preservation of the Duncan house. He said he was asked to look at the house for repairs recently. He said the cost of repairs to that house today are more than double what they were 10 years ago. He discussed the repairs that needed to be done and expressed concern about the status of the house.

Kay Ward Hauserman – 504 Dora Drive

Ms. Hauserman thanked the City Council for meeting with the residents. She said she has lived in her home for 60 years and grew up in Tavares. She said it has been a quiet and friendly neighborhood and the park has always acted as a buffer or transitional area from the business district. She said as landowners the community appreciates what it has and does not want to lose it. She said discussed the original ordinance from 20 years ago that allowed the house to be used as a bed and breakfast which had worked well. She said the present owners (who never lived there) ran it as a “Lake Reception”. She said this created a problem within the neighborhood thus a land use violation followed. She said this will affect her family as they live just east of the Duncan house but they have no problem with it continuing to be a true bed and breakfast. She said she and her husband oppose the rezoning.

Pike Hamlin – 107 and 111 S. Disston Avenue

Mr. Hamlin said the two houses he owns are between the pavilion and the Duncan house. He questioned the need for a transition zone. He said he disagreed that the house could not be salvaged effectively. He said he thought it was feasible for it to continue to be a single family home and he also did not see an issue with it continuing to be a bed and breakfast. He said when the neighbors were canvassed they had agreed to the bed and breakfast use but did not approve outdoor parties, loud speakers, rock bands, etc. He said there was also a parking issue at the house previously and there continues to be with the pavilion. He said the guidelines for what will be allowed in Mixed Use is unclear.

William Chapogas – 32928 Lakeshore Drive

Mr. Chapogas said he has lived in the area for 12 years. He said Tavares is probably the nicest place to live in Florida. He said he has watched the Duncan house go from a vacant house to an operational bed and breakfast and back to a vacant house again. He said whatever the city can do to make it a viable house and a diamond for Tavares would be worthwhile.

Edd Holder – 11312 Dead River Road

Mr. Holder said as one of the informal volunteer economic development consultants, he believed that the Duncan house will give the City another resource for bringing high value jobs and exposure to the city. He said the Mixed Use zoning would not preclude it continuing to be a single family home.

Tom Grizzard – 1300 Citizens Blvd, Leesburg

Mr. Grizzard said he is a long time realtor in Lake County and was present to support the residents on Lake Dora, specifically Donna Jackson, the widow of the late Father Terry Jackson, who bought their property in the 70's and built their house in anticipation of retirement. He said the renovation of the Duncan house can be done by only rezoning the three properties: the Duncan house and the other two properties adjacent to the park. He asked Attorney Williams to comment on what could be done with the ordinance. Mr. Williams said the ordinance could be amended to go to a less intense zoning. Mr. Grizzard encouraged Council to consider that as a solution.

Greg Believeau – LPG – 1162 Camp Avenue, Mt. Dora

Mr. Believeau said he was present on behalf of Mrs. Jackson to help defeat this request. He said one angle is to consider that currently the zoning is single family with beautiful single family homes. Changing it to Mixed Use could accelerate the demise of a neighborhood which affects the adjacent properties. He asked that Council address the issue of the Duncan house as that could be an asset for the City of Tavares.

Gail Heneghan – 512 Lake Dora Drive

Ms. Heneghan said she is three doors from the Duncan house. She mentioned the many people who walk and bike and enjoy their neighborhood. She said it is a wonderful gateway for Tavares and asked that it not be changed.

Brenda Smith – 1250 Smith Avenue

Ms. Smith stated she represents the Historical Society of Tavares. She said they would love to see the Duncan house be preserved as it is the historical house in Tavares. She said on the opposite end of the property is another older building that has been in the city for a long time. It used to be a cabinet shop and then a machine shop. She said that business was in the community without causing a lot of problems and is next to two older homes. She said the Duncan house will be very expensive to renovate and to maintain. She asked for the City to do whatever it can to preserve the Duncan house and to think about the history of Tavares.

Bonnie Venn – 700 Lake Dora Drive

Ms. Venn said there are enough places that are not developed yet in the downtown. She said they did not want to see their neighborhood change.

Tom Heneghan – 512 Lake Dora Drive

Mr. Heneghan said Tavares is business friendly, however sometimes what is good for the city may not be so good for the citizens, and this is one of those occasions. He asked that the ordinance be turned down.

Gerald Venn – 700 Lake Dora Drive

Mr. Venn said they have been residents for 15 years and love Tavares and plan to be here long term. He said they wish to keep the area residential. He said he supports the current buffer and he did not think there had been many complaints with regard to the buffer so there should not be a need to expand the buffer. He congratulated the City's management team as it has come a long way toward becoming the best small city in central Florida to live in.

Don Disher – 524 Lake Dora Drive

Mr. Disher stated he had moved to Tavares four years ago from a retirement home in Naples. He said it was significant that he chose Tavares over Naples. He said he hopes to transfer his property to his daughter one day and this will be his retirement home. He asked for Council to oppose the

rezoning.

Mary Ann Wilder – 616 Lake Dora Drive

Ms. Wilder expressed her enjoyment of living on her property and the surrounding environment. She said she would like to see it stay as it is.

Donna Jackson – 728 Lake Dora Drive

Ms. Jackson expressed her appreciation to Council for considering the issues presented by the residents. She said the people who have spoken today are devoted Tavares citizens and are one of the city's greatest advocates. She said if this ordinance passes the city will lose one of its most beautiful and desirable residential assets.

Mark Zinkiewicz – 30936 Fair Vista Drive

Mr. Zinkiewicz thanked the Council for allowing the residents to speak. He said on the north side of the railroad tracks there is industrial and commercial and is Mixed Use currently. He said he had heard a lot about their neighbors being in agreement. He said his interest is in preserving the two historic buildings on the National Register: one is the Courthouse and one is the Duncan House. He said he has a serious interest in renovating the Duncan House to be a B&B or a boutique hotel. He said he runs an Inn in Maine with Ms. Graham and they understand what it takes to operate a B&B. He said under the current zoning and regulations, it cannot survive as a B&B. He said he believes that whoever ends up with the Duncan House will be held to a higher standard and will follow all the rules and regulations. He said he hoped that they are given the opportunity, however he said he believes so strongly about the property being an asset to the city that they will do whatever is needed to ensure that the property stays vital in the community.

Don Wilder – 616 Lake Dora Drive

Mr. Wilder discussed his family's history living on Lake Dora Drive. He said the residents do not want to see any changes.

Jim Danbom – 608 Lake Dora Drive

Mr. Danbom stated they had moved to Tavares from Marco Island for a quieter community. He said they enjoy the property, the train, the seaplanes, the city park, etc. and asked that it not be taken away from them.

Heather Graham – 30936 Fairvista Drive

Ms. Graham said the Duncan House is a historic treasure to the city and whoever comes in will be taking on a large time consuming and expensive process. She said there are only six rooms in the Duncan House and the amount of overhead to purchase it and restore it, and to furnish and open it as a business cannot be supported by six rooms. She said in order for them to consider the project, they have to be able to think outside the box which will be to consider other uses. She said she understands the neighbor's concerns with previous events. She said if they take on the project they will be doing it for the purpose of saving the building and turning it into something for the city

to be proud of instead of a building that is fall into disrepair. She said they would look at upscale events like ladies teas, wine tastings, and bridal showers.

Ms. Graham added she believed that staff had been considering the bigger picture when they developed the ordinance for the whole area in order to provide an option to the residents to protect their home value since Mixed Use is already across the street. She said they would take on the project wanting to be a good neighbor.

Council Discussion

Mayor Wolfe stated that he was not for rezoning the property all way to Dora Avenue. He said he was in favor of rezoning the three properties up to the Duncan House. He said he had heard no one express that they did not want the Duncan House to be restored. He said he would like to consider other stipulations that could be put on the Duncan House property and what would affect the neighbors. He discussed the option of having music that would not be a distraction to the neighborhood. He said he would not want his own street to be rezoned even though it is close to commercial.

Councilmember Grenier noted that there is a lot of agreement on the issues one of which is the preservation of the Duncan House. He said the building needs to be economically vital in order to survive and needs to be operated by a Tavarean. He said he loves the ideas proposed by Ms. Graham as they represent business functions associated with the pavilion. He said he is in agreement with the Mayor regarding rezoning a smaller area. He said he will fight to save the Duncan House as a historic treasure. He expressed support for Ms. Graham and her plans for the house.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the residents and Ms. Graham and her team for inviting her to see the house and consider both sides of the issue. She said the home is gorgeous and she wants to see it saved. She said she agrees with the residents and does not want to take the rezoning all the way down Lake Dora.

Vice Mayor Pfister said she does not want the street to be rezoned from residential. She said the Master Plan does not include this rezoning and the city tries to follow the Master Plan. She said the residents she spoke to are in favor of it being a bed and breakfast. She said she has a problem with regulating the type of music as that is a personal preference. She recognized that the potential property owners have said it cannot survive as just a bed and breakfast. She said if the first three properties are rezoned it still may affect the adjacent residential properties. In terms of the historical aspect, she stated that everything has its life and when a property is renovated it is never the same as it was. She said there are other properties in the city that are just as old as the Duncan House that may also hold personal significance for other residents and the city cannot dictate who buys the property.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to deny Ordinance #2016-03. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Grenier asked the City Attorney if he made a motion to rezone to Mixed Use just the three properties (Hamlin's properties on Disston and the Duncan House), could

Councilmember Smith now vote.

Attorney Williams stated it would be a motion to amend the ordinance and it could be limited in scope and if that passed and it is on the floor, Councilmember Smith would no longer have a conflict because of the location of his property.

Mayor Wolfe asked if the city could set a decibel level for the music. Attorney Williams said at this time Council could limit the scope of the rezoning area but could not put additional conditions in the motion. He said Council could change its noise ordinance or the B&B ordinance at a subsequent time but could not add that condition today to the mixed use zoning.

Attorney Williams said the B&B ordinance is fairly restrictive because it could be done city wide.

MOTION

Councilmember Grenier moved to amend Ordinance #2016-03 to just rezone the three properties to Mixed Use and not the remainder of the block.

Attorney Williams said he believed the properties being identified are the Duncan House properties and the two properties to the west. Mayor Wolfe said he believed the property addresses are 111 and 107 South Disston and 426 Lake Dora Drive.

Councilmember Grenier confirmed that was his intended motion—to amend Ordinance #2016-03 to rezone 111 and 107 South Disston and 426 Lake Dora Drive to Mixed Use. The motion was seconded by Lisa Johnson.

Councilmember Smith asked for clarification on the amendment and whether or not he could discuss it or vote. Attorney Williams stated he had reconsidered his opinion, and as Mr. Smith no longer has a special interest or private gain because of the smaller area, that he could vote on the amendment and the measure.

Vice Mayor Pfister spoke about her concern about the resident living next to the Duncan House and her property values. She said she is in support of rezoning the properties with some conditions.

Mr. Drury said if this motion passes and the three properties are rezoned, the B&B ordinance remains the same with the current restrictions. He said a new B&B ordinance would come back to Council for Mixed Use zonings that would have curfews and restrictions that were acceptable to Council with public input. He said in a month a new notice to all property owners will go out and it will state that Council is considering a new Mixed Use B&B ordinance.

Vice Mayor Pfister said if a new owner comes in they would be able to do what they want with the current Mixed Use.

Councilmember Smith spoke in support of history and the historical significance of the Duncan House. Councilmember Grenier spoke in support of the proposed rezoning as compromise to keep both the history and the residential zoning. Vice Mayor Pfister said if the ordinance passes she wished Ms. Graham and Mt. Zinkiewicz best of luck in the project as she supports their intentions.

Mayor Wolfe said he had promised Mr. Hoban he could speak again.

Attorney Williams stated this is a motion to amend and if it passes then the ordinance is amended and then the motion will have to be voted upon and Council may want to take public input on the revised motion.

The motion carried 4-1 as follows:

Robert Wolfe	Yes
Lori Pfister	No
Lisa Johnson	Yes
Kirby Smith	Yes
Bob Grenier	Yes

Attorney Williams stated the revised motion is now the same zoning but limited to the three properties identified. He said Councilmember Smith can participate and vote he does not have a conflict.

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to approve the amended Ordinance, seconded by Bob Grenier.

Mayor Wolfe invited public input.

Gail Henahan

Ms. H said she did not know why anything had to be decided today other than turning down the present motion and coming up with another motion. She said she did not know why it had to be Mixed Use and why the B&B could not be tweaked within residential in order to make the Duncan House viable and satisfy the residents. She said she would like the people living close to the Duncan House to be part of the planning.

Pike Hamlin

Mr. Hamlin said he is in agreement with his properties being rezoned but he is confused as what it means to just make them Mixed Use now. He said the issue in the past is the noise and for five years he received no support from the city in dealing with the noise. He reiterated that there is a parking problem. He asked how the noise ordinance would affect Mixed Use.

Chief Lubins confirmed that enforcing the noise ordinance will be determined by the officers arriving on the scene. He said there are a lot of factors in the ordinance to be considered; i.e. time of day, the event, etc.

Ms. Graham said when they first approached the city they had considered only amending the B&B ordinance. She said the problem is that if it is changed, it is across the board in the city. She said the Duncan House has almost two acres including the waterfront. She said there are things that the Duncan House can accommodate that not every residence would be able to accommodate.

This is the reason the rezoning was proposed in order to accommodate the Duncan House.

Attorney Hoban

Attorney Hoban said every legal determination that Attorney Williams has made has been correct. He said no one wants to have the Duncan House boarded up. He said if Council was to approve the motion on the table it would be good if Council were to direct staff to bring back to this Council within the next 30 to 45 days, a way to tweak the Mixed Ordinance that would address legitimate concerns of the many neighbors.

Mayor Wolfe said although it had not been worded that way he thought that was the intent. He asked Councilmember Smith if he wished to amend his motion.

Councilmember Smith said he did not wish to amend his motion, and that he was in agreement with approving the amended motion and noted there is a B&B Mixed Use ordinance that will need to be developed.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Vice Mayor Pfister asked to direct staff to bring back an ordinance in a timely manner to address the rules and regulations. Mr. Drury said staff will bring back an ordinance within 30 days.

Mayor Wolfe asked about Tab 7 (Large Scale Comp Plan)

Mr. Skutt stated Tab 7 [Ordinance #2016-06] has become a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment which can be adopted without transmitting it to the State however this is the first time it has been read into the record so the adoption of the ordinance would need to go to the next Council Meeting.

At 5:55 p.m. Mayor Wolfe asked for a 5 minute recess.

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Wolfe reconvened the meeting.

Tab 5) Ordinance #2016-05 – Annexation & Rezoning to Highway Commercial – 1.77 Acres – 29774 & 29814 State Road 19 Jacques Skutt

Mr. Skutt stated the property is currently zoned in the County as Urban Residential. The new Publix property is directly across the road. SR 19 is rapidly becoming a major commercial corridor for Tavares and it is staff's opinion that Highway Commercial (C2) is the most compatible designation for this property. At this time the applicant has no development plans for this property but desires to add to their commercial inventory of land. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended unanimously to recommend approval.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve Ordinance #2016-05, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**Tab 6) Ordinance #2016-06 – Small Scale Future Land Use
Amendment to City Commercial – 1.77 Acres –
29774 & 29814 State Road 19**

Jacques Skutt

Mr. Skutt advised this is the corresponding Small Scale Future Land Use map amendment for the same property. It is Urban Low Density currently in Lake County and the recommendation city designation is City Commercial. It is the only compatible designation to go with C2 zoning. The Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval and staff recommends approval.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve Ordinance #2016-06, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 7. TRANSMITTAL HEARING (Ordinance 2016-04 – first reading only; see Page 10)

RESOLUTIONS

**Tab 8) Resolution #2016-05 ICMA 401 Money Purchase Plan
(Non-FRS Eligible) Restatement**

Lori Houghton

Ms. Houghton said at the last Council Meeting there was a restatement of the Hartford Mass Mutual plan. The ICMA is another 401 plan that is for non-eligible FRS employees and needs to be restated. This is to bring the plan into compliance with all legislative action of the IRS.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve Resolution #2016-05, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**Tab 9) Request to Rescind Bid Award to Iberia Bank and Award
Bid to Hancock Bank for Capital Improvements Financing**

Lori Houghton

Ms. Houghton reported that at the December 16th meeting, City Council directed staff to issue an RFP for financing of capital items that are included in the FY 2016 budget. The bid was presented at the last meeting and Council awarded the bid to Iberia Bank. It was determined in going through and negotiations with Iberia, that the city had inadvertently opened the bank qualified bid instead of the nonbank qualified bid. She said staff is now asking Council to award the bid to Hancock Bank which has the same rate that Iberia had submitted. They have a few extra stipulations after consultation with the financial advisor, Mark Galvin, staff believes that those issues can be worked through and it will be beneficial to the city.

Mr. Drury asked if the City Attorney had reviewed the process. Attorney Williams said that is correct; that it was an inadvertent error. He discussed the issue of the city needing to have no more than \$10 million in debt during a given year in order for the loan to be "bank qualified." Staff

had to go back to the bidders to ask if they wanted to keep their bid or change it based on this issue and some did change it and some did not. He said Council's action will rescind the verbal award to Iberia and then will award it to the most responsive best bidder which is Hancock Bank.

Mr. Drury also noted that the financial advisor Mark Galvin had also reviewed the process.

MOTION

Bob Grenier moved to approve the request to rescind the award to Iberia Bank for Capital Equipment and Capital Improvement Financing, and award the bid to Hancock Bank and direct staff to negotiate final terms, and to bring back a resolution and related loan documents for approval. The motion was seconded by Kirby Smith.

Councilmember Smith asked if the City had communicated with Iberia. Attorney Williams stated they understood and were in agreement.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 10) Award of Community Grants

Nancy Barnett

Ms. Barnett stated staff had advertised the grant program in January. The program has \$3500 in the line item this year for grants. Staff received six applications: Classic Race Boat Assoc.; Lake County Soccer Club; Lifestream Behavioral Center for the Open Door; Early Learning Coalition of Lake County; New Vision for Independence; and the Tavares Theater. She said the Finance Director, Community Services Direct, and City Clerk met to review the applications and recommend to Council that they award the grants to the Lake County Soccer Club; Lifestream Behavioral Center for the Open Door; Early Learning Coalition of Lake County; New Vision for Independence; and the Tavares Theater and roll over remaining funds to the next fiscal year or keep for the current fiscal year.

MOTION

Councilmember Smith said he liked the staff recommendation and noted that the Classic Raceboat Association is present but the city gives in kind services. He moved to approve the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Bob Grenier.

Mayor Wolfe said the city likes the Classic Race Boat event however he agreed with the motion.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Geraldine Prusko, Club Treasurer of the Classic Raceboat Association said she had turned in a form to speak. Mayor Wolfe apologized for missing her request and allowed her to speak.

Ms. Prusko said the club's goal is to preserve the history of power boat racing in Florida through putting on the events to demonstrate how the old power boats used to race. She said they have enjoyed the support of the spectators. She said this year in March they are expecting over 80 boats to race that are coming from all over the U.S. and Canada and they are staying in the area. She said the registration does not cover all their expenses and they seek out sponsorships. She

said if any money is made they donate the funds to charities. She said the Classic Race Boat Association was one of the first organizations to come to Wooton Park. She said the first year the volunteers were pulling out debris from the lake. She said they are grateful for the support of the city and staff support.

Councilmember Smith asked if the club would rather have the in kind services or the \$500.00. Ms. Prusko responded that they appreciate the in kind services.

Attorney Williams said Ms. Prusko had the right to speak and now after hearing Ms. Prusko, if Council wished to re-visit their vote on the matter they could, but otherwise they had satisfied the law regarding the right to speak.

Mayor Wolfe asked if any councilmember wished to change their mind regarding the grant award.

There was no motion made.

Tab 11) Freedom Boat Club Lease Amendment

Bob Tweedie

Mr. Tweedie asked Mr. Elia, Aviation Manager, to make the presentation. Mr. Elia stated that staff had been reviewing the waterfront agreements. They contacted Mr. Cronin, the General Manager for Freedom Boat Club about their operation as being one of the anchor tenants. He noted in the original agreement there was some conflict in the terms, they have now increased the lease fee, and the city worked with them to make a predictable path for how they can grow their operation. One of the clauses that are in all of the boat slip agreements, is that if the city were to go to any of the owners and ask them to remove their boat for a special event or for dock repairs, that they will agree to do that.

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to approve the attached agreement for the amendment with Another Day in Paradise Boat Club [DBA as Freedom Boat Club of Tampa Bay], seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 12) Request for Proposals for Debt Financing for Public Safety Complex Lori Houghton

Ms. Houghton said this is a request for Council's permission to issue the RFP for bank qualified financing for a revenue note for a 15 year period. This will be for design, engineering, permitting, acquisition, installation, construction, and any other related costs for a public safety complex. The city will pledge the renewed infrastructure sales tax which revenue collections will be effective January 2018. She reviewed the past actions taken by Council, Lake County, and the referendum by the voters. Staff will work with the financial advisor and bond council to prepare this proposal to include 15 year financing, semiannual payments, and preference for a no payment penalty. The loan principal is estimated at \$12 million; the RFP will be issued for an approximate period of 45 days and the estimated time line will be to issue the RFP by March 1 and to bring a recommendation to City Council at the May 18th meeting, and the resolution and loan documents on June 2nd, with a loan closing soon after.

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to direct the Finance Director to work with the City Financial Advisor to issue an RFP for infrastructures Sales Tax Revenue note for a term of 15 years for the design, engineering, permitting, acquisition, installation, construction, and related costs for a Public Safety Complex in a principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 plus cost of issuance. The motion was seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Betty Burleigh, 214 N. New Hampshire Ave

Ms. Burleigh said she wished to share an article from the front page of the Tavares Citizen on February 16, 1995. She said Councilmember Smith has worked for the telephone company for many years as a construction supervisor for five counties. She said before that he worked as an EMT. In 1995 he was the owner and coach of the All Star cheerleading academy on Fairview Road. She read from the article that described the team's numerous trophies and their competitions. Ms. Burleigh distributed a photo from the article.

Ms. Burleigh commented that she liked the new posters for the Black Tie Gala.

XIV. REPORTS

Tab 13) City Administrator

John Drury

Mr. Drury said at the next meeting he will be requesting Council's broad budget goals and there will be information in the agenda packet with prior year's goals. He said he will provide a report on the implementation of Council's broad budget goals during this fiscal year.

Mr. Drury said he had heard from the audience that Naples is a wonderful city but Tavares has a "beat" and he said tonight the city did not miss a beat and he commended Council.

Public Works Director

Mr. Thompson said the city with assistance from the Sheriff is cleaning up at Buzzard Beach and that will continue until Thursday.

Economic Development Director

Mr. Tweedie said staff and the consultants from AVCON have been working on the Seaplane Master Plan and the project is about 70% complete. He said on February 25th there will be a public input meeting at Council Chambers between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. He invited everyone present to attend.

Utilities Director

Mr. Hayes said Three Lakes Park has a new contractor and the project is moving quickly.

Fire Chief

Chief Keith said staff has met with GatorSketch Architect to begin working on the bid documents for the Public Safety Complex. He thanked Council for their affirmative votes on Tab #12 for the financing.

Community Services Director

Ms. Rogers noted this Saturday is the Black Tie event at the pavilion. Next Saturday is the Winter Carnival at the library from 1:00 to 3:00 which will include a snow machine. On March 5th is the opening day at Stover Ballfield.

Finance Director

Ms. Houghton said she and Ms. Barnett have been reviewing the Sunset View/Three Lakes assessment roll and it will be coming back to Council for approval when the project is completed.

Tab 14) Council Reports

Vice Mayor Pfister

Noted the next Council Meeting is March 16th which is St. Patrick's Eve.

Councilmember Grenier

- Thanked staff for moving forward on the Public Safety Complex
- Confirmed that the 4th of July is being held on a Monday this year
- Noted he did not see Rifles, Rails & History on the events list September 23-25
- Said he is looking forward to the Black Tie Gala event
- Said the architect of the Duncan House was Katherine Cotheal Budd who was the "Clara Adams/ Amelia Earhart" of women architects, born in 1860 and the first woman to be a member of the New York Architect Council. He said she is one of the reasons the house is on the National Register; the other reason is its colonial revival architecture.
- Stated that the release of his new book on Central Florida WW II veterans will be July 4th of which he is very proud.

Councilmember Johnson

Ms. Johnson expressed appreciation for the cleanup of the Tavares Square area and said she looked forward to its completion.

Councilmember Smith

- Councilmember Smith discussed the recent African American festival that went very well.

- Said he hoped to be able to attend the ballfield opening before he serves at the Chamber visitor desk later that Saturday morning
- Said today is “Random Acts of Kindness Day”
- On this day in 1878 the first telephone exchange was opened in San Francisco with 18 phone lines. Today there are around 112 million phone lines in the U.S. and Approximately 112 billion phone lines around the world
- On this day Confederate Submarine Hunley sunk the Union Ship [USS Housatonic] in 1864

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Barnett, MMC
City Clerk