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**CITY OF TAVARES
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

John Drury, City Administrator
Bob Williams, City Attorney
Nancy Barnett, City Clerk
Bill Neron, Economic Development Director
Chief Lubins, Police Department
Lori Houghton, Director of Finance
Jacques Skutt, Director of Community Development
Chief Richard Keith, Fire Department
Chris Thompson, Interim Public Works Director
Tamera Rogers, Director of Community Services
Brad Hayes, Director of Utilities

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Tim Green, Liberty Baptist Church, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wolfe asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Attorney Williams requested to add a Continuing Encroachment Agreement to accommodate a real estate closing. Mr. Drury suggested adding it under New Business as Item 1.

Mayor Wolfe noted that at 5:05 p.m. the regular meeting will adjourn to the Public Hearing on the budget and millage.

1 **MOTION**

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3 **Bob Grenier moved for approval of the agenda with the addition, seconded by Kirby**
4 **Smith. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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6 **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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8 **Deferred.**

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10 **V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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12 **Tab 2) Request for Funding from Early Learning Coalition**

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14 Mr. Drury said this is a request from the Early Learning Coalition to give a presentation on their
15 request for support for the upcoming fiscal year. He noted that Council has the letter and
16 supporting documentation.

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18 Ms. Lesha Buchbinder, Executive Director, thanked Council for the opportunity to come before
19 Council. She explained that their agency is mandated by legislation to offer services to low
20 income families for subsidized childcare (birth to four) and before and after school programs up
21 to age 12. She said they are required by the state to obtain a 6% match for the working poor
22 population. The need this year is approximately \$214,000. She said there are over 100 children
23 enrolled from the City of Tavares. She said the dollar amount for Tavares is about \$7,355. She
24 said they have reviewed the budget and knowing the budgetary issues, have reduced the
25 request to \$5,737.

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27 Mayor Wolfe thanked Ms. Buchbinder for her presentation and stated that this issue will be
28 discussed further at 5:05 p.m. under the Budget Hearing.

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30 **Tab 3) Presentation of Registration Notification of City Logo & Trademark**

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32 Mr. Drury said he had provided the letter from the city's trademark attorney. He said Tavares is
33 one of the few cities in the United States that has a unique brand and logo/tag line. He said it
34 was important therefore to trademark the logo. He said the City Attorney and the trademark
35 attorney have spent about a year working to register the trademark. He said this will be in effect
36 for about 10 years and after that time the city will need to reapply to keep it in force. He said it
37 gives Tavares control over how the logo and trademark is used.

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39 Councilmember Smith gave "kudos" to the citizens and the Council for this achievement.

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41 **VI) SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE CONTACTS**

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43 Attorney Williams said there were no quasi-judicial matters.

1 **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
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3 Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone in the audience wished to oppose any item on the Consent
4 Agenda. He asked if Council wished to pull an item.
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6 Councilmember Gamble asked to pull Tab 4 for comment and Tab 5 to ask a question.
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8 **MOTION**
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10 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Tabs 6 and 7 [Approval of
11 Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Lake County for Traffic Light Maintenance to
12 Add School Crossing Lights and Extension of the CDBG Agreement for the Aesop's Park
13 Restrooms], seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**
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15 **Tab 4) Approval of Bid Award for Lake Frances Sewer Force Main Modifications**
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17 Councilmember Gamble stated that he asked Ms. Houghton for clarification as he had noted a
18 difference between what was in the budget and what was now being requested (\$17,000 less).
19 He said he wanted to be sure that the public was made aware when projects are contracted at
20 less than what was budgeted
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22 **MOTION**
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24 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve Tab 4, bid award for Lake Frances Sewer Force Main
25 modifications, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**
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27 **Tab 5) Approval of Bid Award for Sidewalk Construction**
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29 Councilmember Gamble questioned whether the sidewalks that had been constructed on
30 Givens Street are four feet in width according to code.
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32 Mr. Thompson confirmed that the specifications require four feet. He said he would check the
33 job site.
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35 Mayor Wolfe noted that this project is also coming in under budget. Mr. Thompson said the
36 hope is to run a sidewalk from Clifford to the school.
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38 **MOTION**
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40 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve Tab 5, bid award for sidewalk construction, seconded
41 by Kirby Smith. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**
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43 **Tab 10) Approval of Revised Agreement with Florida Central Railway for Fiber Optic
44 Crossing in Wooton Park**

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2 Mr. Neron stated at the last meeting this agreement had been presented and included an \$800
3 annual fee. He said Council requested that staff discuss the fee with the railroad. Staff has met
4 with the railroad and they have agreed to waive the fee.
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6 Mayor Wolfe noted this had been brought up by Councilmember Smith and he appreciated Mr.
7 Neron taking this matter back for renegotiation.
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9 Mayor Wolfe asked if the audience had comments.
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11 **MOTION**
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13 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Tab 10, Revised Agreement with Florida Central Railway**
14 **for Fiber Optic Crossing in Wooton Park, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion**
15 **carried unanimously 5-0.**
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17 **Tab 11) Request for Release of Lien and Fines for Dorsey Property**
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19 Attorney Williams stated he had received a request from Attorney Pat Mueller who was present
20 on behalf of her client, Mr. Dorsey, who owns property subject to code enforcement liens
21 [\$75,295 for lien, fines of \$71,780; staff time of \$348.52]. He noted the information on the lien
22 and the history of the case has been provided in the agenda packet. He gave a summary of the
23 case.
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25 Attorney Williams noted if Council decided to reduce the lien it would need to set forth the
26 conditions on the reduction of the lien.
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28 Attorney Mueller stated she represented Mr. Dorsey, the property owner. She said the request
29 is either a severe reduction or an elimination of any of the fines except for the city's costs. She
30 said Mr. Dorsey is an elderly man and has been living with his daughter for over a year and
31 suffers from dementia and that she thought it was a good possibility that he was not aware of
32 the meaning of the impacts of the liens at the time they were filed, or if he event knew about
33 them. She added that his daughter with whom he lives recently lost her job and has medical
34 issues. She said they cannot afford to pay off the liens. She said the current tax rolls list this
35 parcel at about \$17,000.
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37 Discussion followed with various suggestions from Council as to amount of fine to reduce
38 including the possibility of asking the owner to sign over the property to the city in lieu of the
39 fines.
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41 Mayor Wolfe asked if the audience had comments.
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43 Charlotte Hope
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1 Ms. Hope asked if the taxes were included in the lien. Attorney Williams said the city's lien does
2 not address taxes. Ms. Hope asked if there was a certified diagnosis of dementia and that she
3 thought it would helpful to know if the daughter has power of attorney or is the health care
4 surrogate.

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6 Denise Laratta

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8 Ms. Laratta said she felt the city has an obligation to the residents to uphold the rules and
9 regulations and laws of the community. She spoke in support of a compromise.

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11 Attorney Williams said Council could request additional information but noted Ms. Mueller does
12 not have to have power of attorney to represent the client. He said documentation about Mr.
13 Dorsey's health status would not have to impact Council's action. He suggested that it would be
14 fair to at least give an indication of the action that Council was considering if they wished to
15 require him to obtain the documentation.

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17 Mr. Drury noted the purpose of the code is for compliance. He reviewed the history of the
18 violation and noted the building had been demolished. He discussed past Council action when
19 properties have come into compliance.

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21 Councilmember Grenier questioned the staff recommendation. Mr. Drury said the
22 recommendation was in error. He said his recommendation was for council to deliberate, listen
23 to, and then come up with a reasonable fine, recognizing the balance between not eliminating
24 fines and but supporting the code enforcement process.

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26 **MOTION**

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28 **Lori Pfister moved to reduce the lien to 10% of what is due now payable in a minimum of**
29 **six months (180 days) with interest, seconded by Kirby Smith.**

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31 Mr. Drury noted there is a lien and there is a fine and that it needed to be clarified.

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33 Attorney Williams said he would like to have a specific dollar amount as he would be preparing
34 the document.

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36 Vice Mayor Pfister asked for clarification.

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38 Attorney Williams explained the process of fining. He noted that when the Special Master issues
39 a code enforcement fine, it begins to accrue on a daily basis which is \$250 or \$500 a day and at
40 some point in order to perfect the fine (in order that the city could foreclose on it), an actionable
41 lien has to be filed. At some point in the past the city has gone to the point of filing a code
42 enforcement lien against the property. At that date the amount of the fines was \$75,295.00.
43 Those fines continued to run until the violation was cleared. After the lien was filed an additional

1 \$71,780 accrued on the fines. He said he would need to know what is the amount Council is
2 willing to reduce in order to clear the title to this property so that the document can be recorded.
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4 Councilmember Smith asked about the process to deal with the motion on the floor.
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6 **Vice Mayor Pfister restated her motion as follows: 10% of the amount owed as of the day**
7 **that the property was brought back up to code of whatever is owed; i.e. \$14,600.**
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9 Attorney Williams asked Councilmember Smith if his second to the motion stood with that
10 clarification. Councilmember Smith said it did not.
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12 **There was no second to the amended motion and the motion failed.**
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14 **Kirby Smith moved to reduce the fine to \$7,500 to be payable within 180 days including**
15 **interest (normal interest rate).**
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17 **There was no second and the motion failed.**
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19 Attorney Williams noted the total amount that accrued was approximately \$140,000 and he
20 needed the dollar amount that the Council would be willing for the city to release its claim upon
21 this property.
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23 **Lori Pfister moved that the amount of the fine be changed to \$10,000 plus interest to be**
24 **paid in 180 days.**
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26 **There was no second and the motion failed.**
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28 Mayor Wolfe passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Pfister.
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30 **Robert Wolfe moved to reduce the fine to \$5,000 to be paid in 180 days, seconded by**
31 **Kirby Smith.**
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33 Councilmember Smith noted that by this action the city is reducing this lien by \$70,000 and
34 removing the \$71,000 fine which is generous but also tells the citizens that there is a need to
35 keep in code compliance.
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37 **The carried 3-2 as follows:**
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39 Robert Wolfe	Yes
40 Kirby Smith	Yes
41 Bob Grenier	Yes
42 Lori Pfister	No
43 Sandy Gamble	No

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1 Vice Mayor Pfister returned the gavel to Mayor Wolfe.

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3 **VIII) PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 MILLAGE & BUDGET**

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5 **Tab 8) Resolution #2010-09 – Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2010/2011**

6 Ms. Barnett read the resolutions in their entirety as follows:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2010- 09**

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10 **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 6.95 FOR**
11 **THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR**
12 **FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; SETTING FORTH THE PERCENT BY**
13 **WHICH THE MILLAGE RATE IS LESS THAN THE "ROLLED-BACK"**
14 **RATE.**

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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES,
17 FLORIDA:

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19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Tavares of Lake County, Florida on September 8, 2010,
20 adopted the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as
21 required by Florida Statute 200.065.

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23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Tavares of Lake County, Florida, following due public
24 notice as required by law, held a second public hearing on September 22, 2010, as
25 required by Florida Statute 200.065 on the 2010-2011 Millage Rate; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from
28 taxation within Lake County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the
29 City of Tavares as \$671,531,382.

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31 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Tavares of Lake County,
32 Florida, that:

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34 1. The City of Tavares Fiscal Year 2010-2011 operating millage rate to be
35 levied is hereby set at 6.95 mills, which millage rate is less than the rolled
36 back rate of 7.5669 by 8.15%.
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38 2. The voted debt service millage is 0.00.
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40 3. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.
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- August 18, 2010
- September 8, 2010

During this process, \$2,998,093 of budget cuts (included in Exhibit A in the agenda packet) were made across various City Departments to arrive at the City of Tavares Fiscal Year 2011 Tentative Budget.

The City Council set the tentative maximum millage rate at 6.95 mills which resulted in a balanced General Fund Draft Budget of \$11,266,112. This budget and budgets for all funds were further adjusted by the City Council on September 8, 2010 at the Tentative Budget Public Hearing to include the final health insurance premium renewal costs and to change the effective date of an employee cost of living increase from April 1, 2011 to October 1, 2011. A summary of final changes to the General Fund Budget is presented below:

The tentative millage rate and the tentative budget are based on the following assumptions and details:

- Ad valorem millage rate of 6.95 mills which is 8.15% less than the rollback rate of 7.5669 mills
- An assessed taxable property value of \$671,531,382 which is a decrease of 17.03% from the prior year
- A cost of living employees increase of 2% for all City employees effective October 1, 2011
- Elimination of the ½ day furlough per month for all employees
- Staffing level decreases – four positions will not be filled
- Fire Pension contribution rate increase from 21.7% to 22%
- Police Pension contribution rate increase from 19% to 20.8%
- Health & dental insurance rate increase of 9.32%
- Workers' compensation rate increase of 5%
- General liability rate increase of 5%
- Push capital replacements until the following year
- Fund only operational costs critical to the service delivery mission
- Maintain a similar level of service.

Ms. Houghton stated that the average value of a home in Tavares is \$125,000 equates to an annual bill of \$521.25 annual or \$43.44 monthly city tax payment for a homesteaded home ($\$125,000 - \$50,000 / 1000 \times 6.95$). This amount supports the millage rate of 6.95.

Staff recommends approval of the final millage rate of 6.95 as previously approved.

Mayor Wolfe asked for comment from the audience.

1 **Tab 9) Resolution #2010-10 – Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

2 Ms. Houghton stated the same assumptions are in effect for the budget as those for the
3 millage. She asked if Council wished her to present the budget amounts for the various
4 amounts.

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6 Mr. Drury said the budget included the Wastewater and Reclaimed fund of \$6,709,000.72;
7 Sanitation and Garbage Fund of \$2,350,825; the Stormwater Enterprise fund of \$719,709; and
8 the Tavares Seaplane Base Marina, and special events for Wooton Park of \$518,426 and
9 \$11,364,840 for the General Fund. He noted Council has done significant cuts to the budget
10 and has the most efficient police force in Lake County with the fewest number of police officers,
11 and is running a lean and efficient budget. He noted the City has a lot of not for profits that do
12 not contribute to the tax base. He noted no grants for community social programs have been
13 included at this time and that if Council wished to include the amount that had been requested it
14 would need to come from reserves.

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16 Mayor Wolfe asked for comment from the public.

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18 Mayor Wolfe asked for direction from Council on the request from the Early Learning Coalition.

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20 Discussion followed. Councilmember Gamble suggested cutting \$2500 from the donation to the
21 Tavares Chamber and giving that to the Early Learning Coalition.

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23 Vice Mayor Pfister asked for clarification on what events are funded under the regular budget.
24 She asked how the Renaissance Faire had gotten moved out of donations to a regular event.
25 Mr. Drury noted it is a special event and is funded in the budget for \$4,000. He said the
26 Chamber is considered a partnership. He said an operational social program is not considered
27 the same as a special event.

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29 Mr. Drury reviewed the previous process that had been followed for donations. Councilmember
30 Gamble noted Council in the past had put a limit on the amount that would be given for
31 donations. He agreed that a discussion had been held regarding putting the Renaissance Faire
32 in Special Events.

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34 Ms. Buchbinder noted a special event will be held at Hickory Point for 1000 four year olds and
35 500 adults in October 28, in Tavares. Councilmember Gamble noted Hickory Point is not in the
36 City yet.

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38 **MOTION**

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40 **Kirby Smith moved to approve the current budget as presented with no extra funding,**
41 **seconded by Sandy Gamble.**

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43 Councilmember Gamble said he thought there was some confusion on the motion.
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1 **Kirby Smith clarified his motion as follows: Move to approve Resolution #2010-10 for the**
2 **final budget for 2010-2011, seconded by Sandy Gamble.**

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4 **The motion carried 4-1 as follows:**

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6	Robert Wolfe	Yes
7	Sandy Gamble	Yes
8	Bob Grenier	Yes
9	Kirby Smith	Yes
10	Lori Pfister	No

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12 **Tab 12) Approval of Ranking of Request for Qualifications for the Public Safety Complex**

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14 Chief Keith stated this agenda item represents an important milestone for this project. He noted
15 that in June staff developed an RFQ for an architectural firm. The project team met on August
16 10th and ranked three respondents out of 13 firms. The short list included Architect Design
17 Group, Gator Sktch Architects, and Stengel Schultz. On September 9th the interview team met
18 consisting of Norm Thomas, Lt. Myers, Nancy Barnett, Chris Thompson, and himself,
19 moderated by John Rumble. Each firm made a presentation and answered questions. At the
20 end of the process the rating team recommended Gator Sktch Architects Incorporated as bring
21 ranked number one. He discussed the options for Council including approval of the ranking,
22 picking a different firm, or taking no action (giving staff additional direction).

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24 He said the city has received a \$500,000 earmark however the funds have not been received as
25 yet. He invited the Director of Operations, Michael Latham of Gator Sktch to the podium.

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27 Mr. Latham noted he was present with his partner Jeff Powell, and stated they wished to work
28 with the city to carry its vision forward. Chief Keith noted Mr. Latham had brought some of their
29 presentation items to the meeting.

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31 Councilmember Smith asked if it was premature as the city was considering three locations. Mr.
32 Drury stated Council had voted on a location near City Hall however the goal is to negotiate a
33 contract and during that period of time the Horizon Project team will be finalizing negotiations
34 with the school Board and it is hopeful that staff will be recommending reconsideration of the
35 location from City Hall to a new location. He said the contract will come back to Council for
36 approval and hopefully the new location will be known at that time.

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38 Councilmember Gamble added that he did not want work to be done that would have to be
39 repeated for a different location.

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41 Chief Keith said staff had discussed this issue with the competing firms and had shown them all
42 three of the properties under consideration. He said during the presentations all of those
43 properties were discussed. Mayor Wolfe noted he had not been able to attend the ranking but

1 confirmed Chief Keith's comments and stated he was confident the city should be receiving
2 confirmation soon on the other location.

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4 Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment.

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6 **MOTION**

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8 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve Option 1, the architectural firm ranking as presented by**
9 **the Horizon Project Team for Public Safety Facility replacement recognizing that the**
10 **Clermont firm of Gator Sktch Architects, Inc. is the prevailing firm. The motion was**
11 **seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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13 **Tab 13) Approval of USDA Application for Stormwater Grant Funds for Engineering**
14 **Services & environmental Report and Interim Financing**

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16 Mr. Hayes stated that the objective of this request is the approval of a work
17 authorization in the amount of \$58,774 with Malcolm Pirnie to submit a USDA Grant
18 Funding Application for CRA Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements. Mr. Hayes
19 discussed the previous work that has been done for the CRA utilities, noting that the
20 previous application did not cover stormwater. He said a separate application is
21 required. He discussed the flooding issues in the CRA.

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23 Mr. Drury discussed the CRA stormwater issues and master plan for the downtown. He
24 said there is a need to widen the catch basins to current standards.

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26 Mayor Wolfe asked for comment from the audience.

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28 **MOTION**

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30 **Bob Grenier moved to approve the work authorization with Malcolm Pirnie,**
31 **seconded by Sandy Gamble.**

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33 Councilmember Smith said in his opinion the fee was excessive and he felt a lot of the
34 information was available already. He said he would like Mr. Hayes to renegotiate the
35 fee.

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37 Mr. Hayes said in terms of the fee he had noted that if the city is successful in obtaining
38 funds for the project this fee will be recouped. Councilmember Smith noted there was
39 no guarantee the city will receive the grant. Mr. Shannon of Malcolm Pirnie said there
40 are some additional components from the previous applications for water and sewer in
41 terms of working with USDA and the environmental requirements. He said the contract
42 is written in a "not to exceed" format.

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The motion was approved 4-1 as follows:

Robert Wolfe	yes
Bob Grenier	Yes
Kirby Smith	No
Lori Pfister	Yes
Sandy Gamble	Yes

Tab 14) Update on TDC Grant Request for Pier and Pavilion Project

Mr. Drury presented the following summary:
Previously the Council authorized staff to request a \$750,000 grant from the TDC to match the \$1.5 million budgeted for the Pier and Pavilion project to more closely reflect the anticipated cost of the project.

The City Administrator made a presentation on September 15th to the TDC for the request and Tamera Rogers and Vice Mayor Lori Pfister were present during the TDC meeting.

The TDC voted 9-0 to support the project subject to exploring funding options. Staff has explored funding options and recommends that since the TDC's last annual payment of \$250,000 to the County for a prior Clermont project will be Fiscal year 2012 that TDC fund the Tavares project in three \$250,000 payments in FY 13, FY 14 and FY 15. This results in no need to increase the heads in beds tax rate and results in no need to tap TDC reserves. In other words, the current \$250,000 payment from the TDC fund to the BCC fund for that prior Clermont project would continue for three years to reimburse Tavares for a Tavares project. Staff believes this results in a minimus impact on the TDC budget.

Tavares would cash flow the \$750,000 grant with a short term loan to get started on the project today and then get reimbursed starting in FY 13 for that short term loan.

Mr. Drury noted he would be returning to the Board of County Commissioners on December 15th for final approval.

Mayor Wolfe spoke in support. He asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

Denise Laratta, Royal Harbor

1 Ms. Laratta asked the source of the funds for paying the interest on the short term loan.

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3 Mr. Drury said the payment would come out of the project budget. There is currently 1.5
4 million budgeted which is the match for the \$750,000 grant for a total of 2.25 million
5 dollars.

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7 Ms. Laratta asked when the project is scheduled for completion. Mr. Drury responded
8 that goal is to finish it in 2012, the 100 year anniversary of the pavilion.

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10 Norm Hope, Fox Run

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12 Mr. Hope spoke in support of the project. He said his 50th wedding anniversary is in
13 2013 and he has made known his wish to reserve the pavilion for February 22nd.

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15 **MOTION**

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17 **Bob Grenier moved for staff to continue to work with the Tourist Development**
18 **Council on this funding process, seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion carried**
19 **unanimously 5-0.**

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21 **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

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23 None.

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25 **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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27 **Tab 1) Continuing Encroachment Agreement**

28 Ms. Frye stated this request was received from Attorney Blanchard for Tavares property owner
29 Jeff Pfister. She said the second level of the building encroaches over the right of way on West
30 Main Street by 13.9 feet. This agreement will allow the encroachment to exist unless the
31 building is demolished or destroyed in which case the city would have to consent for it to be re-
32 built.

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34 Vice Mayor Pfister declared a conflict on this matter noting the overhang is part of her
35 apartment.

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37 Mayor Wolfe asked for comment from the public.

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39 **MOTION**

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41 **Kirby Smith moved to approve the continuing encroachment agreement, seconded by**
42 **Sandy Gamble. The motion carried 4-0 unanimously with Vice Mayor Pfister abstaining.**

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2 **XIV. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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4 **Charlotte Hope**

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6 Ms. Hope said she thought the Tavares Chamber of Commerce should be supported. She also
7 expressed concern that she had not seen advertisements for Tavares events in the September
8 Style magazine. She added that in the future when decisions are made that Council should
9 ensure that the background has been reviewed and due diligence has been followed when
10 anything is considered involving money. She questioned the amount (\$140,000) that had been
11 disallowed on the lien issue discussed earlier.
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13 **XV. REPORTS**

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15 **Tab 12) City Administrator**

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17 Mr. Drury stated the city had representation at the Tavares Chamber Gala this past week and it
18 was the highest attended Chamber Gala yet. He noted the City and the Chamber has worked
19 well together.
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21 **Economic Development Director**

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23 Mr. Neron said he would be on a cruise next week and to contact Cecilia Smith for assistance.
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25 **Public Works Interim Director**

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27 Mr. Thompson noted that the repaving has almost been completed and re-striping will follow in
28 about 30 days. In addition he stated the four alleys with the brick pavers started today and will
29 take one or two months. The alleys are also being graded.
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31 Mr. Thompson thanked Council on behalf of the employees for their action on the budget.
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33 **Fire Department**

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35 Chief Keith said on behalf of the Horizon Project team for public safety he wished to thank
36 Council for their support.
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38 **Community Services**

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40 Ms. Rogers discussed the upcoming grand opening of the Dog Park on October 23rd as well as
41 the Harvest Moon Event. She thanked Vice Mayor Pfister for her vision and support of the
42 project and event.
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44 **Tab 13) City Council**

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Vice Mayor Pfister

None.

Councilmember Gamble

- Thanked Mr. Rumble for his assistance in getting his computer on line for the meeting
- Thanked Mr. Thompson for the information he had provided regarding the sidewalks and streets and the updates on the roads. He said he receives a lot of questions from residents on roads and sidewalks.
- Thanked Council for working together on the budget. He said he would like to see sooner a preview/rough draft of what the budget will look next year.

Councilmember Grenier

- Thanked Council for their work on the budget and noted it was a complex task and he appreciated everyone's efforts
- Noted that in 1912 Mr. Coven had his drawings completed for the pavilion and by Christmas of 1912 the Council had approved the plans. He said by 1913 events were held but the official completion was in 1914.

Councilmember Smith

- Noted that the company that is doing the rentals of jet skis has allowed a boat trailer with a boat and a couple of canoes parked in two parking places. He said he thought they should be moved to a different area so they are accessible to the public
- He discussed parking issues that interfere with the ramp.
- Presented a photograph to Chief Lubins of his son Wade Smith who has recently received his driver's license.

Mayor Wolfe

No report.

Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Barnett, C.M.C.
City Clerk