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**CITY OF TAVARES
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2010
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

John Drury, City Administrator
Bob Williams, City Attorney
Nancy Barnett, City Clerk
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Lori Tucker, Director of Human Resources
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
Joyce Ross, Public Information Officer

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Mark Andrews of Bridges gave the invocation and those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1 Mr. Drury requested the addition of an item under New Business regarding a policy on
2 public works plaques.

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4 **MOTION**

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6 **Lori Pfister moved to approve the agenda subject to the above change**
7 **recommended by the City Administrator, seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion**
8 **carried unanimously 5-0.**

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10 **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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12 **MOTION**

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14 **Kirby Smith moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2010 seconded by Robert**
15 **Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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17 **V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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19 **Tab 2) Water Conservation Proclamation**

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21 Mayor Wolfe read a proclamation declaring April to be “Water Conservation Month” in
22 Tavares.

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

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27 Attorney Williams stated that there were no quasi-judicial matters on the agenda.

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29 **VII) READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD**

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31 Ms. Barnett read the following ordinance into the record by title only:

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33 **ORDINANCE 2010-03**

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35 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA AMENDING**
36 **THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY AMENDING CHAPTER**
37 **21, ENTITLED “SIGN REGULATIONS”; REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON**
38 **GROUND SIGNS IN THE COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN AND MIXED USE**
39 **DISTRICT, ALLOWING FOR AN INCREASED NUMBER OF FREE**
40 **STANDING DIRECTORY SIGNS WITHIN AN INDUSTRIAL PARK,**
41 **OFFICE PARKS, COMPLEXES AND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS;**

1 **AND ALLOWING FOR OTHER CHANGES AS OUTLINED WITHIN**
2 **EXHIBIT “A”; SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND**
3 **OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL;**
4 **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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6 **VIII) CONSENT AGENDA**

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8 Mayor Wolfe asked if Council wished to pull any items from the Consent Agenda.
9 Councilmember Gamble requested to pull Tab 3 and Tab 4.

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11 **MOTION**

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13 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Tab 5 [Request for**
14 **Time Extension for PD Ordinance #2008-07 – Woods at Lake Harris, SR 19]; Tab 6**
15 **[Transfer of funds from the Water Alliance of Lake County to the Water Alliance**
16 **Technical Committee for Upgrading SJRWMD Hydraulic Model]; and Tab 7**
17 **[Approval to Change Date of Jet Ski Racing Event]. The motion was seconded by**
18 **Robert Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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20 **Tab 4) Approval of Agreement to Hold Junior BASS/ESPN Tournament**

21
22 Councilmember Gamble noted the summary stated that the City would provide a host
23 fee of \$4600 of which \$2300 has been committed by the Lake County Tourist Tax
24 Revenues. He asked for clarification on the city’s match as it seemed open ended under
25 options.

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27 Mr. Neron said the city revenues will be limited to \$3,000 with the \$2600 for a total
28 match budget of \$5600.

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30 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the Agreement to Hold the Junior BASS/ESPN**
31 **Tournament., seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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33 **Tab 4) Purchase of Equipment Using Police Forfeiture Funds & Automation**
34 **Funds**

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36 Councilmember Gamble asked how many microphones will be purchased. Chief Lubins
37 answered about 18. Councilmember Gamble asked if there is room in the department
38 currently for evidence lockers. Chief Lubins responded that there will be room for these
39 lockers although it will be tight. He said currently they are using gym lockers.

1 Mayor Wolfe asked if there were comments from the audience.

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3 **MOTION**

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5 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve Tab #4 [Purchase of Equipment Using Police**
6 **Forfeiture Funds & Automation Funds], seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion**
7 **carried unanimously 5-0.**

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9 **Tab 8) Ordinance #2010-03 – Amendment to Land Development Regulations –**
10 **Sign Regulations – Second Reading**

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12 Mr. Skutt stated that this ordinance amends Chapter 21 of the Land Development
13 Regulations which pertains to signage. Recently the Tavares Chamber of Commerce
14 requested that the city review its sign regulations in the hope that this would assist the
15 businesses in their marketing and advertising efforts. Staff reviewed the regulations and
16 developed two major changes. A section is added that provides a distinct set of
17 regulations for the downtown commercial mixed use district taking into consideration the
18 new master plan and the requests of the merchants. In addition some regulations were
19 added concerning murals and painted signs. Mr. Skutt reviewed the highlights of the
20 proposed ordinance.

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22 Mr. Skutt stated the ordinance had been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board with
23 some minor modifications which have been done. In addition the ordinance was
24 presented to the downtown merchants association. Staff recommended approval.

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26 Mayor Wolfe asked if Council had questions or if anyone in the audience wished to
27 speak.

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29 **MOTION**

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31 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Ordinance #2010-03, seconded by Sandy Gamble.**
32 **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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34 **Tab 9) Approval of Ranking of Risk Management Services**

35 Ms. Tucker advised that the City of Tavares is a member of the Public Risk
36 Management of Florida (PRM) risk management pool. Membership in PRM is limited to
37 public entities, such as cities, towns, counties, and airport and port authorities. The City
38 currently obtains commercial general liability, police professional liability, property,
39 automobile, public official's errors and omissions, crime, workers' compensation and

1 optional lines of coverage through its membership in PRM, with World Risk
2 Management providing broker services for all PRM members.

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4 An RFQ for Risk Management and Insurance Services for the City of Tavares was
5 posted on February 19, 2010, and the City received responses from five brokerage
6 firms. A selection committee composed of the City's Police Chief, City Clerk, Utility
7 Director, Human Resources Director and Purchasing Manager as a non-voting member
8 conducted committee meetings. The Committee ranked the firms, and reached
9 consensus on the top three firms in the following order:

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11 1. World Risk Management
12 2. Brown & Brown
13 3. Arthur J. Gallagher
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15 Using the ranking shown above, the Committee unanimously agreed that World Risk
16 Management was the best qualified firm to provide risk management and insurance
17 services for the City of Tavares.

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19 Mayor Wolfe asked if Council had questions or if anyone in the audience wished to
20 speak.

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22 **MOTION**

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24 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve Tab 9 [staff recommendation of Risk
25 Management and Insurance Services brokers, continuing the City's membership
26 in Public Risk Management of Florida], seconded by Robert Grenier. The motion
27 carried unanimously 5-0.**

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29 **Tab 10) Naming of Alleyways**

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31 Mr. Skutt stated there are 14 alleyways in the downtown CRA district. The downtown
32 master plan recognizes this as an asset and an opportunity for the citizens to use these
33 alleyways. The City has a capital program to improve the alleys with decorated brick
34 pavers. It has been recognized that the alleyways are not named and it has been
35 suggested that the alleys be named using an aviation theme. Staff has done some
36 research on aviation history and has come up with 14 possible names. The Branding
37 Committee has reviewed the list and has recommended approval of the concept.

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39 Councilmember Smith asked if the request is to approve the names or the concept.
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1 Mr. Drury said if Council agrees with the names the request is to approve both.

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3 Councilmember Pfister asked if information on the names would also be provided
4 instead of just naming them. Mr. Drury said that would be a good idea to include the
5 historical information.

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7 Councilmember Gamble asked about #9 which is by the school and questioned where
8 the alley is located on the map. Mr. Drury discussed the map. Councilmember Gamble
9 noted that alleyway #13 may be affected by the public safety complex.

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11 Councilmember Grenier said he was very excited about the American Seaplane City
12 theme however he thought this would be a great opportunity to not only have alleys
13 named for local famous aviators but also to recognize local Tavares citizens.

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15 Mr. Drury said the alley naming has been suggested as part of the brand immersion
16 process.

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18 Councilmember Smith noted some of the alleys spanned several blocks and could be
19 considered different alleys. He noted the alleys could be split and perhaps keep the
20 alleys in the downtown area focused on aviation.

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22 Councilmember Pfister said she loves history and wants the city to purchase the St.
23 Clair Abrams home, however, she said she thought the founders and families needed
24 more recognition than a name on an alleyway.

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26 Mayor Wolfe asked if there was comment from the audience.

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28 Brenda Smith, 1250 Smith Avenue

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30 Ms. Smith said the Tavares Historical Society thought it was a good idea however most
31 of the names have little to do with Tavares history. She said she recognized that a new
32 chapter in history is being written. She said the city started in the 1880's and there is
33 little named for the founders including little recognition for the African American
34 community leaders. She suggested several family names and individuals whose names
35 could be considered.

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37 Mark Andrews, Pastor in Tavares

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39 Mr. Andrews said that there is some controversy over Charles Lindbergh's role in
40 history and he noted the spelling of his surname was incorrect.

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Charlene King – 724 Lake Dora Drive

Ms. King said she is enjoying the seaplanes but that she wanted to discuss Marie King. She said that Marie King graduated from high school at age 16, went to Oxford College for Women and graduated in two years. She then moved to Tavares in about 1920 and worked as a teacher for the State Agricultural department teaching home economics skills. She said after she married Jack King they moved to the house [behind City Hall next to one of the alleys] and became involved in many activities and that she would like her to be remembered.

Doris Ragan

Ms. Ragan said it was important to recognize those who have been here for so many years and contributed so much.

Denise Laratta, Royal Harbor

Ms. Laratta said if an alley is named for anyone it would be an honor and that the blend of history and seaplanes would be a good way to recognize that Tavares honors the past and is trying to move forward to the future. She said the difficulty she had with the proposed list is that Tavares is a seaplane city and there are only a few names on the list that have anything to do with seaplanes.

Council Discussion

Mayor Wolfe said he liked Mr. Smith's idea regarding splitting the alleys. Councilmember Grenier said he would suggest that a committee be put together to develop some names and bring back to Council.

Councilmember Smith said he counted 26 sections of the 13 or 14 unnamed alleys, so there are 26 possibilities.

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to approve the concept of naming the alleyways with further discussion on the names at a later date, seconded by Sandy Gamble.

Mr. Drury noted that the suggestion to name the alleys came from Lori Houghton. Councilmember Smith commended Ms. Houghton on her idea.

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The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to have Councilmember Grenier be in charge of organizing a committee and coming back with the names for presentation to Council, seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 11 – Lake Francis Gravity Sewer Improvements/Upgrades

Mr. Hayes stated that the City owns and maintains a gravity sewer collection system within the Lake Frances Estates residential development that was constructed on an area that was swamp-like and under today’s standards would probably be considered to be wetlands. Jones Edmunds was previously authorized by the City to assist with an evaluation of two problematic areas of the subdivision, Belmont Circle and Shult Court. A survey of these specific areas was performed along with a geotechnical investigation. The Belmont Circle/Shult Court evaluation data revealed a number of deficiencies which have also been shown to exist throughout the entire Lake Frances Estates subdivision. City staff assumes that these deflections cause the flow through the affected lines to back-up creating stagnation with the release of hydrogen sulfide gas. It is the release of this gas which deteriorates the adjacent manholes. It also creates blockages of sewer laterals and causes the homes not to be able to utilize their system.

A professional land surveyor licensed in the State of Florida will coordinate a topographic survey of the gravity lines in the development with vertical and horizontal control, and subsurface locates utilizing soft digs or ground penetrating radar. The exploration will evaluate the general subsurface conditions within the project site and identify potential construction conflicts.

The City previously solicited a request for proposals to provide engineering services for five years on projects of less than \$50,000 in value. The Council approved a list of 15 engineers. Staff selected Jones Edmunds from the approved list as the most qualified to do the proposed work and recommends approval of their proposal in the amount of \$45,600.

Councilmember Smith asked if the firm was going to re-survey the portion they had previously evaluated. Mr. Hayes said they would not be re-surveying and would incorporate their previous work into the overall plan.

1 Mr. Drury noted there has been concern by some of the residents in Lake Frances
2 regarding the base utilities charge and this is a good example of the purpose for a base
3 charge. He said an assessment could be done on the property however when old
4 infrastructure needs to be replaced this Council and previous Councils have elected to
5 replace old deteriorating lines. He said the solution to fix the problem will be expensive
6 but that by collecting a base charge this will provide a revenue source for future
7 maintenance projects.

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9 Mayor Wolfe asked how the decision was made to pick Jones and Edmunds.

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11 Mr. Drury said there are two ways of selecting a firm. Every five years a process is
12 followed to develop a list of engineers to have on a continuing engineering contract for
13 projects that are under \$50,000. He said about 40 firms applied three years ago, a
14 ranking committee was organized, and the top 11 firms were brought to Council for
15 approval. He said this will be done again in about two years. He said Jones and
16 Edmunds was picked from that approved continuing engineers list. He said in this case
17 there was no bid done as it was an engineering service; the most qualified engineer was
18 selected and a contract was negotiated.

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20 Mayor Wolfe asked if there was comment from the audience.

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22 Norman Hope

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24 Mr. Hope said that Mr. Drury's point was well made. He said the issue regarding the
25 water and sewer rate was still being discussed by the residents and that this was a
26 good example of why the base rate was developed. He asked Mr. Drury to explain this
27 to the residents.

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29 Mr. Drury noted there are three options to the Lake Frances Sewer problem: 1) do
30 nothing and let the association collect the funds to repair the system; 2) do an
31 assessment on every property, and 3) have a base fee that grows over time to take care
32 of these problems.

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34 Denise Laratta

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36 Ms. Laratta stated she agreed and that this was a perfect public relations opportunity to
37 explain the basis for the rates and how the money is used throughout the city where it is
38 needed.

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40 **MOTION**

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2 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the agreement with Jones Edmunds to provide**
3 **the engineering assistance to the City for the design of replacement sections for**
4 **the city’s existing gravity sewer infrastructure located within the Lake Frances**
5 **Estates residential development in the amount of \$45,600 and increase**
6 **appropriations for the Water & Sewer Replacement Fund in the amount of**
7 **\$45,600. The motion was seconded by Robert Grenier. The motion carried**
8 **unanimously 5-0.**
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10 **Tab 12) Setting of Goals for Fiscal Year 2011**
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12 Mr. Drury said he had gone into the goals in detail at the previous meeting. He reviewed
13 the five separate enterprise funds. He noted he had provided some options on the
14 General Fund. He said he is looking for broad budget policy so that he can spend the
15 next three months developing a budget that attempts to fulfill Council’s collective goals.
16 He noticed that after he has developed a proposed budget, Council will hold a series of
17 workshops to discuss and refine the budget.
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19 Councilmember Pfister said she did not want to raise the millage and would like to give
20 something back to the employees. She mentioned not filling the vacant positions and
21 eliminating the furlough program and no COLA, or giving COLA but keeping the
22 furlough program.
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24 Councilmember Smith said he had done some research into the unemployment rate in
25 Lake County. He discussed the unemployment rates from 2007 to present that had
26 appeared in the newspaper. He said people in the construction industry have taken a
27 50% decrease in income and people in the utility industry have taken at least a 10%
28 decrease in income. He said although he appreciated the city employees he did not
29 think anything should be increased. He said the furlough at least provides a half a day
30 off and that a lot of people have had to take a decrease without having time off. He said
31 considering the decrease in property values, the city may need to have a small increase
32 in the millage rate, perhaps somewhere around 6.5 with Council working hard to reduce
33 the budget without affecting the employees.
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35 Mayor Wolfe said he agreed with the millage rate going up somewhat which would
36 probably be offset by the property value being less. He said his direction would be
37 somewhere in the range of 6.75 to 6.95 to start with.
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39 Councilmember Grenier said he agreed with the Mayor. He said it is better to start with
40 a higher number and that it could be brought down during the workshop process.

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2 Mr. Smith observed that if the millage was set at 6.95, the furlough was eliminated, and
3 there was no COLA, it would only provide \$50,000. He said the City needs to lower the
4 millage rate and work to keep it lowered. He said the reason he picked 6.5 because
5 \$50,000 would have appeared to be easy to cut however he noted he had not seen a
6 city budget yet.

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8 Mr. Drury pointed out that none of the increases that the city has no control over are
9 included in the options so that the \$50,000 figure will soon increase to \$300,000. He
10 gave as an example the utility costs that are going up, liability insurance and workers
11 comp costs that will be increasing; and police and fire pension funds. He said those
12 numbers are all coming out in the next thirty to sixty days.

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14 Mr. Smith commented that he could consider 6.75.

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16 Councilmember Gamble noted that if the millage is kept at the current level there would
17 be major cuts. He noted Mr. Drury needs a figure to start with but that Council would
18 likely decrease it while reviewing the budget.

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20 Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

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22 **MOTION**

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24 **Sandy moved to give direction to Mr. Drury to present a budget at the 6.95 mil**
25 **level with the understanding that it can always be reduced, seconded by Robert**
26 **Grenier.**

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28 Attorney Williams stated that the city cannot legally set its budget today. He said Mr.
29 Drury is requesting a framework to design a budget. He said this motion cannot set the
30 budget or millage rate.

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32 Mr. Drury said he did not need a motion; what he needed was discussion on Council's
33 collective thoughts and a general idea. He said he is hearing to maintain a similar level
34 of service and bring in a reasonable millage rate which is not a rollback rate (which
35 would be 7.86). He noted the 7.86 rate would bring in the same amount of tax dollars
36 that were collected last year, therefore, Council is indicating its wish to lower the tax
37 revenue. He summarized that the direction is to not go to the rollback rate, cut the
38 amount of revenue again and try to maintain a similar level of service but make
39 additional cuts. He said staff will bring ideas to Council for the budget cuts.

1 Councilmember Smith asked the status of the motion on the floor.

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3 **Councilmember Gamble stated he would like to withdraw his motion, seconded**
4 **by Councilmember Smith.**

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6 Mr. Drury said he had broad budget direction and he would bring back a budget that will
7 attempt to reflect Council's intention.

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9 **New Business) Discussion on Public Works Plaques**

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11 Mr. Drury reported that the City shall from time to time construct buildings and projects
12 including the Seaplane Marina, Woodlea House, Pavilion, Fire Stations etc. It is prudent
13 to date the building and recognize the primary elected officials, staff, architects and
14 engineers on a bronze plaque that is placed on or in the vicinity of the building. Most
15 projects are multiyear and therefore several Council members beyond the sitting
16 Council at the time of grand opening may have had an impact on the development of
17 the project. A policy on which Council members should be recognized on plaques for
18 public works projects in addition to the City Administrator, City Attorney, Architect,
19 Engineer and Contractor is prudent. Some options are as follows:

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21 1. The Council members that were in office at the time the Council voted to purchase
22 property and/or approve the funding.
23 2. The Council members that were in office at the time the Council conducted the
24 ground breaking ceremonies.
25 3. The Council members that were in office at the time the project was constructed
26 and the grand opening was held.
27 4. All councilmembers involved with a project beginning with purchase of land/and or
28 funding to grand opening ceremony.

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30 Mr. Drury reviewed some of the past practices in preparing plaques for previous
31 projects such as City Hall and the second Fire Station.

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33 Discussion followed with the general consensus to recognize all councilmembers who
34 have been involved with the project.

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36 Mayor Wolfe asked for comment from the audience.

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38 Denise Laratta

1 Ms. Laratta suggested that in order to save money and to simplify the process, that the
2 city could erect a plaque that would honor the citizens of Tavares only. She said the
3 exception would if someone had donated funds for the project being dedicated.
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5 Brenda Smith

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7 Ms. Smith said as a historian she would prefer to see a plaque as she likes stories that
8 explain the history of an event or structure.
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10 Jeff Pfister, 107 W. Main

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12 Mr. Pfister commented that other names might need to be considered for continuity in
13 terms of the policy.
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15 Mr. Drury noted that Council does not get a lot of recognition and it is tradition across
16 the country to honor its political representatives who are involved in projects.
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18 **MOTION**

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20 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Option #4 to include the Council members that**
21 **were in office at the time the Council voted to fund the project, conducted the**
22 **ground breaking and conducted the grand opening. The motion was seconded by**
23 **Sandy Gamble. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.**
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25 **AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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27 **Betty Burleigh**

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29 Ms. Burleigh said there is an alleyway off Maude in between Rockingham and New
30 Hampshire that is not on the list of alleys to be beautified. She said it is opposite the
31 entrance to the parking lot. Mr. Drury said if an alleyway was missed it will be added.
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33 **Brenda Smith**

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35 Ms. Smith thanked the Council for listening to the Historical Society and involving them
36 in the alleyway naming. She thanked Ms. Houghton for her idea. She said that she
37 would be praying for Councilmember Pfister's daughter in Iraq.
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39 **Charlotte Hope**

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1 Ms. Hope commended and thanked Mr. Hayes for his staff's assistance with a recent
2 drainage problem in Fox Run.

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4 **REPORTS**

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6 **Tab 13) City Administrator**

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8 Mr. Drury introduced Joyce Ross, new Public Relations Coordinator. He said she was
9 previously with Charlotte County as their communications and marketing director for 15
10 years. He noted her resume had been provided to Council.

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12 Mr. Drury commended Councilmember Grenier for finishing the second edition of the
13 Woodlea book.

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15 **IIV. REPORTS**

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17 **Human Resources Director**

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19 Ms. Tucker thanked Councilmember Grenier for joining her at the Ibini Terra lake
20 cleanup recently and thanked the Police chief for furnishing the boat. She also thanked
21 the Parks Department for their support.

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23 **Economic Development**

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25 Mr. Neron reminded everyone of the upcoming Classic Boat Race Regatta, the Antique
26 Boat Festival, the Planes, Trains and BBQ event including the air show, the seaplane
27 dedication, to be followed by the Dragon boat event.

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29 **Lori Houghton**

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31 Ms. Houghton noted that the naming of the alleyways will make the accounting process
32 easier.

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34 **Tab 19) City Council**

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36 **Vice Mayor Pfister**

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38 Vice Mayor Pfister noted there is a problem at the park with the fact that the lighting
39 does not reach the benches and docks. She requested that Mr. Drury bring back some
40 costs to extend the lighting.

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2 Vice Mayor Pfister discussed her excitement at watching a seaplane land at the park
3 during a practice for the opening.
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5 **Councilmember Gamble**
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- 7 • Said he has been asked about the city's liability with the landing of the seaplanes
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9 Mr. Drury noted seaplanes have been landing on the lakes since 1914 and in fairly large
10 numbers for the last 30 years. The city has improved safety and reduced the liability by
11 creating a licensed seaplane base which requires pilots to communicate on their landing
12 plan.
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- 14 • Noted that Council has been receiving the backup material for ordinances two
15 times and he questioned if this was needed. Mr. Drury suggested that each
16 councilmember could indicate their preference to the Clerk.
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- 18 • Commented that Sunday's article on Tavares' event was a great article. Mr.
19 Neron said the Daily Commercial took the lead and the staff provided the
20 information.
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- 22 • Thanked Chris Thompson for the signs on Caroline, noting the traffic flow had
23 improved for the buses.
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- 25 • Stated that the first meeting in April he would be in Tennessee.
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- 27 • Noted that Opening Day at Stover field went very well.
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29 **Councilmember Grenier**
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- 31 • Commented on the invitations for the Seaplane Opening
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- 33 • Noted that an upcoming issue of Pulse Magazine (publishing April 9th) is
34 featuring Tavares. Stated that he as well as John Drury and Nancy Clutts have
35 provided articles and/or artwork
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- 37 • Noted two members of the Tavares Historical Board were present. He discussed
38 the commitment of the members of the Tavares Historical Board and his
39 appreciation, continued involvement and commitment to the members of that
40 group.

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- Mentioned the Babe Coven plaque that will be placed on the new gazebo

Councilmember Smith

- Asked if the Splash Park could be turned on during the Classic Boat Race and the Antique Boat Show
- Noted he had been approached by a business owner who has a water drainage issue around Ruby Street and Ruby Street Grille. Mr. Drury said he would bring back information on this issue at the next meeting
- Commended Ms. Houghton on her assistance
- Noted he will not be present at the Council Meeting on April 7th

Mayor Wolfe

- Commended Ms. Rogers on opening day activities at Stover Field
- Thanked Mr. Drury and Mr. Thompson for getting the lights changed at the Fountain in honor of St. Patrick’s Day (he noted this was paid for by an individual business owner so there was no charge to the taxpayers)

Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Barnett, City Clerk