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**CITY OF TAVARES  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2012  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
4:00 p.m.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

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

Lori Pfister, Councilmember

**STAFF PRESENT**

John Drury, City Administrator  
Robert Q. Williams, City Attorney  
Nancy Barnett, City Clerk  
Chief Stoney Lubins, Police Department  
Brad Hayes, Utility Director  
Chris Thompson, Public Works Director  
Joyce Ross, Communications Director  
Bill Neron, Economic Development Director  
Tammey Rogers, Community Services Director  
Lori Houghton, Finance Director

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tim Green, Clyde F. Green Foundation for Children, gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Green introduced Chase Allen, Youth Pastor at Liberty Baptist Church.

Mr. Green expressed appreciation to Councilmember Gamble for his service to the City.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Drury said staff had no changes to the agenda.

**MOTION**

1 **Bob Grenier moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion**  
2 **carried unanimously 4-0.**

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4 **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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6 **MOTION**

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8 **Bob Grenier moved to approve the City Council minutes of March 7, 2012, seconded by**  
9 **Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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11 **V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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13 **Tab 2) Water Conservation Month**

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15 Mayor Wolfe read a proclamation designating April as Water Conservation Month.

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17 **Tab 3) Surveyors and Mappers Week**

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19 Mayor Wolfe read a proclamation designating March 18-24, 2012 as Surveyors and Mappers  
20 Week and recognized the members of the Central Florida Chapter of the Florida Surveying and  
21 Mapping Society who were in attendance. Danny Williams, President of the Society, spoke on  
22 behalf of the organization.

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24 **Tab 4) Proclamation Honoring Councilmember Sandy Gamble**

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26 Mayor Wolfe read a proclamation honoring the service of Councilmember Gamble and his last  
27 meeting as Councilmember.

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29  
30 WHEREAS, Councilmember Sandy Gamble has announced his resignation from City  
31 Council in order to commit full time to his ministerial duties with the Church of God of Prophecy;

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33 WHEREAS, Councilmember Sandy Gamble has been a dedicated Councilmember  
34 representing the citizens of Tavares from 2004 to 2008, serving as Vice Mayor in 2006, Mayor in  
35 2007, and as Councilmember from 2009 to 2012;

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37 WHEREAS, Councilmember Gamble has been supportive to the staff of Tavares, assisted  
38 in many city events and has been an advocate for the youth in his commitment to recreation  
39 programs;

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41 WHEREAS; the City Council, Staff, and Residents of Tavares wish to express  
42 appreciation for all that Councilmember Gamble has contributed during his years of service to the  
43 City as an elected official;

44  
45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Robert Wolfe, Mayor of the City of  
46 Tavares hereby proclaim special thanks and recognition to Councilmember Sandy Gamble for his  
47 contributions to the City of Tavares.

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2 *DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2012.*

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4 (Mr. Drury noted that Councilmember Pfister had asked him to extend her regrets to  
5 Councilmember Gamble for not being able to attend this meeting because of a medical issue.)

6  
7 Councilmember Gamble expressed appreciation to all of the citizens of Tavares for their support  
8 during the elections and for their support in communicating with him. He said the City of Tavares  
9 means very much to him and noted the baseball and softball programs are important to him  
10 because he believes in the youth of Tavares. He said if the youth are kept active by an organized  
11 activity they are more able to stay out of trouble and learn through a team sport what it takes to  
12 work together. He said the team of Tavares has been able to work together in order to reach the  
13 achievements of the past few years. He added that he wished to pay special recognition to former  
14 Mayor Nancy Clutts who was in attendance.

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16 **VI. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE CONTACTS**

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18 None

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

21  
22 Ms. Barnett read the following ordinances/resolutions into the record by title only:

23  
24 **ORDINANCE #2012-05**

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26 **AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 14-3 OF THE CITY OF TAVARES**  
27 **CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO CITY PARKS; AUTHORIZING THE**  
28 **CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR**  
29 **THE REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN CERTAIN PUBLIC**  
30 **PARKS AND FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO**  
31 **ESTABLISH AND ADJUST PERMIT AND USER FEES WITHIN CERTAIN**  
32 **PARAMETERS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES;**  
33 **AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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35 **RESOLUTION #2012 - 05**

36  
37 **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES,**  
38 **FLORIDA, DEDICATING CAPTAIN HAYNES ROAD AS A PUBLIC RIGHT OF**  
39 **WAY; SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ORDAINED BY THE**  
40 **CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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42 **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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44 Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone had an objection to Tab 5 under the Consent Agenda [Addendum to  
45 contract for purchase of Parkland to extend closing date from April 1 to June 30, 2012].

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47 **MOTION**

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2 **Bob Grenier moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Addendum to Contract for purchase**  
3 **of parkland to extend closing date from April 1 to June 30, 2012], seconded by Kirby**  
4 **Smith. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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6 **IX. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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8 **Tab 4) Ordinance #2012-05 –Commercial Activities in Public Parks**

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10 Read for first reading only.

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12 **Tab 7) Resolution #2012-05 – Captain Haynes Road – Dedication of Right of Way**

13  
14 Mr. Skutt stated that this is a resolution that dedicates Captain Haynes Road as a public right of  
15 way. The road was constructed in 2007 on property that the city owned so a formal road  
16 dedication was not legally necessary. The city is currently doing surveying at the Woodlea  
17 complex and the surveyor has recommended that it would make surveying along that road easier  
18 if the city would do the dedication and have a map recorded in public records. Staff has prepared  
19 the resolution that includes the map and recommends approval.

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21 **MOTION**

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23 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve Resolution #2012-05, seconded by Kirby Smith. The**  
24 **motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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26 **X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

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28 **Tab 5) Award of Bid for Reconstruction of Todd Way Cul de Sac located in Imperial Terrace**

29  
30 Mr. Thompson advised the agenda packet included a detailed time table leading up to the current  
31 point. He said the bids were received for the new design that includes roadway island and  
32 stormwater improvements for this cul de sac. He said five bids were received and ranged from  
33 \$30,440 to \$48,793. Presently the Stormwater Division does not have funding for their 50% share of  
34 the project. Funding has also been set aside in Public Works for two alleyway projects leaving  
35 enough for Public Works to contribute their 50%. He discussed the four options that staff had  
36 presented with the recommendation that the project be budgeted in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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38 Mayor Wolfe asked for public comment.

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40 **Ron Abbey, 1112 Shawn Court**

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42 Mr. Abbey discussed his background serving on boards for the city and for the county. He said when  
43 the HOA proposed that it be brought up to standard with the other cul de sacs in the park, he had  
44 advised them that the city should take care of the cul de sac as it is city owned property. He  
45 discussed the meetings that had been held including the original estimate of \$3,000 to \$4,000. He  
46 said when it was put on the city council agenda Councilmember Gamble had commented that if the  
47 road needed to be repaired it should be done even if it had to come out of reserves. He said the

1 engineer had estimated the cost at \$8,000. He said the new bids are at a higher figure because of  
2 the involvement of stormwater. He asked that Council choose the option of going ahead and funding  
3 the project now.

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5 Don Bias, Todd Way  
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7 Mr. Bias said he had started the project when he wrote Mr. Drury on May 14, 2010. He said Mr.  
8 Drury and Mr. Thompson had come out and met with some residents. He said when it came to  
9 Council in 2011 there was a letter from the HOA agreeing to the design. He said in the meantime the  
10 new proposal contains improvements that they had not requested. He said the residents want the  
11 road fixed but not at \$40,000 and do not want the item tabled.

12  
13 City Administrator Comments  
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15 Mr. Drury said when the project was originally brought up the question had been whose  
16 responsibility is it to improve a cul de sac from the current state which is grass and a tree to make it  
17 smaller by adding curbing and gravel. He said the city in the past had left cul de sacs at the lowest  
18 amount of maintenance but agreed to review the matter further and make a decision about whether  
19 to make the improvements. The assumption was that the other four cul de sacs were done by the  
20 HOA and this would be the first one done by the city for the HOA.

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22 He said in 2011 after the budget process had begun, he had reminded Mr. Abbey that it would take a  
23 council decision about whether they wished to get into a cul de sac improvement program for a  
24 Home Owners Association. He said it wasn't until a recent meeting that a resident said the road also  
25 has flooding problems. He said at that point Council directed staff to look at the problem again due to  
26 the flooding issue. He said staff's perception is that the city has responded to each issue that has  
27 been brought to Council. He said the goal is to develop a price that will solve the problem and put it  
28 in the budget.

29  
30 Councilmember Gamble asked which alleyway would be postponed if Council went with Option #2.  
31 Mr. Thompson said that would be a choice for Council to make. He said the alleyways are out to bid  
32 currently. He said there is approximately \$18,000 left in the road construction account for the  
33 alleyways.

34  
35 Councilmember Smith asked if it is legal to use the roadway funding for a stormwater issue. Mr.  
36 Williams confirmed it is legal as they are not restricted funds.

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38 **MOTION**  
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40 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Option #4, to place the project on hold until adequate funding**  
41 **can be obtained through the budgeting process, seconded by Bob Grenier.**  
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43 **The motion carried 3-1 as follows:**  
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45 <b>Robert Wolfe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
46 <b>Kirby Smith</b>	<b>Yes</b>
47 <b>Bob Grenier</b>	<b>Yes</b>

1 **Sandy Gamble** **No**

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3 **Tab 9) Approval of Contract to Add SCADA Components to Fire Pump at Water Treatment**  
4 **Plant #1**

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6 Mr. Hayes said this is to consider approval of an agreement with Woodard and Curran to install a  
7 variable frequency drive unit to connect to the SCADA system and convert an existing fire pump to  
8 an every day pump. He said there is a pump that does not get utilized and by converting this pump  
9 to connect to the SCADA system there will be potential cost savings of \$110,000. He said he has  
10 discussed with the Fire Department and determined it is not needed.

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12 **MOTION**

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14 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the staff recommendation for the agreement with Woodard**  
15 **and Curran for \$37,500, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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17 **Tab 10) Acceptance of Grant from Lake County Water Authority for Stormwater Fund**

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19 Mr. Hayes said this is a request to approve the authorization to accept the grant with Lake County  
20 Water Authority program in the amount of \$253,000 for the upgrading of the existing stormwater  
21 infrastructure in the CRA area. This grant will assist the City in the design, permitting and  
22 construction of the pond portion of the project that will clean up pollutants from entering Lake Dora.

23  
24 Councilmember Smith noted that the summary states that there is a \$1,908,800 required match. He  
25 said the City is trying to get that match from other grants and asked for confirmation. Mr. Hayes said  
26 the cost of the overall CRA stormwater project is \$2.6 million. \$750,000 has been received from  
27 FDEP and funding is hoped to be received from the USDA for \$1.98 million for the match.

28  
29 Mr. Drury noted Councilmember Smith is correct; all of the funding has not been assembled as yet  
30 pending a decision from USDA on the city's application. Councilmember Smith asked for clarification  
31 that if this grant is approved it does not bind the city to the \$1.98 million match and there is a one  
32 year time frame. Mr. Hayes said that was correct.

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34 **MOTION**

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36 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the grant with the Lake County Water Authority, seconded**  
37 **by Kirby Smith. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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39 **Tab 11) Request to Apply for Funding for COPS Hiring Program**

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41 Chief Lubins said that last year the city applied for this program but was unsuccessful. He said this  
42 year the Department of Justice has reopened up the grant opportunities for this program only for  
43 agencies that did not receive funding last year and there is approximately \$111 million available  
44 nationwide. He said the department is using the caveat that the city must hire military personnel who  
45 served in the six months of active duty for anything that occurred after September 11, 2001 which is  
46 an effort to help re-employ the veterans into the workforce. He said this request is to apply for the the  
47 grant. The grant is a 75-25 matching grant; the impact is about \$14,000 per year at which time on

1 the fourth year the employee must be retained for one year as part of the conditions. If the grant is  
2 awarded, staff will come back to Council with a detailed plan for how the position will be funded.

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4 Councilmember Smith clarified that Chief Lubins would be anticipating the 25% in the upcoming  
5 2013 fiscal year budget if the grant is awarded. Chief Lubins confirmed.

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7 **MOTION**

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9 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the grant for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS hiring  
10 program, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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12 **Tab 12) Update on Request for Traffic Signal at US 441 and Sinclair Avenue**

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14 Mr. Skutt stated that staff has sent a formal letter to FDOT requesting that they place a traffic signal  
15 at the intersection of US 441 and Sinclair Avenue. This intersection is identified in the Downtown  
16 Master Plan as being one of two primary gateways to the downtown. Staff believes that the  
17 signalization of this intersection will become increasingly important. He said that yesterday a reply  
18 was received from FDOT District 5 indicating that they see some potential problems with putting a  
19 signal at that location but they are willing to do a review of traffic operations at that corner and will  
20 advise the city of its findings within 60 days.

21  
22 Mr. Drury added that the city went through a visioning process and developed a master plan with  
23 gateways and this request falls in concert with the plan which is to accent the gateways by bringing  
24 signage to the gateways.

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26 Mayor Wolfe asked which agency would be financing the signal.

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28 Mr. Skutt responded that staff is presuming that it would be financed by FDOT.

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30 **Tab 13) Funding for Wooton Park Expansion**

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32 Ms. Houghton stated that in response to the electorate's approval of the referendum for purchase of  
33 the Wooton Park expansion, staff met with bond counsel and the city's financial advisor and it  
34 appears that the best option at the present time due to the small size of the debt issue, would be to  
35 go out for RFP for a bank note. In addition staff reviewed current existing debt with the advisors, and  
36 two issues have been identified that could present savings to the city in the annual budget. One is  
37 the Wooton Park Capital Improvement Loan issued in 2008—the original amount was \$7.4 million. In  
38 addition there is a Wastewater Refunding Series in 2000 for \$4,705,000. Both of these loans appear  
39 to be eligible for savings and staff would like the option to do RFP's for these as well.

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41 Mr. Drury added that the proposals will be brought back to Council and any financial savings will be  
42 presented to Council for a final decision.

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44 Councilmember Smith asked for clarification that there would be two proposals: one for the Wooton  
45 Park expansion as well as refinancing the other debt, and one for Wooton Park expansion only.

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47 Ms. Houghton confirmed.

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2 **MOTION**  
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4 **Sandy Gamble moved for Option #1 to direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals to**  
5 **Financial institutions for financing the Wooton Park Expansion (General Obligation - \$3.3M)**  
6 **and direct staff to proceed with Request for Proposals to Financing Institutions for**  
7 **refinancing the Wooton Park Capital Improvement Loan (\$6.5M) , and the Water and**  
8 **Wastewater Refunding Bonds, Series 2000 (\$4.7M). The motion was seconded by Bob**  
9 **Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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11 **XI. OLD BUSINESS**  
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13 **XII. NEW BUSINESS**  
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15 **Tab 14) Recommended Interim Councilmember Appointment to be Placed on Next City**  
16 **Council Agenda**  
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18 Mayor Wolfe announced that on April 4, 2012 he would be recommending that Norman Hope be  
19 appointed to the City Council to serve as the interim Councilmember until the next election in  
20 November 2012.

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22 **XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**  
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24 **Betty Burleigh, 214 N. New Hampshire Avenue**  
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26 Ms. Burleigh said yesterday in reading the March 1 Daily Commercial she had noted a train  
27 exhibition at the Winter Garden gazebo. She said the painting in the article is of the Tavares  
28 pavilion and the old train station.

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30 **Frank Zajac, 39 Short Street**  
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32 Mr. Zajac said he wished to address points regarding the race this past weekend. He asked what  
33 could be done to prevent a recurrence. He presented a newspaper article to Council that  
34 addressed issues regarding the accident. He asked questions about the race adding he did not  
35 have facts, just what had been reported in the newspaper.

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37 Mr. Drury said that the questions and points brought up by Mr. Zajac were very good. He offered  
38 to meet with Mr. Zajac to go over all of his question and he explained the roll of the Fish and  
39 Game Commission as the agency responsible for investigating the incident. He said said within  
40 60 days they will have a full report and many of the questions Mr. Zajac was asking would be  
41 answered in that report. He said the city's goal is to support the Fish and Game Commission law  
42 enforcement officers in their investigation. He said if there is anything that they see that needs to  
43 be improved upon, they will be making those recommendations to the city and to the Classic  
44 Raceboat regatta.

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46 **Denise Laratta, Royal Harbor**  
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1 Ms. Laratta commended the work that was done particularly by the Fire and Police employees  
2 who had to deal with a difficult situation and handled it professionally. She thanked the city  
3 employees who worked hard to maintain everything and the people who serve as spokespeople  
4 to the media over the weekend and made such compassionate compacts about the lives that  
5 were lost.

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7 **XIV. REPORTS**

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9 **Tab 14) City Administrator**

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11 Mr. Drury said he had two items to report. The first item is on the Raceboat Regatta incident over  
12 the weekend: He read the following into the record:

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14 *It is with great sorrow that we extend our prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of Mark*  
15 *Van Winkle, Charles Woodruff, and Dea Wiseley who all received fatal boating injuries while*  
16 *participating in this weekend's boating Regatta. We also pray for a speedy recovery for Lorraine*  
17 *Moody who received injuries and is recovering.*

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19 *I want to take this time to thank all of the Tavares staff and in particular Bill Neron, Danny*  
20 *Feleccia, Alan Gagne, Eric Wages, Joyce Ross, Joey Graham, Lauren Farrell, Bob Williams and*  
21 *those Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Seaplane Base and Marina staff who represented this city*  
22 *flawlessly during the recovery events.*

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24 *Rescue crews responded immediately to the accident scenes. Recovery operations were*  
25 *expeditious, the surviving passenger of one of the accidents was immediately transported by jet*  
26 *ski to the Prop Shop docks, administered to by TFD personnel and transferred to Florida Hospital*  
27 *Waterman by Lake EMS. The Medical Examiner and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission were*  
28 *provided what they needed to conduct their jobs. The immediate family members of the victims*  
29 *and media was accommodated throughout both incidents on both days and Chief Stoney Lubins*  
30 *was keeping me informed and updated so that I could keep all five City Council members*  
31 *informed of what was happening. Lori Tucker immediately activated the Employee Assistance*  
32 *Program's post trauma debriefing session and we were fortunate to have the SeaWorld trainer*  
33 *death incident coordinator assigned to Tavares. 90% of the affected Tavares employees*  
34 *completed the session by Monday at noon!*

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36 *From my perspective everyone did their job competently and professionally interacting*  
37 *appropriately with each other and other agencies so they could do their jobs well too. We over-*  
38 *plan and train for these incidents in hopes that they never happen, but when they do the Tavares*  
39 *team is prepared as was the case this past weekend.*

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41 *As it relates to the cause of the accident, the responsible agency for investigating and making*  
42 *that determination is the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. We expect a report from them*  
43 *within two months and will share that with Council once it becomes available.*

44  
45 Mr. Drury said the second item that he wished to present has to do with transparency. He said he  
46 wished to clarify on how the property appraiser's office applies the \$50,000 exemption for  
47 homesteads. He said the Property Appraiser is responsible for applying the exemptions and in

1 Florida there are many types of exemptions: \$25,000 first exemption, \$25,000 second exemption  
2 (both are usually referred to as the “\$50,000 exemption”, Senior Homestead, Disability, Deployed  
3 Service Member, Tangible Property, and others.  
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5 He noted that the \$50,000 exemption is broken up into two \$25,000 tiers. The first \$25,000 is  
6 applied to the first \$25,000 of assessed value. The second \$25,000 is applied to \$50,001 and  
7 above. He said a common assumption is that the \$50,000 exemption applies to the first \$50,000  
8 in value. He said this inaccurate assumption was made by the city when on page four of the  
9 newsletter regarding the Wooton Park Expansion referendum, it was stated that “homes valued  
10 under \$50,000 or less pay nothing.” He said it should have stated that homes valued at \$25,000  
11 or less would pay nothing. He gave examples of how the exemptions may be calculated.  
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13 Mr. Drury noted that the error was not caught until he recently began working on the next fiscal  
14 year budget and held discussions with the Property Appraiser. He said he contacted the City  
15 Attorney for his opinion on how this might impact the results of the referendum. He said the  
16 attorney has replied that this has no impact and has supplied a legal opinion which has been  
17 provided to Council.  
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19 Mr. Drury said the lesson learned and corrective action would be as follows: *In today’s economic*  
20 *environment when the Florida Legislature is frequently changing the tax codes and tax rules*  
21 *which the Lake County Property Appraiser is the administering authority, the Administrative*  
22 *Policies would be revised prohibiting the dissemination of specific information on exemptions and*  
23 *how the Property Appraiser applies those exemption. Instead the citizens will be referred directly*  
24 *to the Property Appraiser so that they can review with that agency on how exemptions apply to*  
25 *their own personal situation.*  
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27 Mayor Wolfe thanked Mr. Drury for the update and noted he had learned new information.  
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### 29 **City Clerk**

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31 Ms. Barnett stated at the last Council Meeting she had provided the “unofficial” results from the  
32 referendum and that she would be providing the Official Results at this meeting for the record.  
33 She said the vote for the referendum was 1,313 (53.97%) and against the referendum it was  
34 1,120 (46.03%).  
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### 36 **Economic Development Director**

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38 Mr. Neron reminded everyone of the Sunnyland Antique Boat show starting this weekend.  
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### 40 **Fire Department**

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42 Chief Keith said the County’s EOC is starting to move dirt at the new county EOC location. He  
43 reminded Council that the Police and Fire Pension Meetings will be held this Friday beginning at  
44 1:30 p.m.  
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### 46 **Attorney Williams**

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1 Attorney Williams noted he and his wife had come to attend the Regatta on the weekend and he  
2 was impressed by how the staff handled the event both before and after the accident.

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4 **Tab 10) City Council**

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6 **Councilmember Gamble**

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8 Councilmember Gamble thanked everyone for all of their support. He said he appreciated all of  
9 the staff's support. He said he appreciated the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tavares no  
10 matter how small or how great, everyone deserves the opportunity to be represented. He said he  
11 had one additional thought to share. He said when Paul was before King Agrippa he said "don't  
12 you believe what I'm telling you?" and King Agrippa responded "Almost thou persuadest me to be  
13 a Christian." He advised everyone to live not only good life, but a good Christian life, and advised  
14 those present to find a church and start attending, because of the need for people to believe in  
15 something more than just this earth.

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17 **Vice Mayor Grenier**

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19 Vice Mayor Grenier said he was grateful to Sandy for his service. He expressed gratitude to the  
20 staff over their handling of the incident on the weekend.

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22 Vice Mayor Grenier said this Monday at the Tavares Civic Center at noon would be the quarterly  
23 luncheon for the Tavares Historical Society and the pioneer birthdays would be celebrated. He  
24 said today is the 180<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Captain Melton Haynes.

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26 **Councilmember Smith**

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28 Councilmember Smith said it has been a difficult week. He said one of the local Tavares High  
29 School football coaches, Gavin Jones and his wife Terry, lost their three year old daughter in a  
30 tragic accident. He asked for prayers for the family. He noted that there may be a softball benefit  
31 game organized on their behalf.

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33 In terms of the weekend's incident, he said that what shows a person to be a true professional is  
34 when unexpected events happen and how he or she performs during those unexpected events.  
35 He stated that the city staff can be considered professionals.

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37 Councilmember Smith said that it had been a pleasure to work with Councilmember Gamble and  
38 he hoped that he would carry on his with ministry and continue to do his good work.

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40 **Mayor Wolfe**

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42 Mayor Wolfe said he wished to echo what had already been said in terms of the event and  
43 mentioned the Police, Fire, Public Relations departments and everyone else on the staff who had  
44 to deal with this tragic accident. He thanked the staff for representing Tavares in the utmost  
45 professionalism. He wished Councilmember Gamble well in his ministerial duties and said it had  
46 been an honor serving with him.

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1 **Adjournment**

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3 There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Barnett, CMC

12 City Clerk