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**CITY OF TAVARES
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2012
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4:00 p.m.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Wolfe, Mayor
Bob Grenier, Vice Mayor
Normanan Hope, Councilmember
Lori Pfister, Councilmember

ABSENT

Kirby Smith, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

John Drury, City Administrator
Robert Q. Williams, City Attorney
Nancy Barnett, City Clerk
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
Richard Keith, Fire Department
Stoney Lubins, Police Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Robinson, Youth Pastor from First Baptist Church gave the invocation and those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Drury stated that staff wished to pull Tab 5 from the agenda (project management software).

MOTION

Bob Grenier moved to approve the agenda without Tab 5, seconded by Norman Hope. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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2 **MOTION**

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4 **Bob Grenier moved to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 18, 2012 as**
5 **submitted, seconded by Norman Hope. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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7 **V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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9 **Tab 2) Presentation to Council by REP Entertainment**

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11 Ms. Rogers noted Paul Echevarria of REP Entertainment was in attendance in order to make a
12 presentation to Council on the music concert benefit for the baseball program

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14 Mr. Echevarria thanked the City for allowing the benefit to be held in the City. He expressed
15 appreciation to Council and staff members for their support and thanked the community for its
16 sponsorships. He said the weather was not cooperative so the event did not break even;
17 however, REP absorbed the balance. He noted T.J. Scott Roofing had provided a sponsorship of
18 \$250 which he then presented to the Mayor.

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20 **Tab 3) Florida Economic Development Council Deal of the Year Award**

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22 Mr. Neron stated that the City submitted the Osprey Lodge project with its city conduit financing to
23 the Florida Economic Development Council and on a state-wide basis the City has won the award
24 for this project. He said the Tavares facility should be opening in late September or early October.
25 The Mayor presented the award to Mr. Neron.

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27 **Tab 4) Update on Alfred Street Project – BESH Engineering**

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29 Mr. Skutt noted the City has a contract with BESH Engineering to do the engineering and design
30 for the Alfred Street project (90% complete) and a contract to do a standardized streetscaping
31 design for the downtown (50% complete). He stated Mr. Booth was present to give an update on
32 the project and to present streetscaping recommendations and selections that have been chosen
33 by the BESH design team with the assistance of Councilmember Pfister and staff.

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35 Mr. Booth presented a power point presentation detailing the current design of the one way pair,
36 the recommended landscaping and lighting plan, trees, and stormwater area information. He
37 discussed the FDOT planning process. He noted the plan is to have fully permitted bid set ready
38 plans in November. He said the County anticipates bidding out the project in February.

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40 Mayor Wolfe thanked Mr. Booth for his presentation and Councilmember Pfister for her input.

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

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44 Attorney Williams said there is one quasi-judicial matter for agenda tab 11 and 12 pertaining to
45 416 W. Caroline Street rezoning. He asked those who wished to give testimony to be sworn in.
46 Attorney Williams noted there is one other quasi-judicial matter for first reading however per
47 Council policy no testimony will be taken on that item at this meeting (Ordinance #2012-17)

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2 **VII. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD**
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4 Ms. Barnett read the ordinances and resolutions by title only:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2012-17**
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8 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES REZONING APPROXIMATELY**
9 **6.2 ACRES LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 441, WEST OF**
10 **STATE ROAD 19 FROM PD (PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT) TO C-**
11 **2 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS**
12 **AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL;**
13 **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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15 **ORDINANCE 2012-18**
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17 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND**
18 **USE MAP 2020 PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF FUTURE LAND USE**
19 **DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 6.2 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY**
20 **LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 441, WEST OF STATE**
21 **ROAD 19 FROM MUC (MIXED USE COMMERCIAL) TO COM (COMMERCIAL);**
22 **SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED**
23 **BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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25 **ORDINANCE 2012-15**
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27 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, REZONING**
28 **APPROXIMATELY .14 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON**
29 **THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST CAROLINE STREET BETWEEN BARROW AND**
30 **NORTH SINCLAIR AVENUES FROM RMF-2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY)**
31 **TO MU (MIXED USE); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND**
32 **OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL;**
33 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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35 **ORDINANCE 2012-16**
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37 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE**
38 **TAVARES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP 2020,**
39 **PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON**
40 **APPROXIMATELY .14 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON**
41 **THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST CAROLINE STREET BETWEEN BARROW AND**
42 **NORTH SINCLAIR AVENUES; FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO**
43 **MIXED USE COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND**
44 **CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN**
45 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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47 **ORDINANCE 2012-19**

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2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING DIVISION
3 11 OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
4 ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM;
5 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND FEES FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER
6 SUPPLY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT;
7 PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO
8 LAW; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND
9 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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11 ORDINANCE NO. 2012-20

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13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES AMENDING CHAPTER 15,
14 PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE IV, POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION
15 TRUST FUND, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TAVARES;
16 AMENDING SECTION 15-71, DEFINITIONS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF
17 "SALARY"; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR
18 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN
19 CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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21 ORDINANCE 2012-21

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23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF TAVARES CHARTER
24 PERTAINING TO THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR
25 FIVE (5) COUNCIL SEATS TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR
26 TRANSITION; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR AN
27 EFFECTIVE DATE

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30 **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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32 Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone in the audience objected to Tabs 6, 7, and 8.

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34 **MOTION**

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36 **Bob Grenier moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Award of Bid for Woodlea Sports**
37 **Complex for Fencing, Dugouts and Clay; Award of Bid for Construction of Phases 2 and 3**
38 **of the Reclaimed Water Project; and appointment to Lake County Library System Advisory**
39 **Board – Patricia L. Miller], seconded by Norman Hope. The motion was approved**
40 **unanimously 4-0.**

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42 **IX – ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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44 **First Reading**

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46 **Tab 9) Ordinance #2012-17 – Rezoning of 1515 U.S. Hwy 441 (formerly Gator Inlet/Quiet**
47 **Waters) from Planned Development to Highway Commercial – Read for first reading only.**
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1 **Tab 10) Ordinance #2012-18 – Future Land Use Amendment for 151 U.S. Hwy 441 (formerly**
2 **Gator Inlet (Quiet Waters) from Mixed Use Commercial to Commercial) – Read for First**
3 **Reading only.**

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5 **SECOND READING**

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7 **Tab 11) Ordinance #2012-15 – Rezoning of 416 W. Caroline St. from Residential Multi**
8 **Family to Mixed Use**

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10 Mr. Skutt stated this is a request to rezone this property from RMF 2 to Mixed Use. The owner
11 desires to convert part of an existing home located on the property to an office use associated
12 with legal depositions. Adjacent properties are presently zoned Mixed Use. The downtown master
13 plan anticipates that property along these streets will be redeveloped as professional offices,
14 live/work buildings, and small low density residential apartments. The Planning & Zoning Board
15 voted unanimously to approve recommending this rezoning to Council

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

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19 **MOTION**

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21 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Ordinance #2012-15, seconded by Norman Hope. The**
22 **motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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24 **Tab 12) Ordinance #2012-16 – Small Scale Future Land Use Amendment for 416 W.**
25 **Caroline Street**

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27 Mr. Skutt stated this land use amendment will change the land use designation for the property
28 just rezoned from Medium Density Residential to Mixed Use Commercial which is the most
29 appropriate land use category for the same reasons presented under the rezoning application.
30 The Planning & Zoning Board recommended unanimously for approval.

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32 Mayor Wolfe asked for comment from the audience.

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34 **T.J. Fish, 1110 Juniper Court**

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36 Mr. Fish noted he remembered that Caroline on the north side was to have been looked at in
37 whole to do a Comprehensive Plan Amendment. He said rather than do the amendments
38 separately it might be better to look at the properties as a whole.

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40 Mr. Skutt stated that the Planning & Zoning Board had made the same recommendation. He staff
41 is reviewing that and will be bringing that back to Council at a future time.

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43 **MOTION**

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45 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Ordinance #2012-16, seconded by Norman Hope. The**
46 **motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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1 **Tab 19) Ordinance #2012-19 – Alternative Water Supply Program**
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3 Mr. Hayes noted the ordinance details the policies, regulations and enforcement procedures for
4 the alternative water supply program. He said it is anticipated that re-use will begin later this
5 month. The ordinance will support the city’s economic development vision and also is part of the
6 application for a new consumptive use permit from St. John’s River Water Management District.
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8 **MOTION**
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10 **Norman Hope moved to approve Ordinance #2012-19, seconded by Bob Grenier. The**
11 **motion carried unanimously 4-0.**
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13 **Tab 15) Ordinance #2012-20 – Amendment to Police Officer’s Trust Fund to Comply with**
14 **State Statutes – Second Reading**
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16 Ms. Tucker said this ordinance brings the city into compliance with the State Legislature’s
17 adoption of Chapter 2011-2016 which redefines salary in terms of the Police Pension Plan. It is a
18 ministerial action required of Council. She noted it limits the amount of overtime and sick time to
19 be considered compensable under the Pension Plan.
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21 Attorney Williams noted it is an attempt to help curb some of the pension obligations to a city.
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23 Vice Mayor Grenier questioned why it has to be taken to a vote. Attorney Williams stated that
24 under Home Rule the city has the authority to have a police or fire pension plan, and since the
25 city elected to have the plans, the city needs to put the plan in accordance with state law.
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27 **MOTION**
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29 **Norman Hope moved to approve Ordinance #2012-20, seconded by Bob Grenier. The**
30 **motion carried unanimously 4-0.**
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32 **Tab 15) Ordinance #2012-21 – Charter Referendum for the Creation of City Council Seats –**
33 **Second Reading**
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35 Ms. Barnett stated that the ordinance creates ballot language for the referendum as follows:
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37 “Do you favor an amendment to the City of Tavares Charter that would provide for five separate
38 Council seats to be elected at large?”
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40 She noted Normally elected officials are either elected to represent residents in a certain
41 district or they represent all of the residents and are elected “at large” which is how the city
42 election is conducted. If the referendum is passed the ordinance provides a transitional provision
43 for the 2012 election.
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45 Councilmember Hope asked for confirmation that this referendum would not create districts that
46 would require a candidate to live in a particular district. Ms. Barnett said that was correct.
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1 Councilmember Hope stated he understood that through Public Communications there will be
2 information provided to educate the voters so that the voters understand the difference between
3 “seats” and “districts” so they do not think they are voting for districts. Mr. Drury said the draft of
4 the suggested information for the newsletter will be provided to Council for their feedback.
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6 Mayor Wolfe asked for comment from the audience.
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8 **MOTION**
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10 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Ordinance #2012-21, seconded by Norman Hope. The**
11 **motion carried unanimously 4-0.**
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13 **X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**
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15 **Tab 16) Transportation Management System – Revised Interlocal Agreement with the Lake**
16 **Sumter MPO**
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18 Mr. Skutt said the primary difference between this agreement and the existing, is that this
19 agreement gives the cities and towns two rate options. The first option is a base rate that
20 includes the MPO doing all of the data and related services; any other services that the
21 municipality required would be charged at an hourly rate. Option 2 would be an all inclusive rate
22 that includes all of the data and data related services and any other transportation management
23 services. The Option 1 base rate would be \$3,479; the all inclusive rate is \$4,167. Mr. Skutt
24 recommended the all inclusive rate as the most economical which is less than charged this year.
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26 T.J. Fish, Executive Director of the MPO, stated that the system is set up so that it can be used
27 by other departments such as the Police Department for crash data.
28

29 Mr. Fish stated that in August the MPO Board wished to invite the city to submit transportation
30 projects.
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32 **MOTION**
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34 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Option 1 for the revised Interlocal Agreement with the MPO**
35 **with the all inclusive funding option, seconded by Norman Hope. The motion carried**
36 **unanimously 4-0.**
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38 **Tab 17) Request to Develop Display Case of Seaplane History**
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40 Ms. Barnett advised that the City has been invited by the Lake County Historical Society and the
41 Tavares Historical Society to create a display on the city’s visioning and seaplane history. Staff
42 will be developing a display case for each museum that will include some items such as a
43 timeline, photographs, etc. that staff will assemble and install. The City has received an offer of a
44 donation of a seaplane model for the Lake County Museum. The financial impact is a total of
45 \$450.00. Vice Mayor Grenier noted the importance of the history of the visioning process and the
46 impact on the city’s economic development plan. He spoke in support.
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1 **MOTION**

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3 **Norman Hope moved to approve the request to develop the display cases, seconded by**
4 **Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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6 **XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

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8 **XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

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10 **XVIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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12 Mayor Wolfe invited comment from the audience.

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14 **XIV. REPORTS**

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16 **Tab 25) City Administrator**

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18 Mr. Drury noted he had provided information on upcoming meetings. He commented on the
19 construction activity in the city.

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21 **City Clerk**

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23 **City Attorney**

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25 **Finance Department**

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27 **Economic Development**

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29 **Public Communications**

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31 **Fire Department**

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33 **Public Works Department**

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35 **Community Services Department**

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37 **Human Resources**

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39 Ms. Tucker asked those present to keep Ms. Houghton and her family in mind because of the
40 loss of her mother.

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42 **Community Development**

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44 **Tab 26) City Council**

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46 **Councilmember Pfister**

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1 Expressed her enthusiasm for the many projects going on in the downtown.
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3 **Councilmember Hope**
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5 **Vice Mayor Grenier**
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7 Noted he had a good time visiting his parents recently in Chicago but it was good to be back. He
8 commented also on the activities in the downtown.
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10 **Mayor Wolfe**
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12 Commented on the railroad construction activity.
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14 **Adjournment and Reconvening to Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2012-2013**
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16 Mayor Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm for a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened
17 at 5:13 pm
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19 **Tab 27) Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund Budget Summary**
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21 **Presentation by City Administrator**
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23 Mr. Drury stated he would like to review the questions posed on the General Fund from the last
24 meeting. At the next meeting on August 15th, any additional questions will be addressed and
25 discussion will be held on the Enterprise funds.
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- 27 1) Todd Way Circle – the total budget for this project is \$30,440 which is \$15,440 for the
28 road improvements and \$15,000 for the stormwater which was a correction. The HOA has
29 advised it will contribute \$900 toward this project and have stated they will maintain the
30 island annually. This item is currently in the budget.
- 31 2) Water Taxi Vessels – Page 350 of the budget book. The US Coast Guard requires that
32 the boats be removed every five years and the hull be inspected – annual cost of about
33 \$45,000. Staff has been asked to look for smaller boats and sell the boats. Staff has made
34 the request to the federal government and is waiting for a response as they were
35 purchased with federal dollars. Mayor Wolfe asked if the city could wait as long as
36 possible. Mr. Neron said the certification runs out in February or March next year. Mr.
37 Drury said that will save some money so we will probably not be using the full amount. He
38 said there are two options, one is to sell non-certified Coast Guard and the other to sell
39 certified five year Coast Guard. Mr. Drury said staff will come back to Council once the
40 response has been received with the offers from the various bidders.
- 41 3) Request on explaining profit margins on the Seaplane fuel cost. The cost is budgeted at
42 \$100,000 each for aviation and \$100,000 for recreation fuel on page 348. The revenues
43 are on page 341. The revenues are budgeted at \$210,000 so the net is \$10,000 or 5%.
44 The City could increase the markup to 10% or \$20,000. He said with Council consensus
45 the revenues will be increased from 5% to 10%.

- 1 4) Splash Park – reallocation of costs. He noted the categories have been narrowed down to
2 three—prop shop, park maintenance, and splash park division. Some of the costs for
3 staffing are being distributed differently.
- 4 5) Large Splash Park increase that was an error. There are 11 budgeted attendant positions.
5 There was a coding error for the part-time positions on page 359 which will be a decrease
6 when corrected. Councilmember Hope observed it would be helpful to have an
7 explanation at the bottom of the page when changes are made. Mr. Drury said that will be
8 done in the next year’s budget.
- 9 6) Identify other budget reallocations. The Mass Notification System was paid for out of the
10 General Fund. It has been now split evenly between the General Fund, Water, Sewer and
11 Stormwater Fund based on usage. The General Services and fleet maintenance was
12 reallocated more fairly reflecting employee skill set. Vice Mayor Grenier asked how that is
13 determined. Mr. Drury said the department head and the Human Resources Director
14 review the job description, the duties being done and what the market is paying and then
15 make a recommendation to the City Administrator.
- 16 7) Identify any other agency receiving city funding – On page 50: Chamber of Commerce,
17 \$10,000; Tavares Historical Society \$2500 and the Renaissance Faire \$4,000. The Early
18 Childhood Learning Coalition requested \$7,000 and the backup information has been
19 provided. He said since it was cut last year he had not put it in this coming year budget.
- 20 8) Special Events and funding: Exhibit C has been provided to identify all the events and
21 dollar figures and in-kind services. Councilmember Pfister asked about the TBA amount
22 for \$5,000. Mr. Neron said this is an amount put in to cover unanticipated events so as not
23 to go into reserves. Councilmember Pfister asked if the Seaplane Fly Inn and the Planes,
24 Trains and BBQ event could be held at the same time after the property expansion is
25 complete. Mr. Neron said staff is in agreement. Mr. Drury said increased funds will be
26 budgeted when the event is increased. Councilmember Grenier said he would like to see
27 additional participation in the event by the railroad tourist train.
- 28 9) Re-provide council the business plan for the Pavilion on the Lake and address the partial
29 year funding. He said Exhibit E is a copy of the plan that was approved and it includes
30 partial year funding in the event that the pavilion is opened up in the middle of the year.
31 He said it appears that the construction will not be complete until closer to the end of the
32 year and staff is comfortable with reducing the partial year funding from \$103,000 down to
33 \$50,000 which should be sufficient to hire the necessary staff.
- 34 10) Fire Department – more information on the two new positions and its effect on reducing
35 overtime and the budgetary effects of closing one fire station, and the turning of the Fire
36 Department over to the County. He noted the Chief has done a good job on the research
37 and the report to address these issues in Exhibit F. Due to the shortfall in the personnel
38 and the need to cover the department and deal with vacation and sick time, etc., \$270,000
39 was spent in actual overtime (page 122). If two new firefighters are hired this is estimated
40 to be about \$120,000 with pay and benefits. It is estimated overtime can be reduced to
41 \$100,000 so the total savings would be about \$50,000. However, the first year savings are
42 only about \$14,000 due to when the hiring would be done.
- 43 11) Provide cell phone vendor and cost: Exhibit G identifies that information
- 44 12) Provide information on the effect of including not for profits and government buildings in
45 the fire assessment. Mr. Drury said adding not for profits would result in approximately
46 \$135,000 in additional assessment revenue if done 100%. Adding government buildings
47 would result in approximately \$546,000. Governmental units are not required to pay but

1 can choose to and negotiations have been held between cities and counties in other
2 localities.

3 13) Library Carpet: Mr. Drury said this is an additional item due to an individual tripping
4 recently on the older carpet. If the replacement were done throughout the building it would
5 require that the books all be removed and stored at \$25,000 and then the carpet
6 replacement would be about \$25,000. He said Ms. Rogers has requested consideration of
7 doing just the front entrance. For approximately \$10,000 it can be done with commercial
8 vinyl planking. Ms. Rogers discussed this option.
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10 Mr. Drury asked for direction on the flooring. Councilmember Hope said he felt the work should
11 be done and three proposals should be solicited. Councilmember Pfister said she hoped in 2014
12 the civic Center will become part of the library. She said she supported doing the short term
13 solution for the safety reasons. Mr. Drury said staff will put in the \$10,000 as a budget figure but
14 will adjust the budget per the best quote.
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16 Mayor Wolfe thanked Mr. Drury for the information provided. He noted because of the revisions
17 that had been made at this meeting there is a savings of \$87,530 not counting the possibility of
18 the water taxi issue.
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20 Councilmember Hope asked about page 30 under other sources of income for the fire
21 assessment which shows the figure at \$1,569,134. He asked if that was figured at 100%. Mr.
22 Drury said that was correct and it includes lowering the millage to 5.895. Those funds would have
23 to be used in the Fire Department and is why the millage rate can be lowered. Councilmember
24 Hope asked about the transfers to the General Fund and is that about a third of the budget. Mr.
25 Drury said that is correct. Councilmember Hope asked why the transfers from water and sewer
26 were shown twice. Mr. Drury said he would have Ms. Houghton provide that information but that it
27 had to do with the a different way of payment of taxes into the fund.
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29 Councilmember Pfister asked about creating a pet cemetery and selling plots for pets. Mr. Drury
30 said staff can provide a white paper on this topic with the costs and revenues, locations, and
31 other information. Councilmember Pfister asked if there was a plan to sell the Caroline Street
32 property. Mr. Drury said he anticipated that the nursing home may want to increase in size in two
33 or three years which would be a better opportunity.
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35 Audience Participation

36 Mayor Wolfe invited public comment.
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39 Ron Abbey, Shawn Court, Imperial Terrace

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41 Mr. Abbey said the community would like assurance from Council that the Todd Way project will
42 remain in the budget. He discussed the annexation process that had taken place when Imperial
43 Terrace came into the city and the water and sewer project. He reviewed the Todd Way issue and
44 past Council actions. He said he thought the project was approved when Councilmember Smith
45 asked for adequate funding to be found in the next budget.
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1 Mayor Wolfe discussed the initial proposal as a beautification project and then said an issue of
2 drainage and stormwater had come up and the project was then put on hold due to the higher
3 amount required over the original request for a beautification project.
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5 Mr. Abbey said someone had fallen recently and fractured their ribs on the cul de sac.
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7 Mayor Wolfe said he is not willing to vote on anything being in or out of the budget until the
8 budget process is completed. Vice Mayor Grenier concurred. Mr. Drury noted the budget will be
9 voted on in September at two public hearings when it is finalized. Councilmember Pfister said she
10 supported the project.
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12 Don Bias, Todd Way Circle
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14 Mr. Pius said the residents were confused due to the plans he had seen and the actions by
15 Council. He said he did not know where the beautification process had originated.
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17 Barbara Bias, Todd Way
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19 Ms. Bias said she is a member of the Board of Directors at Imperial Terrace and had been asked
20 to speak by the Board. She said the street and the storm drains continue to deteriorate and she
21 reiterated that they witnessed a neighbor tripping on the storm drain. She said they would
22 appreciate it if the City would finalize the project and get it into the budget.
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24 ADJOURNMENT
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26 There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
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28 Respectfully submitted,
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31 _____
32 Nancy Barnett, CMC, City Clerk