

**CITY OF TAVARES
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2014
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4:00 p.m.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENT

Robert Wolfe, Mayor
Lori Pfister, Vice Mayor
Kirby Smith, Councilmember
Robert Speaks, Councilmember
Norman Hope, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

John Drury, City Administrator
Robert Q. Williams, City Attorney
Nancy Barnett, City Clerk
Brad Hayes, Utility Director
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Chris Thompson, Public Works Director
Joyce Ross, Communications Director
Bill Neron, Economic Development Director
Lori Tucker, Human Resources Director
Tammey Rogers, Community Services Director
Richard Keith, Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Rick Fountain, Liberty Baptist Church, gave the invocation and those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Norman Hope. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 **Tab 1) Approval of Minutes – February 19, 2014**

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3 **Robert Speaks moved to approve the City Council minutes of February 19, 2014, seconded**
4 **by Norman Hope. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

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6 **V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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8 **VI. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE CONTACTS**

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10 Attorney Williams noted there were two quasi-judicial items: Tabs 3 and 4 (1120 Lake Dora Drive
11 variance and 111 Medina Drive variance). He swore in those who would be giving testimony.

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13 Council indicated there were no ex-parte communications on these matters.

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15 **VII. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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17 Ms. Barnett read the following resolutions by title only:

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19 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013 – 06**

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21 **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES,**
22 **FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR A COMMUNITY**
23 **THEATER PROJECT INITIATIVE AND ESTABLISHING DONATION**
24 **CONDITIONS FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED**

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27 **RESOLUTION 2014-03**

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29 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, GRANTING A**
30 **VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF TAVARES LAND DEVELOPMENT**
31 **REGULATIONS, TABLE 8-3, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, MINIMUM SIDE**
32 **YARD AND FRONT YARD SETBACKS FOR AN RSF-A ZONING FOR**
33 **PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1120 LAKE DORA DR., TAVARES, FL; SUBJECT**
34 **TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE**
35 **CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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37 **RESOLUTION 2014-05**

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39 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, GRANTING A**
40 **VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF TAVARES LAND DEVELOPMENT**
41 **REGULATIONS BY REDUCING SIDEYARD SETBACKS FOR A PRIVATE**
42 **BOATHOUSE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 MEDINA STREET;**
43 **SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED**
44 **BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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RESOLUTION 2014 - 08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THE JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT 435674-1-38 RELATED TO THE DESIGN OF A SIDEWALK ON STATE ROAD 19.

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone in the audience opposed the Consent Agenda item.

MOTION

Norman Hope moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Agreement for Sale of Tri-City Landfill Property on Frankie’s Road], seconded by Norman Hope. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Tab 3) Resolution #2014-03 – Variance for Residential Setback at 1120 Lake Dora Drive

Mr. Skutt said this variance application is for a reduction of a required side yard setback of 12 ½ feet and a minimum front yard setback for 25 feet on property located at 1120 Lake Dora Drive. The owner desires to build a garage addition on the front of his dwelling with a proposed side yard setback of 11 feet and a proposed front yard setback of 20.2 feet. This lot is a smaller legal non-conforming lot for the RSF-A zoning district which limits the buildable area of this property.

The Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval and staff recommends approval.

Councilmember Speaks asked if all the adjacent property owners were notified and was there any response. Mr. Skutt confirmed they were notified in writing by U.S. mail per requirements of the city’s Land Development Regulations and no objections were received.

Councilmember Smith asked if the east side of the property is currently 9.4 feet. Mr. Skutt confirmed.

MOTION

Kirby Smith moved to approve Resolution #2014-03, seconded by Robert Speaks. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 4) Resolution #2014-05 – Variance for Boathouse – 111 Medina Street

Mr. Skutt explained that this application is for a reduction of a required minimum side yard setback of 10 feet from a lot line that would project out into Lake Dora for a proposed covered

1 boat slip. This parcel of property consists of two tracks of land. One is located on the north side of
2 Lake Dora Drive and one is located on the south side. The single family dwelling is situated on
3 the north track. The south track which is only 25.6 feet wide provides access to Lake Dora. The
4 owner desires to build a new 1031 square yard covered boat slip with an attached 165 square
5 foot open deck. The required side yard setback for this boathouse is 10 feet in an RSF-1 zoning.
6 The width of the lake tract does not provide sufficient distance for this setback. The applicant is
7 proposing to construct up to the lot line with no setbacks
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9 The applicant has received FDEP approval of the construction plans. The proposed boat slip is
10 similar in character and size to numerous other boathouses along this shoreline. The Planning &
11 Zoning Board recommended unanimously for approval and staff recommends approval.
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13 Councilmember Speaks asked about notification and whether there was any objection. Mr. Skutt
14 confirmed the notification and that no objections had been received.
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16 **MOTION**

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18 **Robert Speaks moved for approval of Resolution #2014-05, seconded by Norman Hope.**
19 **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**
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21 **Tab 5) Resolution #2014-06 – Establishing Policy Guidelines for Community Theater**
22 **Donations**
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24 Ms. Houghton discussed past discussions and Council's approval of establishing a process to
25 receive donations for a small community theater program. The resolution establishes the
26 restricted fund and sets forth donation conditions. One donation has been received thus far and
27 the donor has asked that the City Council consider including a performing arts and cultural center
28 as part of the project. An amended resolution has been provided for Council's consideration to
29 include this component.
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31 Mr. Drury noted that this addition would appeal to a broader audience and enhance the donations
32 and eventual self sustainability.
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34 Vice Mayor Pfister stated she is excited about this project and has received support from the
35 community. She invited the Tavares Water Entertainment District representative to speak.
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37 **Lou Buigas, 206 W. Main Street, Tavares**
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39 Ms. Buigas stated the district has been sharing this information and has received over 27
40 donations totaling \$2300 just in the last few weeks. She said the community is excited and the
41 Chief Public Defender Mike Graves has given his support noting that "arts define the quality of the
42 community."
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44 **Charlotte Hope, Tavares**
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1 Ms. Hope said she is very much in favor of this initiative. She said she grew up in Winter Park
2 and was active in cultural activities from her youth. She said the arts are an important component
3 in helping children stay active.
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5 Beth Ann Gause, Tavares
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7 Ms. Gause said she is supportive of this project. She noted art is a part of everyone's daily lives
8 and that she comes from a family of local artists. She said art gives energy and vibrancy to a
9 community to connect with others. She added that art is a universal language.
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11 Council Discussion
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13 Mayor Wolfe asked Vice Mayor Pfister where she thought the center would be located. Vice
14 Mayor Pfister responded that the location would hopefully be on property that is not currently on
15 the tax roll. Mayor Wolfe said that condition was not part of the vote previously which was why he
16 had voted against it. He said he supports the project but believes there are sufficient properties in
17 the downtown without taking the property off the tax roll. Vice Mayor Pfister acknowledged that is
18 the goal.
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20 Councilmember Smith said he wanted to ensure the issue before Council is only to do with
21 bringing in donations that include cultural arts and performing arts. Vice Mayor Pfister said it
22 changes nothing but it would encompass a larger facility than just a community theater.
23 Councilmember Smith he wanted to ensure this vote is only to allow the city to receive donations.
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25 Mr. Drury said the city will let the public know that the city has developed a depository of
26 restricted funds for the donation towards the concept of constructing a performing theater and
27 cultural center. Once sufficient number of donations has been received, then phase two will be
28 identifying locations, etc. Councilmember Smith said he wanted the public to understand that the
29 city is not involved with the project other than just receiving the money. Mr. Drury said that was
30 correct. He said updates will be provided to Council on the fund's status and at some point if
31 there is sufficient interest in moving it forward to the next level, staff will come back to Council and
32 describe that interest. Councilmember Smith asked once there are sufficient funds and the city is
33 ready to turn over those funds, who would be receiving them. Mr. Drury said the level of interest
34 will be defined by the group that creates the LLC to be the performing arts center group.
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36 Mayor Wolfe encouraged Vice Mayor Pfister to approach PALS [Performing Arts at Lake Sumter].
37 Vice Mayor Pfister said she had approached that group a couple of years ago but they had not
38 been interested.
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40 **MOTION**
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42 **Lori Pfister moved to approve Option 1 [amend Resolution #2012-06 to include a**
43 **Performing Arts and Cultural Center component as part of the Community Theater Project**
44 **and Approve Resolution 2014-06 as amended], seconded by Robert Speaks. The motion**
45 **carried unanimously 5-0.**
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1 **Tab 6) Resolution #2014-08 – Joint Participation Agreement with FDOT for Design of**
2 **Sidewalk along SR 19**
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4 Mr. Thompson stated the sidewalk will be installed along SR 19 from Slim Haywood up to Lane
5 Park Cut Off. There is a gap of about 3400 feet and with a high level of traffic and adjacent
6 schools and residences. FDOT has approved funding for the design and construction of the
7 sidewalk. It is anticipated that once the design is completed and the engineer has provided an
8 estimate for cost of construction, FDOT will award the grant to the city in the future. They have
9 also approved to utilizing Griffey Engineering for the design. The fiscal impact is \$30,200.00 from
10 FDOT with no matching requirement.
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12 Mayor Wolfe noted 3400 feet is a significant gap and he supported the project. Councilmember
13 Smith asked about the construction funding. Mr. Thompson said FDOT requires that a design be
14 developed first. Mr. Drury noted the city is fairly certain that FDOT will provide the funding for
15 construction. Councilmember Speaks asked about the amount of existing pedestrian traffic. Mr.
16 Thompson said there is a middle school, the Bragg training center, the Chet Lemon sports
17 complex, a couple of residential developments on the one end, and on the other end, there are a
18 number of residential communities. Mr. Drury said in addition there are some other projects being
19 considered in that area plus the School Board and the state have held discussions about cities
20 being responsible in the future for paying 100% of the cost of sidewalks.
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22 Mr. Thompson said this area was identified in the Safe Routes to Schools study. He said he has
23 walked the area and it has fast traffic, is hilly, and has limited visibility.
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25 Councilmember Smith commended Mr. Thompson for being proactive.
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27 **MOTION**
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29 **Kirby Smith moved to approve Resolution #2014-08, seconded by Robert Speaks. The**
30 **motion carried unanimously 5-0.**
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32 **X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**
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34 **Tab 7) Request to Provide Reclaimed Water for Fire Protection at Hickory Point**
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36 Mr. Hayes advised that this is a request by the Lake County Water authority to provide reclaimed
37 water for fire protection for its new office building to meet fire flow requirements. The reclaimed
38 line runs down SR 19 and ends at the Hickory Point facility. During the planning stages for
39 reclaimed water this facility was incorporated into the plan as a potential customer.
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41 Mr. Hayes said the existing potable water line is not sufficiently sized to meet adequate fire flows
42 for the new proposed administration building. The reclaimed line is sufficiently sized as it has the
43 capacity to constantly flow 1000 gallons a minute at 62 psi. This request could also open up other
44 opportunities to provide reclaimed water at Hickory Point, such as watering the soccer fields
45 which currently use the city's potable water. The reclaimed fire hydrant also opens up a
46 relatively new and a rare concept of using reclaimed water for fire protection for the business
47 community. This has only been done in about two communities in the State of Florida. The

1 hydrant is painted purple to inform both the fire fighters and the public that reclaimed water is
2 being utilized.

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4 Mr. Hayes noted the city's past practice has been to require annexation when providing water
5 utilities. This property has not annexed into the city. He discussed various options for Council
6 consideration. He noted Mike Perry [Executive Director] of the Water Authority was present.

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8 Council Discussion

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10 Councilmember Hope stated he liked Option #5 [authorize the request to connect to reclaimed
11 was with no annexation required and no fire assessment fee] except that he did not want to tie it
12 to annexation. He said when the pros and cons are weighed he did not see it coming out on the
13 positive side for Tavares to insist that they annex but he did feel they should pay their
14 proportionate share of the fire assessment. Councilmember Speak said he agreed.

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16 Mayor Wolfe asked if Mr. Perry was able to comment regarding the fire assessment.

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18 Mr. Perry said it would be a question to be answered by the Water Authority Board. He said they
19 had looked at several options including the size of the current well. The pump would have to be
20 increased and a 100,000 storage tank would be required to be installed, or the building would
21 have to be re-designed with different materials, etc. The option to use the reclaimed seemed to
22 be the best option and provide an opportunity to get the soccer fields off the well. Councilmember
23 Smith asked if Mr. Perry was saying that this was not only for the fire hydrant but would also be
24 used to water the soccer fields. Mr. Perry said that was the concept but it is not the immediate
25 proposal. This is a request made in order to move forward with the permitting of the building.

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27 Councilmember Speaks said it would be a good step if the Board will approve paying the fire
28 assessment fee and moving from using the potable water would be a win win for everyone. he
29 said he preferred Option #4 [authorize the request to connect to reclaimed water subject to
30 annexation sometime in the future and agreeing to pay its proportionate share of the Fire
31 Assessment fee upon request]. Vice Mayor Pfister said she supported Option #4. She said she
32 did not think annexation necessarily benefited the city financially would want the fire assessment
33 to be paid.

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35 Mr. Drury said this would be a #7 option, which would be for the Council to authorize the Water
36 Authority to connect to the reclaimed water subject to paying their proportionate fair share of the
37 fire assessment with no requirement to annex in. Councilmember Speaks said he agreed. Mayor
38 Wolfe said he felt #4 still met that description. Mr. Drury said an agreement would have to be
39 negotiated. Councilmember Smith said there is already an agreement.

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41 MOTION

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43 **Lori Pfister moved to approve Option #7 [to authorize the Water Authority to connect to**
44 **the reclaimed facility subject to paying their proportionate fair share of fire assessment**
45 **with no requirement for annexation], seconded by Norman Hope. The motion carried 4-1**
46 **as follows:**

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1	Robert Wolfe	Yes
2	Lori Pfister	Yes
3	Robert Speaks	Yes
4	Norman Hope	Yes
5	Kirby Smith	No

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7 Councilmember Smith requested that the agreement to pay the fire assessment be iron clad
8 because of what happened to the past agreement.
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10 Attorney Williams noted the fire assessment is billed on the utility bill and this will probably require
11 a different kind of utility account since it is only for a fire hydrant.
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13 **Tab 8) Agreement with MPO for Pavement Management Plan**
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15 Mr. Thompson stated the objective is to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Interlocal
16 with the Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop the city's multi-year pavement
17 management program. Mr. Thompson reviewed the history regarding the surveying of the
18 pavement condition inventory done previously of all the city streets. He said the city is now in a
19 position to have a five year plan developed that addresses the continued maintenance of all
20 paved roads. The MPO has completed similar plans for Sumter County and the City of Eustis.
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22 Staff previously budgeted \$37,500 in the current year budget in two separate accounts: one in
23 roads and one in sidewalks for this plan to be developed. Staff has negotiated a contract with the
24 MPO in the amount of \$34,965 to complete this plan. Of that amount, \$1665 is for the MPO
25 Administrative and Management coordination costs and \$33,300 is for the sub-consulting fees
26 through a firm out of Orlando (BHB). This plan will develop a prioritized listing of streets slated for
27 repair and/or replacement throughout the city and the associated estimated costs for budgetary
28 purposes for the next five years and beyond. It will also include a Phase 1 assessment for city
29 sidewalks and ramps in the CRA related to ADA compliancy.
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31 Mr. Drury stated he is excited about this project and noted this was mentioned in the Council
32 discussion of budget goals. He noted a lot of the subdivisions in the outlying areas have never
33 had their road repaved. He said reasonable annual appropriations will be recommended to
34 address streets falling into the categories needing re-paving. He added this is a good project for
35 budgetary purposes for this Council and future councils.
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37 **Council Discussion**
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39 Mayor Wolfe noted the city had paid in 2011 to have the streets rated one to ten. Mr. Thompson
40 said that scale gave the information on the rating but not recommendations on prioritizing or the
41 type of repair. Mr. Drury noted the previous plan did not give the city how many miles will be
42 done, what will be the cost to repave, when will it budgeted and what is a reasonable annual
43 appropriation for a certain amount of roads. He said this project is to take all of the relevant data
44 and put it into a management tool.
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46 Councilmember Speaks said he has been on and off Council since 1998 and this has been a
47 subject he has brought forward many times. He said he is glad to see the city finally taking action.

1 Councilmember Hope discussed the process this had followed with the MPO Board noting
2 several other communities are part of this initiative. Mr. Drury commented that having this study
3 will make the grant acquisition process in the future much easier as it will provide data and
4 analysis as backup.

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6 Councilmember Smith discussed the previous funds that had spent on this item noting the city
7 has hired a Budgetary Analyst. He asked Attorney Williams about provision #2.

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9 Attorney Williams stated provision #2 is a pass through by the MPO. The city will be contracting
10 with the MPO and the MPO has the contract with the MPO. The MPO will pay out all of the fees
11 (\$34,965) except for the \$1665.00 administrative fee. Attorney Williams noted the MPO has the
12 requirement to provide a deliverable but they will not do the “hands on” work. He said if the sub
13 consultant does not follow through, it is the MPO’s obligation to provide a remedy.
14 Councilmember Smith noted the one year contract can be extended for six months. He asked if
15 the one year contract would provide five years worth of data and a five year budget plan. Mr.
16 Thompson stated that is correct. Attorney Williams confirmed it is a capped amount.

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18 **MOTION**

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20 **Robert Speaks moved to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Interlocal**
21 **Agreement with the MPO relating to the pavement management program in the amount of**
22 **\$34,965 (\$1665 MPO Administrative and Management Coordination Costs and \$33,300**
23 **MPO Sub-Consulting Fees), seconded by Norman Hope. The motion carried unanimously**
24 **5-0.**

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26 **Tab 9) Update on the Tavares Pavilion the Lake**

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28 Ms. Rogers stated she and Ms. Ross will be providing the update. In terms of construction, the
29 roof framing and interior conference ceilings are 100% complete. Next week they will begin
30 installing the metal roofing and bricking the columns for the gasoline. The exterior siding will also
31 begin next week. She reported that three weddings have been booked in addition to the Tavares
32 High School reunion for September 27. In addition there are other prospects under discussion.
33 She said the Arts in Public Places program has collected five, \$1000 donations and another
34 \$4500 is in a restricted fund from the memory plaque program which gives a total of \$9500
35 towards the art for the pavilion.

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37 Ms. Rogers showed a photograph of the back staircase being manufactured in Wisconsin noting
38 it will be delivered unfinished and then will be re-assembled in Florida. On the front of the building
39 there will be another wood staircase which was required per fire code.

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41 Ms. Ross discussed the pavilion identity and how the team process to establish this identity. She
42 reviewed the history when Council voted to name the building “Tavares Pavilion on the Lake.”
43 She said two criteria were focused on: building on a historic foundation and defining this as the
44 place “where you want to be.” She said the committee wanted to incorporate the colors, the look
45 and feel of the pavilion and to capture a spirit of being tropical, fresh and modern as a unique
46 venue. She presented the pavilion logo that will go into all of the marketing and advertising
47 materials. She noted that the shadowed outline of the facility and pier demonstrate the elegant

1 structure and is also a nod to the history from 1914. The leaf and the orange flowers will tie in
2 with the landscaping which will be mostly oranges, reds, and yellows. This will be used to focus
3 on national marketing. She then discussed the web site information that is under development.
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5 Ms. Rogers recommended that Council approve the web site presence and marketing identity
6 that has been presented. Ms. Rogers noted that Vice Mayor Pfister was on the committee and
7 had been given this information prior to the meeting.
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9 Council Discussion

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11 Councilmember Smith said he was disappointed that there is no seaplane incorporated in the
12 design. Ms. Ross noted the logo will be adapted for each of the advertising/marketing pieces that
13 are designed and other symbols such as seaplanes, boats, etc. can be added depending on the
14 focus of the marketing. Discussion followed with Council expressing agreement of the identity
15 theme but also indicating a desire to see the seaplane incorporated.
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17 MOTION

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19 **Kirby Smith moved to approve the web site and design with the hope that a seaplane can**
20 **be incorporated, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**
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22 Ms. Rogers stated there was a very positive response to the recruitment efforts of the pavilion
23 manager. She then introduced the new manager in attendance, Brad Kuklas. She said Mr. Kuklas
24 has brought extensive experience that will be an asset in his position.
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26 Tab 10) Discussion on the Permitting of Wind Signs

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28 Mr. Skutt stated that Section 21.3 of the city's Land Development Regulations presently prohibits
29 wind signs. The definition is "signs that consist of one or more banners, flags, pendants, ribbons,
30 spinners, streamers or captive balloons or other objects fastened in such manner as to move
31 upon being supported to pressure by wind; except as permitted in Section 21.15 of the
32 regulations." Section 21-15 allows banner type signs for permitted special events or outside sales
33 events.
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35 Mr. Skutt said that since so many of these signs are being used, staff is requesting direction on
36 whether Council would like staff to enforce the present code or whether to prepare an amended
37 ordinance to regulate these signs differently. He noted he had provided three options: take no
38 action, prepare an amendment to allow a limited number for a limited amount of time, or amend to
39 remove the prohibition. He stated that staff recommends Option 2.
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41 Charlotte Hope

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43 Ms. Hope commented that this week there were 17 wind signs in front of a local subdivision that
44 she did not think it added to the business. She said perhaps if it was limited to special events but
45 the number of signs have gotten out of hand and look trashy.
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47 Council Discussion

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2 Councilmember Speaks said he agreed and said there a lot of signs in the median strips and
3 rights of way which he believed needed to be removed. He said he could agree with allowing
4 some for a special event for a limited amount of time adding that he understood the Code
5 Enforcement officer has limited time.

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7 Councilmember Smith said staff has recommended a limited number for a limited amount of time
8 but that he believed that is unenforceable. He said his option (#4) is a limited number of wind
9 signs allowed within a specific space on private property for an unlimited amount of time.

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11 Councilmember Speaks suggested it be done by permit only.

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13 Councilmember Hope said the city has sign ordinances and that this would be enforceable if a
14 permit is required. He expressed his concern regarding the condition of the signs and distraction
15 on the roads. He said he would like to have the ordinance modified, perhaps allowing for a
16 specific length of time, limited number and period of time.

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18 Mr. Drury discussed the issue of enforceability in more detail including the issue of the code
19 enforcement process. He said it would be easier for staff if Council were to direct staff to comply
20 with the current ordinance however he has had experience with a similar ordinance regarding a
21 permit when he was in Vermont. He asked Chief Lubins to comment.

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23 Chief Lubins stated snipe signs are illegal and are more straight forward to enforce. He agreed
24 the wind signs may pose an enforcement issue. Mr. Drury discussed an option for attaching a
25 permit to the sign.

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27 Mayor Wolfe noted that signs are often posted for the weekend after regular working hours and
28 he was not sure this would be effective.

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30 Vice Mayor Pfister asked Mr. Neron about any impact on economic development noting it is
31 difficult to regulate. She said she would rather enforce the current code.

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33 **MOTION**

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35 **Lori Pfister moved to enforce the current ordinance, seconded by Robert Speaks.**

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37 Councilmember Smith said he wanted to ensure the city is not overly restrictive.

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

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41 **Robert Wolfe** Yes
42 **Lori Pfister** Yes
43 **Robert Speaks** Yes
44 **Norman Hope** Yes
45 **Kirby Smith** No

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47 Mayor Wolfe mentioned a future discussion of tent sales.

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2 **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

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4 **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

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6 **XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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8 Mayor Wolfe asked for public comment for anything not on the agenda.

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10 **XIV. REPORTS**

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12 **Tab 14) City Administrator**

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14 Mr. Drury said there was a meeting recently on the gas tax distribution. He said there was good
15 discussion and Mr. Myers (Executive Director of Lake County League of Cities) will organize a
16 meeting with all of the elected officials appointed by the Council to discuss how to share the gas
17 tax distribution for the next 20 years. Once the officials have met and discussed this matter every
18 Council will be asked to vote on four options. Once all 14 cities have voted, the population will be
19 tallied and if 50% plus one, vote on one option that will be the option. If 50% plus one do not
20 agree, then it goes to State Statute which will be the option.

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22 **City Clerk**

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24 Ms. Barnett recognized her brother and sister in law, Tom and Gay Freeman in attendance who
25 were visiting from Dallas, Texas.

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27 **Human Resources**

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29 **Economic Development**

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31 Mr. Neron discussed the Jet Ski drag racing and Orange Blossom marathon events noting there
32 were many people in attendance.

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34 **Public Works**

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36 Mr. Thompson said there will be free bagged leaf pick up on the March 17th and March 24th
37 weekends.

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39 **Public Communications**

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41 Ms. Ross said the new web site will be going live on Friday and will provide a fresh new look with
42 new modules that will enhance the site. She invited feedback.

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44 **Utility Department**

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46 **Police Department**

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1 **Community Services**

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3 Ms. Rogers thanked Council for participating on the Babe Ruth opening day events. She said this
4 Friday at 7:00 p.m. the Recreation Department will be showing a movie on the baseball field.
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6 **Fire Department**

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8 **Community Development**

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10 **Finance Department**

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12 **City Attorney**

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14 Attorney Williams reported that the judge granted the Hubbard foreclosure which will be April 30th
15 (the building that was removed behind Eldrodt building). Mr. Drury asked if this was the first time
16 the judge had agreed that the city's lien was in front of another lien. Attorney Williams said that
17 the city's fire assessment and utility lien ordinance now allow the city to place liens that will not be
18 eliminated at foreclosure.
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20 **Tab 15) City Council**

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22 **Vice Mayor Pfister**

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24 Vice Mayor Pfister said she had been unable to attend the Babe Ruth festivities as she was out of
25 town but she was very impressed with the logo on the ball field. Mr. Drury said the logo was done
26 by Wendell Hunt. Vice Mayor Pfister thanked Jerad Purvis of the Public Works department who
27 assisted on the weekend with a welding matter. She thanked Wendell Hunt and Perry Ragin. She
28 said she also wanted to thank the Tavares Waterfront Entertainment District for raising the funds
29 for the community theater project.
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31 **Councilmember Hope**

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33 **Councilmember Speaks**

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35 Councilmember Speaks commented that every year the city publishes its waste pickup schedule
36 and Martin Luther King and President's Day is missed. Ms. Ross said it was not there because
37 those events are after the holidays. Ms. Ross said the new list is provided at the end of February.
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39 Councilmember Speaks commended Mr. Thompson on the effort he is making to get the
40 sidewalks repaired.
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42 **Councilmember Smith**

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44 Councilmember Smith stated the Babe Ruth opening day was fantastic and the kids seemed very
45 enthusiastic. He expressed appreciation to the Parks and Recreation staff.
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1 Councilmember Smith said on this day on March 5th, Amarillo Texas was the first city to celebrate
2 Mother's Day. Also on this day in 1997, South Korea and North Korea talked for the first time in
3 25 years.

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5 **Mayor Wolfe**

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7 Mayor Wolfe thanked Ms. Rogers for the opening day events and noted he had been approached
8 that day by residents about having a seaplane flyover (which had not been possible due to the
9 weather).

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11 **Adjournment**

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13 There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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