

City of Tamarac
City Commission - Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez called the Wednesday, May 13, 2020, City Commission Meeting, being held virtually, to order at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Vice Mayor Bolton, Commissioner Gelin, Commissioner Julie Fishman, Commissioner Placko were in attendance.

Also present were City Manager Michael C. Cernech, City Attorney Sam Goren, and City Clerk Jennifer Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Placko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCEDURES FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

City Attorney, Sam Goren, reviewed the procedures related to hosting and managing a virtual public meeting in accordance with Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-69, amended by Executive Order 20-112, and the City of Tamarac's order, which was adopted at the April 22, 2022, City Commission meeting.

1. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Gomez stated we have several Proclamations on the agenda and stated they would not be read; however, they would be distributed to the respective recipients following the meeting.

a) Arthur Schorr – 100-Year-Old Veteran

Requested by Mayor Gomez

b) Jennifer Passino – Tamarac Teacher

Requested by Commissioner Gelin

c) Haitian Heritage Month

Requested by Vice Mayor Bolton

d) Mental Health Month

Requested by Vice Mayor Bolton

e) National Hospital Week

Requested by Commissioner Gelin

f) Women League of Voters – Safe Storage Month

Requested by Mayor Gomez

h) Home Rule Hero – Commissioner Julie Fishman

Requested by Mayor Gomez. Mayor Gomez commended Commissioner Fishman on her third recognition as a Home Rule Hero and thanked her for her continued effort fighting for the City of Tamarac

i.) IEMO Course Level III – Vice Mayor Bolton, Commissioner Fishman, and Commissioner Gelin

Requested by the Florida League of Cities. Mayor Gomez commended each member on the completion of the "The Leadership Challenge" course and for their continued dedication XXXXX

2. CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

a. Vice Mayor Bolton

Vice Mayor Bolton thanked the Mayor [Gomez] for acknowledging the receipt of the certificate. Bolton stated he remains active in his community. He stated his phone is still on and his phone number is 954-275-3850 and 954-597-3463 and he is on Facebook at Facebook.com/Commissioner Bolton. He stated Sunday was Mother's Day, and he is pleased to wish all the mothers in the City a wonderful Mother's Day. May is Mental Health Month and he posted a video on the subject to his Facebook page, and it highlights the importance of the observance.

b. Commissioner Gelin

Commissioner Gelin stated he will be at University Hospital today recognizing our Healthcare Heroes. Gelin stated he was late to previous meeting because he was helping with the first food giveaway event. Gelin thanked Vice Mayor Bolton for letting him help out on his facemask initiative. He stated Broward County issued an order that made face masks mandatory but not a venue to provide or make face masks. It was proactive on Vice Mayor Bolton's part and it filled an important need. Gelin stated we are days away from reopening, and I don't think it is a good idea to reopen. Dr. Fauci stated on television that if we don't open properly, we are open for much work in the fall. Gelin stated a comparison to the Ford Pinto and the cost of a person's life. He thanked Broward County Mayor Dale Holness, Broward County Commissioner, Michael Udine, Vice Mayor Bolton and State Representatives Anika Omphroy and Dan Daley for their assistance with the Hospital Hero's event.

c. Commissioner Fishman

Commissioner Fishman stated Happy Mother's Day, and it was quiet, but enjoyable. Fishman congratulated her former Community Engagement Liaison, Gabi DeSilva, who graduated from FIU [Florida International University] with a master's degree in Global Affairs, Corporate Risks and Social Responsibility today.

d. Commissioner Placko

Commissioner Placko stated the parade in Kings Point, for our 100-year-old Veteran Arthur Schorr was incredible. Placko stated she did not want to make light of what is going on; however, I have really seen the good side of people. Neighbors are helping neighbors. They are shopping for one another. I have even seen neighbors sharing toilet paper. Another neighbor went up to Lake Worth and bought vegetables and brought them back to share. Placko stated one her residents came up with the idea of blue ribbons to show support of first responders. Placko provided a picture of blue ribbons tied around mailboxes, trees at the front of community entrances. Mother's Day was strange this year, but we all got through it, and it will be better next year. Placko stated she has received many calls, from both sides, about reopening. I think we are rushing it, just my personal opinion, and if you are uncomfortable going out don't.

e. Mayor Gomez

Mayor Gomez stated she has seen the blue ribbons and she loves it. University Hospital is putting out signs on their lawn Friday morning as well. If you can get signs, bring it to the lobby and they will put them out. Also, thank you to Florida Medical Center and Broward County and Coral Springs hospitals. Gomez stated it has been a busy two weeks and the fun part has been celebrating the 100-year-old, 99-year-old birthdays. People still living, despite such unprecedented times, and we are getting through this. Gomez stated she has had the pleasure of being on various calls including the White House briefing, Division of Emergency Management, US Conference of Mayors, Florida League of Mayors and the best conferences have been the calls with the Broward County Mayors and Mayor Holness. We have had Dr. Fauci and State Surgeon General Scott A. Rivkees on our calls, and the concern is reopening and making sure it is done smart. Those recommendations have been provided and reviewed. It must be done on a regional basis, and it is because we travel. It is going to be important that businesses and consumers do their part. It is not a mass opening Monday, and we have some more information forthcoming from the City Manager and Broward County. There is food drive at Christian Life Center right now, and it has been a pleasure to serve with them as well the Korean Methodist

Church and the Christian Life Center. People are coming from all over the County, and it is not just Tamarac residents. The assistance will continue. Gomez thanked all the essential personal as well as our employees who are doing an amazing job keeping our city going. Gomez stated it was also Public Works Week and she thanked the Public Services Department for everything they do. She thanked our nurses, hospitals, and teachers for keeping a positive attitude. Gomez reminded everyone to tune in at 7:15 p.m. tomorrow the Virtual Town Hall being hosted by Senator Perry Thurston. The meeting will feature Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie. Tomorrow at 1 p.m. I will be with the CEO of University Hospital to answer questions related to what the hospital is doing to keep people comfortable for elective procedures. Gomez stated, stay safe, stay healthy and keep doing what you are doing.

3. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney, Sam Goren, stated the Broward League of Cities would be hosting a 2-hour virtual Ethics Course on May 22. Goren stated Broward County amended their Ethics Code, by Ordinance 20-20, May 5, 2020. The changes are relative to charitable fundraising, receipt of donations, posting such notices on social media and in newsletters. Goren stated the office has sent a memo to each explaining, and the amendment would be discussed further during the upcoming training.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT

a. COVID-19 Status Update and City Operations
City Manager, Michael Cernech, provided an update on the status of City operations and preparedness details related to reopening following orders from Governor DeSantis and Broward County. Cernech stated City Hall will remain closed for now. Fire Chief Percy Sayles, Chief Building Official Claudio Grande, Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Warner, Director of Public Services Jack Strain, Senior Strategic Communications Officer, Elise Boston, and Economic Development Manager Lori Funderwhite provided a presentation related to current operations. A copy of the presentation on file in the City Clerk's Office.

b. Investment Report – November 2019

c. Investment Report – December 2019

d. Investment Report – January 2020

e. Investment Report – February 2020

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Gomez opened for public participation and read instructions for public access during a virtual meeting.

1. Dan Daley, Florida Representative – District 97, joined the meeting telephonically. Daley emphasized that resident safety is the number one priority with reopening. He provided data on the number of unemployment applications and called the system a disaster. He offered to help individuals who were having trouble with the system as best he could. Daley also stated employees who file a 1099, can now apply for assistance by filing the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) form. Finally, Daley stated he is hosting a virtual story time Friday's at 1:30 for children, and he would be making congratulations videos for any seniors who are interested.

Mayor Gomez asked the City Clerk if there were any comments submitted via email.

City Clerk Johnson, read the following comments submitted via email or Facebook into the record.

2. Kimberly Hastings – During COVID-19 are water bills supposed to be assessed the late fee? If no, then mine has. I've been paying as I have during this time. I did pay on it yesterday.
3. Ronald Coles – Is Jones Park for Dogs open now? Thanks. Ron Coles in the Woodlands.
4. Philher1@gmail.com – Hi. Can you tell me if these [tennis courts] will open soon in On the Green, Jasmine community?
5. Elvira Santana – When are you opening up the salons....restaurants...barbershops....stores....if Walmart homedepot are open and thdy do a horrible job social distancing..litrle venue can do social distancing in a much better way. Family are losing ther bu...
6. Debbie Fine – When can we expect city pools open? It would be nice for seniors to at least be able to use pools first thing in the morning.
7. Leslie Castillo – Hi there. Thank you for all the emails regarding the Covid-19 information. I'm a bit confused with the last email sent out on May 7th stating that the parks were extending hours to 7:30PM. I just went to the park on southgate and university and the man there told me they closed at 6PM/ As far as I know that is a park of Tamarac, so I'm not sure why if that was effective today Monday, May 11th. I f you could please explain this, I'd greatly appreciate it.
8. Ariel DuVerney Gattison [from Facebook] – Mask awareness needs to be addressed within Tamarac's communities...
9. Martha Hamm, of 8307 NW 74 Avenue, Tamarac, joined the meeting by telephone. Hamm thanked everyone that has been done in the community and stated she has lived in the City for 22 years and loves it, however, there has been a problem with noise in the last 3-to-4 months. She has called the non-emergency number on several occasions and has not received any assistance. Mayor Gomez told Ms. Hamm that the City would contact her directly to follow up.
10. Judy Hunter [from Facebook] – Hello, Thank you Vice Mayor Bolton for the face masks and all of your assistance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of the Feb. 26, 2020, City Commission Minutes

b. TR13417 – Replacement of water valve at the intersection of W. McNab Road and NW 8th Ave.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, approving the piggy-back of an Agreement with GT General Contractors, LLC, utilizing pricing from an Agreement obtained through a formal competitive process by the City of Coral Springs, Florida (Bid No. 19-B-063F) valid to August 20, 2021 and any subsequent renewal options may be extended by any renewal options as approved by the City of Coral Springs; authorizing an expenditure for the contract amount of \$99,726.00, a contingency in the amount of \$29,917.80 will be added to the project account for a total project budget of \$129,643.80, to replace a 24-inch water valve; authorizing additional expenditures not to exceed the annual budgeted amount for additional work within the scope of this contract for budgeted water distribution system upgrades; authorizing an expenditure from the appropriate accounts; authorizing the appropriate City officials to administer the contract; authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute contract renewals; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

c. TR13406 – Approve Design of Buffer Wall Phase VI

A Resolution of the City commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, approving execution of Task Authorization No. 20-13D with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Permitting of the Citywide Buffer Wall Project Phase VI (Prospect Road), which is generally located on the north side of Prospect Road from 250' west of NW 15th Avenue to 50' west of NW 19th Way, in accordance with the City's Continuing Services Agreement as authorized by Resolution R-2016-80; authorizing an expenditure for said purpose in an amount not to exceed \$89,439.00; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

d. TR13411 – Confirming Appointment of Philip E. Forsberg III as the 5th Trustee to the Police Pension Board

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, confirming appointment of Philip E. Forsberg, III as the 5th member Trustee of the Police Pension Board to serve a two-year term ending February 19, 2022 or until new appointments are made; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

e. TR13423 – Amendment to Additional Three-Cent Local Option Gas Tax Agreement

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, approving the 2020 Amendment to the interlocal agreement between Broward County and the City of Tamarac providing for division and distribution of the proceeds from the Broward County Additional Three-Cent Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel Ordinance; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

f. TR13424 – Amendment to Additional Fifth-Cent Local Option Gas Tax Agreement

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, approving the 2020 Amendment to interlocal agreement between Broward County and the City of Tamarac providing for division and distribution of the proceeds from the Broward County Additional Fifth-Cent Local Option Gas tax on Motor Fuel Ordinance; authorizing the appropriate city officials to execute the 2020 Amendment to Interlocal Agreement; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

g. TR13425 – Confirming Appointment of Omar Jirau and Steven Korte as Elected Trustees to the Firefighter Pension Board of Trustees

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, confirming appointment of Omar Jirau and Steven Korte as Firefighter Elected Trustees of the Firefighter Pension Board to each serve a four-year term ending May 13, 2024, or until new appointments are made; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

h. TR13426 – Denouncing White Supremacy

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, condemning and denouncing white supremacy, bias and hate in all of its forms; committing to ensuring civil and human rights are afforded to all individuals in the City of Tamarac; and reaffirming Tamarac's commitment to peace, respect, inclusivity, and equity for all; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

i. TR13427 – Lease-end Buyout with Lenovo Financial Services

A Resolution of the City Commission of the city of Tamarac. Florida, authorizing the appropriate City officials to exercise the buyout option of the three year lease agreement with Lenovo Financial Services expiring in May 2020 and purchase the two hundred and twenty-two (222) desktops and laptops for a total cost of \$78,559.24; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Gomez asked the City Manager if there are any additions or deletions.

City Manager, Michael Cernech stated there are no additions or deletions this morning Madam Mayor.

Mayor Gomez called for a motion and a second to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Fishman requested Item 6.h.- TR13426 Denouncing White Supremacy, be pulled for discussion.

Commissioner Gelin motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Fishman seconded. City Clerk, Johnson, conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

City Attorney, Goren, read the title of TR13426 Denouncing White Supremacy resolution for the record.

Commissioner Gelin motioned to have TR13426 Denouncing White Supremacy tabled to the next meeting. Vice Mayor Bolton seconded. City Clerk, Johnson, conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

None

5. ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

a. TO2426 – Parking on Public Rights of Way – Repeal and Replace

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, amending Chapter 14, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article II, "Stopping, Standing and Parking", Section 14-26, "Parking Restrictions – Public Rights-of-Way", by repealing Subsections 13-26(a) and (b) of the City of Tamarac Code of Ordinances, to provide for consistent and general parking restrictions, applicable citywide; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.

City Attorney, Sam Goren, read the title for the record.

Commissioner Fishman motioned to table the item until the public can participate. Commissioner Gelin seconded.

Attorney Goren clarified the motion is to table the item to a time certain coincident with date of opening public buildings under whatever circumstances at that time.

Commissioner Gelin departed the virtual meeting at 11:00 a.m.

City Clerk, Johnson, conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

6. ORDINANCE(S) – SECOND READING

a. TO2428 – Ordinance Increasing the Filing Fees for Mayor and Commission Candidates

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, amending Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II, "City Commission," of the City of Tamarac Code of Ordinances by amending Section 2-26, "Filing of Notice of Intent to Run for Office; Filing Fee"; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.

City Attorney, Sam Goren, read the title for the record.

Mayor Gomez opened for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Gomez moved to discussion by the Commission. None.

Commissioner Placko motioned to approve. Commissioner Fishman seconded. City Clerk, Johnson, conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

b. TO2429 – Ordinance Amending the Code to Include Mandatory Electronic Campaign Treasury Reporting

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, amending Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II, "City Commission," of the City of Tamarac Code of Ordinances, by creating Section 2-36, "Campaign Finance Reports"; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.

City Attorney, Sam Goren, read the title for the record.

Mayor Gomez opened for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Gomez moved to discussion by the Commission. None.

Commissioner Placko motioned to approve. Commissioner Fishman seconded. City Clerk, Johnson, conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

c. TO2430 – Ordinance Amending Section 10-5.7 of the City’s Land Development Code Entitled “Impact Fees” Amending the Imposition Date of New Development Impact Fees and Certain Exemption Criteria to effectuate Change to Imposition Date for New Development Impact Fee

An Ordinance of the City of Tamarac, Florida, amending the imposition date for New Development Impact Fees established in Section 10-5.7 entitled “New Development Impact Fees” of Chapter 10, of the Tamarac City Code, amending certain exemption criteria to effectuate change to imposition date for new development impact fees; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date.

City Attorney, Sam Goren, read the title for the record.

Mayor Gomez opened for comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Gomez moved to discussion by the Commission. None.

Commissioner Fishman motioned to approve. Commissioner Placko seconded. City Clerk, Johnson, conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

11. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING(S) – NONE

12. OTHER

a. Discussion and motion appointing members of the City Commission to the Broward League of Cities

Discussion by the Commission ensued related to the deadline to appoint members, current appointments, and interest in continuing as an appointee.

Commissioner Placko motioned to appoint Mayor Gomez as Director, Vice Mayor Bolton as First Alternate, and Commissioner Fishman as Second Alternate. Vice Mayor Bolton seconded. City Clerk Johnson conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Minutes respectfully transcribed and submitted by City Clerk, Jennifer Johnson.

Jennifer Johnson, CMC
City Clerk

Michelle J. Gomez, Mayor

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