



**TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2021 – 4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Amanda Boggus, Mayor
Lou Buigas, Vice Mayor
Lori Pfister, Council Member
Walter Price, Council Member
Troy Singer, Council Member**

STAFF PRESENT

**Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Bob Williams, City Attorney
Susie Novack, City Clerk
Mike Fitzgerald, Community Development Director
Richard Keith, Fire Chief
Stoney Lubins, Police Chief
James Dillon, Public Works Director
Phil Clark, Utilities Director
Mark O'Keefe, Public Communications Director**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boggus called the meeting to Order at 4:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1. Richard Keith, Chief, Tavares Fire Department

Richard Keith, Chief, Tavares Fire Department, provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Boggus asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Ms. Houghton said staff had no changes.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Lou Buigas. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Tab 2. Tavares Chamber of Commerce Update

Erika Buigas, Tavares Chamber of Commerce Director of Operations, said there were 126 visitors and telephone calls in May 2021. She provided an update on upcoming meetings including the weekly Leads Group for area industries, Monthly Chamber Business Luncheon, and a Coldwell Banker Vanguard joint ribbon cutting with the Mount Dora and Eustis Chamber.

Ms. Buigas said the Florida Chamber has virtual courses for candidates and noted the Tavares Chamber candidate forum would be held in person with event information forthcoming.

V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Holt swore in those who wished to provide testimony on quasi-judicial matters; Tabs 4-8.

Attorney Hold asked the Council if they had any ex-parte communications to disclose. There were none.

VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

Ms. Novack read the following Ordinances by title only:

ORDINANCE 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES REZONING APPROXIMATELY 09.53 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF STATE ROAD 19, SOUTH OF LANE PARK CUTOFF FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY (RMF-2); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2021-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TAVARES BY ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 0.10 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12934 LAKE DORA CIRCLE; REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM COUNTY MIXED HOME RESIDENTIAL (RM) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION (RMH-S); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TAVARES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP 2040, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.10 ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM COUNTY URBAN LOW TO CITY MOBILE HOME (MH) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12934 LAKE DORA CIRCLE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2021-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 16.84 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF STATE ROAD 19, APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET NORTH OF LANE PARK CUTOFF FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO INDUSTRIAL (I); SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2021-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TAVARES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP 2040, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 16.84 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF STATE ROAD 19, APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET NORTH OF LANE PARK CUTOFF, FROM COMMERCIAL (COM) TO INDUSTRIAL (IND); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Boggus asked if anyone wished to pull an item from the consent agenda for discussion.

MOTION

Lou Buigas moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 3. Approval of the June 2, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading

Second Reading

Tab 4. Ordinance 2021-04 – Rezoning of Approximately 9.53 Acres Located East of SR19, South of Lane Park Cutoff – Palazzo Holdings, LLC

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

The subject property consists of approximately 09.53 acres of vacant property located east of SR-19, south of Lane Park Cutoff. The property is currently zoned as a Planned Development (PD), and the applicant is proposing that the property be rezoned to Residential Multi-Family (RMF-2).

The proposed zoning of Residential Multi-Family (RMF-2) is compatible with the surrounding zoning, which is a mixture of residential, commercial, and Public Facilities zoning. The applicant at this time envisions the construction of seventy (70) townhomes with shared parking. The proposed use and number of dwelling units is consistent with the existing Medium Density land use and the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed use is similar to what was approved by City Council under the existing Planned Development. The applicant desires to remove the age restriction that was required per Planned Development Ord. 07-42. The subject property is approximately 0.25 miles from Tavares Middle School and is walkable for students as there is an existing sidewalk on the south side of Lane Park Cutoff. The property owner is required to obtain school capacity reservation prior to development approval.

The environmental assessment submitted by Ray and Associates indicates no adverse conditions or environmental concerns with the property. Prior to any development the property owner must comply with all Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provisions as they pertain to threatened species.

The preliminary traffic analysis submitted by Traffic & Mobility Consultants does not indicate an adverse impact to the level of service for surrounding roadways.

Any development of the property will be in accordance with the City's Land Development Regulations. Prior to the issuance of any Building Permits for this property compliance with all applicable regulations will be required.

The underlying Future Land Use designation of Medium Density (MED) does not change and is compatible with the requested Residential Multi-Family (RMF-2) zoning district.

At their May 20th meeting the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2021-04.

Staff recommends Option 1, that City Council moves to approve Ordinance 2021-04 rezoning approximately 09.53 acres of property located east of SR-19, south of Lane Park Cutoff from Planned Development (PD) to Residential Multi-Family (RMF-2).

Vance Jochim, 12619 Milwaukee Avenue, Lake County, said he considers 70 units on 10 acres as high density. He said the traffic study indicated there were no issues and questioned its processes and methodology. He recommended the Council hold a workshop on traffic studies.

David Serdar, 66 Wintergreen Drive, Fruitland Park, said he is not in support of a workshop.

Rick Hartenstein, Planning Project Manager, Wicks Engineering Service, said he represents the applicant, is available for questions, and supports the staff presentation.

Mayor Boggus asked for questions from the Council.

Vice Mayor Buigas asked if water and sewer are available in the area. Mr. Clark confirmed. Vice Mayor Buigas asked for the price point of the townhomes and if it would be attainable housing. Mr. Fitzgerald said he does not know the market rate for the townhomes, and it would be a few years before construction began. Mr. Hartenstein said he had not reviewed the price.

Council Member Pfister asked if the townhomes would be rentals. Mr. Hartenstein said no. Council Member Pfister noted a concern for traffic in the area.

Council Member Singer asked for the change from the current zoning. Mr. Fitzgerald said age restrictions would be removed, allowing families under RMF-2 zoning. Council Member asked if the site is currently zoned for 70 units per acre. Mr. Fitzgerald

confirmed and said the 12 units per acre density would not change and noted Council approved 70 condo-style units in 2007.

Council Member Singer inquired about traffic issues. Mr. Fitzgerald said the traffic study was accepted, reflecting a de minimis impact on the surrounding roadway network. He said the project's impact would be less than 5% of the adopted roadway capacities. The City's engineer reviews traffic studies and no objections were received for the project. Vice Mayor Buigas inquired about road access for the project. Mr. Fitzgerald said the only access is on Lane Park Cutoff.

Council Member Price said traffic along Lane Park Cutoff Road increased during events at the Big House. He noted children frequently walk in the area with cars parked along the road.

Mayor Boggus noted an increase in traffic due to school hours and said children walk home from school on the sidewalk. She said the project might help to obtain sidewalks on both sides of the road. Vice Mayor Buigas asked if the project could incorporate sidewalks. Mr. Fitzgerald said the project would typically be required to build a sidewalk on the south side of Lane Park Cutoff Road between the boundary lines of the subject property and the existing sidewalk.

Council Member Singer asked if the project was properly advertised and noticed to area residents. Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed. Council Member Singer asked if any opposition was received. Mr. Fitzgerald said no. He said he received one phone comment from a neighboring property owner who supported the project. Mayor Boggus said allowing families next to a middle school would be more fitting.

MOTION

Lou Buigas moved to rezone the property [Option 1], seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 5. Ordinance 2021-05 – Annexation and Rezoning of Approximately .10 Acres of Property Located at 12934 Lake Dora Circle – Pope Property

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

The subject property is located at 12934 Lake Dora Circle and is approximately 0.10 acres in size. The land is presently zoned as County Mixed Home Residential (RM), and the applicant is proposing that the property be annexed and rezoned to Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision (RMH-S). The property is contiguous to the City boundary.

This property is in close proximity to a mixture of mobile home and single family uses. The proposed zoning of Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision (RMH-S) is compatible with surrounding property.

The annexation of this property has been reviewed per the City's Annexation Policy. It has been determined by City staff that the property may be properly serviced by the City without undue hardship or significant negative fiscal impact to the City. The City of Tavares has municipal water and waste water utility service available to the subject parcel.

The City is concurrently processing a future land use map amendment to re-designate the property from Lake County Urban Low Density to City of Tavares Mobile Home (MH) on the Future Land Use Map 2040.

At their May 20th meeting the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2021-05.

Staff recommends Option 1, that City Council moves to approve Ordinance 2021-05 annexation and rezoning to Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision (RMH-S), of approximately 0.10 acres of property located at 12934 Lake Dora Circle, Tavares, FL.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the audience.

Vance Jochim, 12619 Milwaukee Avenue, Lake County, said he lives near the subject property. He said several homes in the area are hard constructed and receive water and sewer. He wondered why a mobile home was located between two hard-constructed homes.

Todd Pope, Property Owner, said he also owns adjacent property and has plans to join the two sites and expand the existing site building home. He said they would be going from a house with a 1960 trailer on the site to one home. Mr. Pope said he is available for questions.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Pfister asked if there were any water, sewer, pressure, stormwater, or flooding issues in the area. Mr. Clark said there were no issues near the Pope property and noted water and sewer services are provided with water capacity available for 3500 homes in the area.

Vice Mayor Buigas inquired about impact fees. Mr. Fitzgerald said impact fees were paid when the home was constructed and noted impact fees are not collected for residential additions.

Council Member Price said mobile homes located on the chain of lakes that are aging and replaced with site-built homes benefit neighborhoods and property values.

Council Member Singer thanked Mr. Pope for improving the property. Mr. Pope said he is excited about the project.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve Option 1, seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 6. Ordinance 2021-06 - Small Scale FLUM Amendment of Approximately .10 Acres of Property Located at 12934 Lake Dora Circle – Pope Property

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

The subject property is located at 12934 Lake Dora Circle, and is approximately 0.10 acres in size. The land presently has a land use designation of County Urban Low Density, and the property owner is requesting an amendment to the Tavares Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map 2040 to change the designation of said property from Lake County Urban Low to City of Tavares Mobile Home (MH).

Ordinance 2021-06 proposes a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map 2040 of the Comprehensive Plan from County Urban Low to City Mobile Home (MH).

The subject property is adjacent to a mixture of mobile home and single-family residential uses. An application to annex and rezone this property to a Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision (RMH-S) designation is concurrently under consideration.

The city is required to place a future land use designation on annexed property. The subject property is currently designated County Urban Low. A City Mobile Home (MH) designation is most compatible with surrounding property and the existing County Future Land Use.

Lands surrounding this property are residential in nature.

The property currently contains a mobile home.

The subject property is located in the City's Utility Service Boundary Area. The City of Tavares has municipal water and waste water utility service available to the subject parcel. The City's Concurrency Management System will ensure that Levels of Service (LOS) will not be degraded beyond the adopted levels of service for all regulated public facilities. Adverse impacts on Levels of Service are not implicated.

This amendment request is considered to be in compliance with the

Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies with the following findings:

- 1. A Mobile Home (MH) Future Land Use designation would serve as the most appropriate land use for the subject property in accordance with Future Land Use policy 1-1.1.*
- 2. Impacts of the proposed development of the subject property shall be monitored through the City's Concurrency Management System. (Comp Plan, Chapter 8)*

At their May 20th meeting the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2021-06.

Staff recommends Option 1, that City Council moves to approve Ordinance 2021-06 Future Land Use Map amendment from County Urban Low to City Mobile Home (MH) for 0.10 acres of property located at 12934 Lake Dora Circle, Tavares, FL.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the Council. There were none.

MOTION

Lou Buigas moved to approve Option 1, seconded by Walter Price. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 7. Ordinance 2021-07 – Rezoning of Approximately 16.84 Acres Located East of SR19 and 600 Feet North of Lane Park Cutoff – Hammock Citrus Corporation

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

The subject property consists of approximately 16.84 acres of vacant property located east of SR-19 and approximately 600 feet north of Lane Park Cutoff. The property is currently zoned as Highway Commercial (C-2), and the applicant is proposing that the property be rezoned to Industrial (I).

The proposed zoning of Industrial (I) is compatible with the surrounding zoning, which is a mixture of industrial, commercial, and Public Facilities zoning. The applicant at this time envisions the construction of multiple buildings to be utilized as industrial flex space accommodating future industrial uses as well as an area reserved for boat and recreational vehicle storage. The proposed industrial uses will not abut State Road 19 or County Road 561. Approximately six (6) acres of property abutting State Road 19 are not included in the rezoning application and shall remain Highway Commercial (C-2) zoning.

The environmental assessment submitted by LPG Urban & Regional Planners, Inc. indicates no adverse conditions or environmental concerns with the property. Prior to any development the property owner must comply with all Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provisions as they pertain to threatened species.

The preliminary traffic analysis submitted by Traffic & Mobility Consultants does not indicate an adverse impact to the level of service for surrounding roadways.

Any development of the property will be in accordance with the City's Land Development Regulations. Prior to the issuance of any Building Permits for this property compliance with all applicable regulations will be required.

The City is concurrently processing a future land use map amendment to re-designate the property from Commercial (COM) to Industrial (IND) on the Future Land Use Map 2040.

At their May 20th meeting the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2021-07.

Staff recommends Option 1, that City Council moves to approve Ordinance 2021-07 rezoning approximately 16.84 acres of property located east of SR-19 and approximately 600 feet north of Lane Park Cutoff from Highway Commercial (C-2) to Industrial (I).

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the audience.

Michael Rankin, LPG Urban Land Planning Group, said he is available for questions.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the Council.

Vice Mayor Buigas asked if the property is one parcel with one alternate key number. Mr. Fitzgerald said the initial application reflected one parcel. After reviewing the request, staff required a lot split. A lot split has been completed, and the records are updated with the Lake County Property Appraiser. There are now two parcels. One section will remain C2 Highway Commercial with a parcel number, and the subject property will be Industrial with a parcel number.

Council Member Price said industrial space is desired and noted his support.

Mayor Boggus noted the adjacent property in the county is zoned Industrial.

MOTION

Lou Buigas moved to approve Option 1, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

X. TRANSMITTAL HEARING

Tab 8. Ordinance 2021-08 – LSFLUM of Approximately 16.84 Acres Located East of SR19 and 600 Feet North of Lane Park Cutoff

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

Ordinance 2021-08 proposes a large-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map 2040 of the Comprehensive Plan.

The subject property (Parcel Alternate Key Number 3925309) is 16.84 acres in size, located east of State Road 19, approximately 600 feet north of Lane Park Cutoff. This ordinance would amend the current Future Land Use Designation from Commercial (COM) to Industrial (IND).

The city is required to place a future land use designation on annexed property. The subject property is currently designated City Commercial (COM). A City Industrial (IND) designation is compatible with the surrounding property.

Lands surrounding this property are industrial and commercial in nature.

The property is currently vacant. Prior to any development, an approved site plan will be required. All applicable surveying, environmental assessments, and permitting must be in place before the site plan is approved. Any proposed development project will be required to connect to city water and wastewater utilities.

The subject property is located in the City's Utility Service Area. The City of Tavares has municipal water and sewer services available to the subject parcel and any new development on this property must connect to city utilities. The City's Concurrency Management System will ensure that Levels of Service (LOS) will not be degraded beyond the adopted levels of service for all regulated public facilities. Adverse impacts on Levels of Service are not implicated.

This amendment request is considered to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies with the following findings:

- 1. An Industrial Future Land Use designation would serve as the most appropriate land use for the subject property in accordance with Future Land Use policy 1-1.1.*
- 2. Impacts of the proposed development of the subject property shall be*

monitored through the City's Concurrency Management System. (Comp Plan, Chapter 8)

At their May 20th meeting the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2021-08.

Staff recommends Option 1, that City Council moves to approve for transmittal to the State Ordinance 2021-08 Future Land Use Map amendment from Commercial (COM) to Industrial (IND) for 16.84 acres of property located east of State Road 19, approximately 600 feet north of Lane Park Cutoff.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

Michael Ranking thanked staff and the Council.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the Council. There were none.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve Option 1, seconded by Lou Buigas. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tab 9. Board Appointments

Mayor Boggus made the following presentation:

There are three expiring seats on the Tavares Library Board. The City received three requests for reappointments (attached) from current Library Board members Linda Clutts, Duane Dement, and Martha Wilkins for the term June 2021-2023 (2-year terms). No new applications were received.

The City advertised the open positions in the Daily Commercial, City website, and on City social media accounts.

Mayor Boggus reappointed Linda Clutts, Duane Dement, and Martha Wilkins to the Tavares Library Board.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Troy. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Boggus congratulated the Library Board members on their reappointment.

Tab 10. Council Member Appointment to the 2021 Election Canvassing Board

Mayor Boggus made the following presentation:

The 2021 City Council election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. By Code of Ordinances, 2-167, Administration, the election Board of Canvassers shall consist of the City Clerk, City Attorney, and one (1) Council Member who is not a candidate for election during the particular election, to be appointed by the mayor. The Council Members who would qualify to serve on the 2021 Board of Canvassers are Mayor Boggus, Council Member Pfister, and Council Member Price. An alternate member may also be selected.

Canvassing Board meeting dates will be forthcoming. All Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public in accordance with Sunshine Law and will be noticed per state statutes.

Council Member Price said he has been a member of a Canvassing Boards in the past and would be happy to serve.

MOTION

Lori Pfister moved to appoint Walter Price to the 2021 Election Canvassing Board, seconded by Lou Buigas. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 11. FEMA Lift Station Generator Grant Update

Mr. Clark made the following presentation:

The City continues to add generators to its many lift stations throughout Tavares to ensure uninterrupted wastewater service during times of power outage. Staff is pleased to report we secured a grant to address two of the lift stations in the amount of \$48,657 for this ongoing effort. The City applied for this hurricane Irma FEMA grant in 2019 after identifying two lift stations that met the grant criteria. The cost for the two generators is \$64,876. The FEMA grant covered 75% of the cost, with the remaining balance of \$16,219 coming from Utility Sewer funds that are budgeted annually for generator operation, repairs, and maintenance.

The City currently has 85 sewer "lift" pumping stations responsible for transferring and pumping sewage to the Treatment Plant. These two generator purchases bring the City inventory to 15 stand-alone generator locations and 8 mobile generator units.

Mr. Clark said the project had been completed, and the grant has been closed out. He commended and thanked Brett Jones, Budget Analyst, and Shannon Parrish, Assistant Wastewater Supervisor, who assisted with the project.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

Mayor Boggus asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Singer thanked Mr. Clark and staff and said the generators were needed. Mr. Clark noted the generator had to meet specific criteria to qualify for the grant. The City had two areas that met all of the grant criteria.

Mayor Boggus thanked Mr. Clark for the update.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Buigas said she asked the staff for possible alternate funding sources for the cemetery restroom project. She asked Council to consider taking the funds out of another identified funding source and asked Ms. Houghton to provide information on available funds. Vice Mayor Buigas discussed phased cemetery improvement plans. She noted her support to move forward with the restrooms if funds are available from another source other than Reserves or taxpayer dollars and asked if the item could be re-agendized or voted on during the meeting.

Ms. Houghton said Vice Mayor Buigas contacted her to look for other possible funding. She said the Seaplane Base and Marina project had not been closed, nor has a final reconciliation been completed. The staff has identified approximately \$50,000 left from the project. Ms. Houghton said the \$15,163 shortfall for cemetery restrooms could come out of those funds. Ms. Houghton said the Council could identify and appropriate the funds for the cemetery restrooms.

Vice Mayor Buigas asked if the identified available funds were insurance money or restricted in any way. Ms. Houghton said it is from insurance funds and has no restrictions.

Council Member Pfister asked if the money can go from the Seaplane Base to cemetery restrooms. Ms. Houghton confirmed. Council Member Pfister noted her support for cemetery restrooms as long as funds were not taken out of Reserves and the Seaplane Base and Marina project was closed, ensuring the funds are available.

A discussion was held regarding the expiration of the cemetery restroom bid and how to move forward with Vice Mayor Buigas' request. Attorney Holt said Council could move to re-agendize to the next meeting, or upon appropriate motion, the Council could consider a new motion. She said the bids may still be open for the July 7 meeting.

Council Member Price noted he is not in support of moving forward with cemetery restrooms.

Council Member Singer noted his support for cemetery restrooms and concern for the expiration of the bid.

MOTION

Lou Buigas moved to fund the cemetery restrooms from the funds identified by Ms. Houghton and not more than identified [\$15,132 from Seaplane Base and Marina insurance funds], seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried 3-2 as follows:

Amanda Boggus	Yes
Lou Buigas	Yes
Lori Pfister	No
Walter Price	No
Troy Singer	Yes

XIV. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Michael Watkins, 805 Summerall Avenue, Tavares, thanked Council for revisiting the restrooms, finding funding, and voting in support. He said he conducted 50 funerals at the Tavares Cemetery over the past 26 years. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all they do to assist the citizens.

Belinda Rink, 216 Fern Avenue, Tavares, said the docks are fabulous. She said she used the SeeClickFix app twice and her issues were immediately addressed. She said SeeClickFix is a phenomenal program. Ms. Rink thanked the Council for all they do for the city.

Vance Jochim 12619 Milwaukee Avenue, Lake County, noted his concern for the cost of the cemetery restrooms and said a tiny home could be purchased for \$26,000, or a mobile home for \$40,000 to \$60,000. He discussed his concern for inflation.

David Serdar, 66 Wintergreen Drive, Fruitland Park, noted his support for cemetery restrooms and a Keep Lake Beautiful program.

XV. REPORTS

Tab 12. City Administrator Report

Mr. Clark noted contractors are replacing the flora and bee mats in Tavares Ecological Park.

Mr. Fitzgerald said construction began on a new Taco bell and Popeye's at the corner of SR19 and Slim Haywood Avenue.

Tab 13. City Council Member Reports

Council Member Price asked if a new car wash would be coming to Tavares. Mr. Fitzgerald said staff had one meeting with the interested party, and he has not heard back with further inquiry.

Council Member Price said he completed the Florida League of Cities Institute for Elected Municipal Officials. He said he enjoyed the course, and it was nice to meet Council members and Mayors throughout the state.

Council Member Singer wished those present a Happy Independence Day and said he was looking forward to the parade.

Vice Mayor Buigas congratulated Council Member Pfister on her new grandson. She noted summer camp started and said it was great to see the children participating in projects and field trips.

Vice Mayor Buigas provided the following positive quote: "The right way is not always the popular and easy way.

Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character." ~Margaret Chase Smith

Mayor Boggus noted the 4th of July Parade begins at 5:00 p.m. She provided information on the event line-up.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mayor Boggus adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully,

Susie Novack, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk