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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners, City of Tarpon Springs
FROM: Regina A. Kardash, Esq. B.C.S., City Attorney
DATE: September 19, 2023
RE: *Trask Daigneault, LLP. v. City of Tarpon Springs, 23-006756-CI*
Plaintiff's Settlement Proposal

The purpose of this memorandum is to request the Board of Commissioners hold a Special Meeting for an Attorney-Client Shade Meeting in the above-referenced litigation currently pending before the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida pursuant to Florida Statute § 286.011(8). Litigation counsel has received a proposed settlement offer from Plaintiff Trask Daigneault. In order to effectively consider the proposal, litigation counsel would like to discuss the offered settlement at a scheduled shade meeting to aid the Commission in its decision making on the proposal, or in determining the next steps in the litigation. The Shade meeting is anticipated to last for one (1) hour.

Lakewood Ranch
6853 Energy Court
Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34240

Venice
236 Pedro Street
Venice, Florida 34285

Pursuant to Section 286.011(8) Florida Statutes, the Attorney-Client Session would convene immediately following the opening of the Special Meeting. The subject of the Attorney-Client Session meeting shall be confined to the topics allowed by Florida Statutes § 286.011(8). It is anticipated that the Attorney-Client Session would last approximately 1 hour. Those who would attend the Attorney-Client Session will be announced at the beginning of the public meeting, to include the following named persons:

Costa Vatikiotis, Mayor

Craig Lunt, Vice Mayor

Micheal Eisner, Commissioner

Panagiotis Koulias, Commissioner

John Koulianos, Commissioner

Mark LeCouris, City Manager

Andrew Salzman, Esq., City Attorney - Litigation.

A certified court reporter would be in attendance. A transcript shall be made part of the public record upon conclusion of the pending litigation. At the conclusion of the Attorney-Client Session, the Special Meeting will be reopened to the public and the termination of the Attorney-Client Session shall be announced. If the Commission will take any action based on the discussion during the Shade Meeting, it will be done during the public portion of the meeting following the termination of the Attorney-Client Session.

Pursuant to Florida Statute § 289.011(8), those authorized to attend the meeting are limited by law, and those in attendance may not disclose the discussions.