



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**

**NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA**

**January 2, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

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**ORDER OF**  
**BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order – Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Matt Murphy, Councilman Peter Altman, Councilman Mike Peters and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene and Assistant City Manager Gregory Oravec.

**2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 Moment of Silence**

**4 Approval of December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Mike Peters and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

**5 Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda**

Mayor Davis opened the floor for public comment. The following people came forward to speak:

- Brian Duke, 7303 Janczlik Dr., NPR asked for clarification on the new solid waste pickup and how the fee would be assessed. City Manager Manns stated the property owner will be responsible for the fee.
- George Romagnoli, 6235 Florida Ave., NPR spoke regarding his application for the vacancy on the LDRB and an experience when his water meter was being changed out and the need for improved customer service.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Davis closed Vox Pop.

- a Speakers must identify themselves prior to speaking by stating their name and full address for the record. Speakers shall address the City Council as a whole and refrain from addressing individual members of the City Council or the City staff. Speakers shall afford the utmost courtesy to the City Council, to City employees, and to the public, and shall refrain at all times, from rude and derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.

6 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Business Items

- a 5319 US Highway 19 – Appeal of Order to Demolish

City Manager Manns stated this item was being deferred to a future meeting to be determined.

- b ITB24-003 Bid Award – WWTP Tank No.1 Clarifier Cleaning and Thermoplastic Powder Coating

City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the bid submitted by Premier Coating Solutions, LLC of Tampa, Florida in the amount of \$71,745 for the WWTP Tank No. 1 Clarifier Cleaning and Thermoplastic Powder Coating Project. The amount also contains a \$5,000 contingency. Mr. Rivera stated that Pasco County would be responsible for 42% of the cost. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- c 2024 Sims Park Playground Surface Replacement

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a proposal from Top Line Recreation Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$119,152.83 for the surface replacement at the Sims Park playground. Mr. Rivera stated that there is a \$4,000 contingency. He stated that the typical life span for poured-in-place surfacing is five years depending on usage and the existing surface is nine years old and contains several major repairs and is in need of replacement due to safety concerns and maintenance costs. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Mike Peters and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- d Task Order No. 24-001 - Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Task Order No. 24-001 from Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. for the Subsurface Utility Engineering Project in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Mr. Rivera stated that this will become an annual program. Mr. Rivera stated that the main reason for this project is that whenever we have these major repairs that crews have to respond to they will have that utility information on their computer that will have the exact depths and locations of valves used to shut off those areas. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

8 Communications

Councilwoman Mothershead stated she would like to have a work session regarding residential and business grants. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated the City looked great over the holiday season with all of the lights. Councilman Altman stated that his position on the solid waste pickup is that it should be put on the water bills. He stated it is critical when a water is turned off and the resident continues to live there. Councilman Altman stated the garbage is a service that we contract for. He stated we are giving an increase to the snowbirds who live here. He would like to see the cost to the City for the mailing and the losses that we have been incurring from non-shutoffs. He stated half of our city are renters and they pay taxes through their landlord. He stated putting this on the water bill will eliminate duplicate efforts. Councilman Altman stated that commercial properties also have a variety of needs. He stated that the City could manage the garbage service with the utility. He stated he believes this will cause for increased costs to the City. He stated Council should conduct another discussion on the issue. Mayor Davis stated he agreed and would like to have a work session on the matter. Councilman Altman stated that staff is due to hear from the State attorney regarding Schwettman and the CRA. Councilman Altman then read regarding the award recently received by Delray Beach. Councilman Peters wished everyone a Happy New Year. He spoke regarding his recent trip to Charleston, SC. and the historic parts of the city and their solid waste pickup. He thanked Mr. Rivera about his explanation about the playground material. He spoke regarding an email he received earlier this week regarding crime statistics that incorporated all of NPR and not just the City. Councilman Peters stated we had the fastest response for police and fire. He stated the wayfinding signs that were put up a few years ago help to identify city limits. He stated we need to take every opportunity we can to differentiate the city. Mayor Davis stated that all of the light poles are black and would like to see what we can do to light them all year round. He stated the artificial turf will not be installed before Chasco.

9 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_