



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

July 5, 2023
7:00 PM

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 and Councilman Mike Peters. Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead was excused.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Asst. Fire Chief Adam Darling, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, and Human Resources Director Jill Sassone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

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:

- Robert Snyder, 5544 Montana Ave., NPR spoke regarding the Sabal Palm alley and trees being removed. He stated he has spoken to his neighbors and has also applied for a fence permit.
- Roxanne Lambie, 6237 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke regarding the Richey Suncoast Theatre and to establish a relationship with the City and also a future request for city funding.
- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke regarding a citation she received for her tree. She also spoke regarding her neighbor's fence.
- Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR spoke regarding Chief Kochen and new officers.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke regarding for an independent investigation.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Davis closed Vox Pop. Councilman Altman thanked Mr. Snyder for his comments. He also thanked Ms. Lambie for her introduction on behalf of the RST. He also spoke about hickory slabs. Councilman Peters spoke regarding the RST and how much of an asset it is for the city and he is encouraged that there is a new Board. He also thanked Mr. Snyder for his comments. Deputy Mayor Murphy also thanked Mr. Snyder for his comments. He also spoke regarding the needed improvements for the RST. He also spoke about the tree removal. City Manager Manns stated Ms. Allen was granted an extension on her permit until the end of the calendar year. Deputy Mayor Murphy also thanked Ms. Whiting for her comments. Mayor Davis stated to Ms. Lambie that he did attend the business meeting at the Hacienda. He stated there are events coming up that perhaps the RST could partner with. He also spoke about the theater in Inverness. Mayor Davis also spoke regarding the alleyways.

- 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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a First Reading, Ordinance No. 2023-2280: Conditional Use for 7940 Rutillio Court

City Manager Manns introduced Development Director Dale Hall who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of an ordinance which would grant a conditional use for the outdoor storage of registered recreational vehicles at the property located at 7940 Rutillio Ct. Mr. Hall began his presentation by giving an overview of the project site. The current zoning for this property is Light Industrial. Approval of a conditional use for outdoor storage of registered recreational vehicles on this property would allow the existing business at this location to operate as intended. Minor revisions to the striping of the existing parking lot will be required to ensure proper vehicle circulation and allow for storage of the RV units that are being serviced.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- John Skopos, 7936 Rutillio Ct., NPR spoke regarding access and traffic flow. Mr. Hall stated there will be a continued one-way in and one-way out. The storage will be on the other side of the exit. Mr. Hall stressed that this is for registered RV's.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. City Attorney Driscoll then read the proposed ordinance by title only. Councilman Peters stated that any future changes would require another ordinance change and City Attorney Driscoll stated yes. He also asked about timeframe restrictions and City Attorney Driscoll stated that it could be looked into. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

8 Business Items

a Risk Protection Order (RPO) Interlocal Agreement with Pasco County Sheriff's Office

City Manager Manns introduced Police Chief Robert Kochen who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to enter into a Risk Protection Order Interlocal Agreement with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. Chief Kochen stated that Florida has "Red Flag Laws" in place. He stated that the LIFT team and BHIT would provide services to these individuals. He stated the agreement would be in effect for one year. City Manager Manns stated we typically do not process more than a dozen of these types of things per year. City Attorney Driscoll stated this law was enacted after the Parkland shooting. City Manager Manns stated there would be a charge of \$46.97 per hour with a minimum of three hours.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., NPR asked about confiscated guns. Chief Kochen stated they will be held for a year and then it will be up to the Court what happens after that.
- Bertell Butler, IV, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR asked about submitting comments for staff.

With no one else coming forward 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

9 Communications

Deputy Mayor Murphy stated it was a fun filled holiday weekend. Councilman Peters stated as we move into budget season it is nice to bring in new projects and he wants to make sure we do not forget about our current infrastructure. Councilman Altman stated that yesterday was the hottest day ever recorded on the planet Earth. He spoke about the TBRPC Resiliency Plan that they would like to present. He stated that the Largo mayor is the new chairman of the TBRPC. He stated he is currently the deputy chair. Councilman Altman stated we can use grant funded third party assistance to identify available projects. He also addressed Mr. Marlowe's and Ms. Whiting's comments from Vox Pop. He thanked them for their positive comments. He reiterated adhering to the meeting rules. Mayor Davis presented City Manager Debbie L. Manns with the GPCC Public Servant of the Year Award. City Manager Manns spoke regarding the comments made at the last meeting regarding an accident on Pine Hill Rd. She stated she had that investigated and it was determined that the accident took place in the unincorporated Pasco County. She stated the City does have a portion of the roadway that does not have a sidewalk. She stated Mr. Rivera came up with an infill plan and sent a letter as such to both Pasco County and the City of Port Richey. She also thanked NPRMS for the July 1st golf cart parade. City Manager Manns also spoke about erroneous comments made at the last meeting regarding the COVID grant that was stated to be lost however it is not. She is overseeing the grant application and it is currently out for proposals. She stated hopefully the project will be initiated by the end of the year. She also stated that the \$31k from the opioid lawsuit was not exclusively for the LIFT there were other purposes attached. She stated she asked Chief Kochen to begin working on an annual report.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____