



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**

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

July 19, 2023

5:00 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 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Matt Murphy, and Councilman Mike Peters. Councilman Peter Altman, participated via electronically. Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead was excused.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene, Economic Development Director Rod Kirk and Human Resources Director Jill Sassone.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this work session is conduct a review of the City's strategic plan. City Manager Manns began her presentation by highlighting elements of the existing plan including the red, yellow and green color codes. City Manager Manns then highlighted each of the strategies, objectives and action items in the Plan. Mayor Davis asked about the Davis/Dollar General Plaza and City Manager Manns stated that there are plans for some residential incorporated into the US 19 Master Plan. Mayor Davis commented on the empty space going north on US 19 and Councilman Peters responded that it may provide opportunities to combine some parcels to create larger projects. City Manager Manns stated we have made strategic investments. City Manager Manns stated when HCA left it was devastating for that part of our community. Councilman Peters stated one highlight though is the rebuilding of Gulf High School. He also suggested speaking to MPNBH to see where we can help. City Manager Manns stated her and Mr. Hall met with them recently and discussed the possibility of constructing a parking structure in conjunction with the proposed expansion of the hospital. Deputy Mayor Murphy asked about the pocket park at the former HCA property and City Manager Manns stated that currently there are no plans for a pocket park however pickleball courts have been incorporated into the amenities. Councilman

Peters stated we could look at our residential areas for design guidelines of what our expectations are. Councilman Peters asked if there was a way to count people who come in and out of the Grey Preserve and City Manager Manns stated not at this time. Councilman Peters asked about adding the framework for an Alley Master Plan and would like to conduct a work session on it. Mr. Rivera suggested calling it the Alley Management Plan. Councilman Peters suggested adding river elements under Environmental Stewardship. Deputy Mayor Murphy asked about dredging and Councilman Peters stated he has had a conversation with Chairman Mariano about incorporating some areas in with Pasco County and Port Richey. Councilman Peters stated that his interactions with employees has always been positive. He stated we have a really great workforce. Councilman Peters asked about high speed internet connections options and Mr. Greene responded staff could talk to current vendors to see what options could be made available for residents. Councilman Peters suggested adding an action item for general rank and file employees to have an emergency plan implemented for their families during disasters. City Manager Manns stated that there are accommodations for employees and their families if they are in an evacuation zone during a storm event.

Mayor Davis opened the floor for public comment. Frank Starkey came forward and stated he has read through the plan and it appears that it is a good plan. He asked for clarification on the color codes as he arrived late to the work session. City Manager Manns reiterated the red, yellow, green and non-colored items. Mr. Starkey stated the Comp Plan Update and LDC Rewrite needs to move forward. Mr. Starkey discussed the use of developer through the LDC. He stated we could create a distinction between small and large developments. Councilman Peters stated we discussed having guidelines earlier during the work session. Councilman Peters stated builders can utilize techniques. Mr. Starkey stated the code needs to encourage development.

3            Communications

None.

4            Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

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

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk