



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

**NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA**  
**September 28, 2023**  
**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 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, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Assistant Public Works Director Colin Eichenmuller, and Librarian Stephanie Jones.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Approve Axon Enterprises, Inc Records Management System (RMS) Purchase Agreement and State of Work Agreement - Page 3

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the police department to enter into a five-year Records Management System contract and Statement of Work agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$156,800 for the Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS) integration project with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Dade City Police Department, Port Richey Police Department, and Zephyrhills Police Department. Chief Kochen stated that this is the first step at integrating CAD and RMS. There is a significant savings if the contract is approved before September 30th. 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

b. Approval of the 2023-2025 Pasco County Law Enforcement Officer Mutual Aid Agreement - Page

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the police department to enter into the 2023 through 2025 Pasco County Law Enforcement Officer Mutual Aid Agreement between all the named Cities and the Pasco County Sheriff. Chief Kochen stated these agreements are essential to effectively serve our residents. 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

c. Discussion Regarding the Pasco County Legislative Delegation Meeting - Page 100

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was for City Council to conduct a discussion to appoint the City's representative at the Pasco County Legislative Delegation Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 at the PHSC West Pasco Campus Performing Arts Center. She stated among the priorities should be tax protection, sovereign immunity, residential zoning and enterprise funds. Mayor Davis stated he was contacted by Representative Yeager's Office to speak on Monday. Councilman Peters stated he was able to attend as well. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to appoint Councilman Peters as the City's representative along with Mayor Davis at the Pasco County Legislative Delegation Meeting.

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

d. Final Public Hearing - Resolution No. 2023-17 Adopting Final Millage Rate & Resolution No. 2023-18 Operating Budget & Capital Improvement Program - Page 101

City Attorney Driscoll read Resolution No. 2023-17 by title only. City Manager Manns read the following into the record:

Florida Statute 200.065(2)(C)1 prescribes that Council adopt the millage rate prior to adopting the 2023-2024 budget. A notification regarding the Public Hearing has been provided to every property owner in the City by the Pasco County Property Appraiser's Office. This notification in the form of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice was mailed the week of August 24, 2023. Action requested is to adopt Resolution 2023-17. The name of the taxing authority is the City of New Port Richey. The tentative millage rate of 8.4000 mills is 2.95% less than the roll-back rate of 8.6480 mills. Total ad valorem revenues that will be generated are estimated to be \$7,563,247; that is approximately \$749,138 more than what was generated in ad valorem in FY22-23, due to the increase of property values. The millage rate is 8.4000 and is .05000 mills less than the prior year's millage. Although the statute requires discussion regarding the percent increase over the rolled back rate and specific purposes for which ad valorem is being increased, for the record, in our case, neither apply. At this time an overview will be provided of the proposed budget. After the close of the presentation, it is requested that the Mayor invite public comment on the millage.

City Manager Manns then introduced Finance Director Crystal Dunn who then made a presentation to Council. Mrs. Dunn began her presentation by stating the total budget being presented is \$98,361,930. The General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund make up the highest amounts of the operating budget. The largest expenditures were Police, Fire and Public Works. Mrs. Dunn then highlighted the requested personnel changes. The budget also includes a proposed salary adjustment for general employees and a COLA for union employees. Mrs. Dunn stated the addition of solid waste collection services were added. She then highlighted the changes for the CIP.

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

- Angela Addino Napolitano, 6013 Adams St., NPR asked about the salary for the City Manager and City Attorney.

- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke regarding the City Manager's budget and businesses owners in the community.
- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke about her grant application submitted to Guardian for CDBG and a letter she received today.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council.

Motion was made by Peter Altman to approve Resolution No. 2023-17 adopting the final millage rate of 8.4000 mills and was seconded by Matt Murphy. Motion passed 4-0 at 7:34 p.m.

City Attorney Driscoll then read Resolution No. 2023-18 by title only. Motion was made by Peter Altman to approve Resolution No. 2023-18 adopting the final operating budget and CIP and seconded by Mike Peters. Motion passed 4-0 at 7:52 p.m.

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

5 Communications

Deferred until the end of the CRA meeting.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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

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

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