



**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

October 17, 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, 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, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Assistant Public Works Director Colin Eichenmuller, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of September 28, 2023 Special Meeting and October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Proclamation - Christian Isaly RE: Hurricane Idalia Rescue Support

6. Presentation by Chuck Carden RE: Tampa Bay Water and Long-term Master Water Plan Update

7. 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:

- Bonnie Martin, 6030 Oak Ridge Ave., NPR, thanked the city departments who helped with the

Corn Hole Tournament. She also spoke about National Friends of the Library Week.

- Mary Beth Isaacson, 8805 Forest Lake Dr., PR spoke regarding the National Friends of the Library Week and the Richey Community Orchestra.
- Austin Ratliff, 5509 Berkley Road, NPR spoke regarding proposed uses for the Schwettman property.
- Bob Schmidt, 7008 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke regarding the new single hauler billing and paving the road to the James E. Grey Preserve.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke regarding the single waste hauler and the letter he received regarding his board and committee application.

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

8 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

- a Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - November 2022, January and August 2023
- b Library Advisory Board Minutes - August 2023
- c Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Business Items

- a Approval for Managed Services/Independent Contract Agreement to Provide Police Accreditation Services

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve entering into a Managed Services/Independent Contractor Agreement with Frank Ruggiero in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for Police Accreditation Consulting Services. City Manager Manns stated that the accreditation process through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. is vital to ensure our police department meets the highest standards of professionalism and accountability. Mr. Ruggiero was the sole respondent for the RFP that was let. City Manager Manns stated that Mr. Ruggiero is a certified CFA accreditation professional, and sits on the CFA's Standards and Interpretation Committee. He has successfully led the Tarpon Springs Police Department through their initial accreditation process. 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- b Agreement w/District School Board of Pasco County RE: School Camera Limited Access

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 approve entering into a signed agreement with the District School Board of Pasco County for limited access to school surveillance camera systems. Having camera access will allow the police department to have access to real-time (live) video feeds and recorded video feeds from the District's surveillance cameras when active circumstances at a school facility require an immediate law enforcement response. Chief Kochen stated that access to these cameras enhances our ability to safeguard school students, school personnel, and school property. Chief Kochen stated that the police will only have limited access during essential situations to view the footage from the surveillance cameras. The agreement does not allow the police department to access the cameras for general surveillance purposes, and there are provisions in the agreement that protect students' privacy rights. 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

- c Approval of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant Contract with the Institute of Police Technology and Management

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 approve the pedestrian and bicycle safety grant contract with the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) in an amount not to exceed \$6,172.72. Chief Kochen stated that the grant being awarded pays for the department to conduct high visibility traffic education and traffic enforcement operations on along the U.S. 19 corridor from Floramar Terrace to Palmetto Road through May 10, 2024. Chief Kochen stated the officers involved in this grant funded traffic education and enforcement initiative will receive advanced training, paid for by the grant, in utilizing the best enforcement procedures and practices for enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety. The overall goal at the end of this traffic safety initiative is to reduce traffic fatalities along the U.S. 19 corridor and enhance the overall safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. 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 Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- d Approval of Florida Department of Law Enforcement SAFE Grant and Mutual Aid Agreement

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 approve the FDLE SAFE grant for fentanyl enforcement and eradication in the amount of \$99,364.00 and the SAFE Grant Mutual Aid Agreement with FDLE. Chief Kochen stated that the grant from FDLE will provide the necessary resources and monies to allow specially trained and equipped officers to combat this fentanyl epidemic. Additionally, FDLE will provide resources and manpower to assist the police department with strategic drug interdiction operations as per the voluntary mutual aid agreement. 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 Kelly Mothershead and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- e Rejection of Bid for ITB23-029 Biosolids Hauling and Disposal Services

City Manager Manns introduced Assistant Public Works Director Colin Eichenmuller who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review and consider rejecting the sole bid submitted by Revinu, Inc. for sludge hauling and disposal services. The sole bid received from Revinu, Inc. was priced at \$116.49 per ton which is a 67.7% increase from the City's previous bid award for this type of service. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to reject the bid proposal submitted by Revinu, Inc. as requested by staff.

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

- 10 Communications

Councilwoman Mothershead announced her engagement during her recent vacation to Greece. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated Bikefest was a great event. Councilman Peters commended Ms. Martin on the Corn Hole Tournament. He also spoke about the River Road Improvement Project. Councilman Altman congratulated the City Manager on her new daughter-in-law. He also spoke about a

conversation he had with Commissioner Mariano's aide regarding the Leisure Lane and Van Doren annexation and utilities. He stated he thinks that it is important that the City send an appropriate response. He reminded Council of Mr. Carballa's comments at the last MAP meeting regarding working with the cities. Councilman Altman also spoke regarding utility service agreements. He also spoke about regular CRA meetings and advisory councils. Mayor Davis stated the County Administrator wants to work with the City. He stated when he attended the BOCC meeting Commissioner Mariano wanted to go in a different direction but didn't have the votes so the project was tabled. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated it is a blighted area and money will need to be invested. He stated the City will be investing more money than the County. Councilman Peters stated this is a county responsible area that has been neglected far too long. Councilman Peters stated there are other members of the BOCC who see what needs to be done. Councilman Altman stated the service area is within the City's utility service area. Councilman Altman spoke regarding data for library and rec center users. He stated this is the year we need to figure out our revenues to be sustainable. Councilman Altman stated he would like a resolution regarding Chapter 171 on the next agenda. He stated the FRA conference is next week and there is a sustainability conference in Clearwater. Mayor Davis stated he attended the Lunch and Learn and received some good feedback. City Manager Manns addressed Mr. Schmidt's concerns regarding the waste hauling and the James E. Grey Preserve. She stated that if the City would not have gone out for competitive bid residents would have experienced a 6.6% increase. The increase is smaller due to the competitive bid process. City Manager Manns stated funds have been added to the CIP to regrade the shell entrance to the preserve. Mayor Davis stated we have an ordinance that requires everyone to have trash service. Going to one hauler will aid in better collection of revenues. Mr. Schmidt came back to the podium to inquire about the residents being penalized. Mayor Davis stated that going to one hauler will help reduce the damage to the roadways. Mayor Davis stated there were less bikes in the downtown this year but businesses reported increased revenues. He thanked the Farrell's for the hard work on the event. City Manager Manns addressed Mr. Jones' comments at Vox Pop. She stated she had addressed his application at the September 5th meeting but he had left before Communications. She stated that she typically does not like to talk to about those things at City Council meetings in large part due to respecting the privacy of the people who have submitted applications for consideration to serve on boards and committees. She stated based on the comments made she stated that her October 6th letter only indicated that Mr. Jones did not provide evidence of residency within the city limits on his application to serve on a board or committee. City Manager Manns stated that additionally Mr. Jones stated on his application that that he attended meetings of the committees he was interested in serving on and upon investigation that was determined to be untrue. Mr. Jones was reminded in the letter that in order to further vet his application he would need to comply with those requirements so he would need to verify just like every other applicant to serve on a board or committee that he was actually a resident of the city and he would have to attend meetings of the board or committee he was interested in serving so failure to do those two things will stall and continue to stall his application for consideration to serve on any board or committee of the city. She stated if he was to move forward he would have to do those two things just like anyone else. Councilman Peters spoke regarding vacant lands throughout the city. He stated one thing we need to do to encourage that is to look at fast tracking a look at our Land Development Codes so we have an updated contemporary land use plan. He stated we are a desirable place for people to work, live and play.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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

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

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

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## Applications for 2 committees in New Port Richey

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MarzX Entertainment. <marlowejones1218@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 2:47 PM

To: meyersj@cityofnewportrichey.org, ~~Constance Smith - pascc@comcast.net~~ <pascc@comcast.net>, "Kevin K. Ross-Andino" <kevin.ross@eclatlaw.com>

Hello,

To whomever this may concern I Marlowe Jones am applying to be on two Committees that have been previously listed by the city New Port Richey.

Below attached you will find the application that has been signed and dated thank you kindly.

Cultural Affairs Committee  
Environmental Committee

Respectfully,

MJ

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 Board-and-Committee-Membership-Application-Revised.pdf  
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## Office of the City Manager

*Copy sent via regular U.S. Mail to 8545 Congress Street, Apt. 5, Port Richey, FL 34668*

October 6, 2023

Marlowe Jones  
6141 Pine Hill Rd.  
Port Richey, Florida 34668

RE: Board and Committee Application

Dear Mr. Jones:

The purpose of this communication is to follow up on comments made by you at several city council meetings regarding the board and committee application that you submitted in July. I did address your application during the Communications portion of the September 5, 2023 City Council meeting. I stated that your application would be vetted just as any other board and committee application that is submitted. To that end, after review of the application you submitted, a copy of which is attached for reference, there some inaccuracies and omissions that need to be addressed which are outlined for you below.

As you may be aware, each of the City's board and committees are governed by ordinance. The provisions outlined in Ordinance No. 1463 for the Cultural Affairs Committee and Ordinance No. 1459 for the Environmental Committee, copies of which are attached for reference, clearly state that in order to be a member you must reside in the city limits and be a registered voter. The City requests that you submit a copy of your driver's license and voter registration card with your application so that staff may verify these requirements. As a matter of record, you did not comply with these requirements but may still do so if you choose to. You may scan and email each document to our City Clerk at [meyersj@cityofnewportrichey.org](mailto:meyersj@cityofnewportrichey.org) so that she may verify your residency and voter status. Please note that your driver's license copy and voter registration will not be attached to the agenda item when it is presented to Council it is just for staff's review to make sure you meet the requirements to serve on that board or committee. However, if you do not feel comfortable in scanning and emailing the documents, you may come by the City Manager's Office in City Hall during normal business hours so that staff may view them to verify residency and voter status before moving your application forward for further vetting.

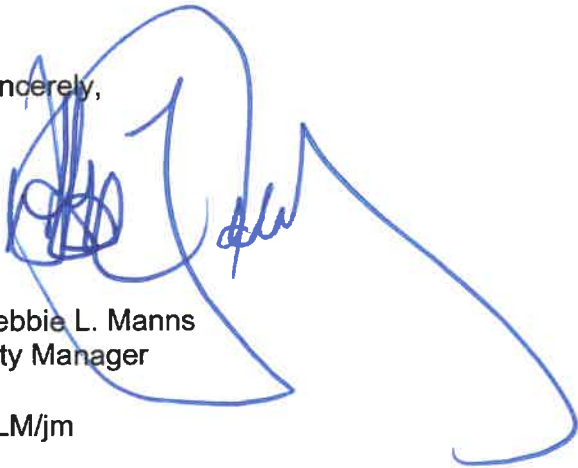
In addition, on the application you submitted you stated that you have attended three committee meetings. Our City Clerk reached out to each of the committee's chairmen to verify your attendance as City Council requests that a prospective member attend at least two meetings

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Letter to Marlowe Jones  
RE: Board and Committee Application  
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before their application is advanced. As you can see from the attached, both chairmen state that you have not attended any meetings for their respective committee.

Therefore I must inform you that your application cannot be considered further at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debbie L. Manns', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Debbie L. Manns  
City Manager

DLM/jm

Attachments

cc: Donovan A. Roper, Esq. (via electronically)

## Meyers, Judy

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**From:** MarzX Entertainment. <marlowejones1218@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 5:47 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Judy; Candace Smith; Kevin K. Ross-Andino  
**Subject:** Applications for 2 committees in New Port Richey  
**Attachments:** Board-and-Committee-Membership-Application-Revised.pdf

Hello,

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Environmental Committee

Respectfully,

MJ



# Board and Committee Membership Application

City of New Port Richey  
5919 Main Street  
New Port Richey, FL 34652  
(727) 853-1016  
www.citynpr.org



## Applicant Information

Name Marlowe Jones  
Street Address within the city limits address protected  
City, State, Zip new port richy, FL, 34652  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone 727-261-3599  
E-Mail Address marlowejones1218@gmail.com  
(attach copy of DL for residency verification)

## Boards and Committees

Please describe why you are interested in serving on a board or committee for the City of New Port Richey:

I am interested in serving on the Cultural Affairs Committee because I love our amazing city of New Port Richey and the downtown and culture is growing and thriving and I would like to help that vision keep flowing in the right direction. Our culture in NPR is unique, timeless, and different, and I want to serve my community just as my ancestors did when they migrated here in the 1920s. I would be honored to serve on the Cultural Affairs Committee.

I am interested in being on the Environmental Committee because I have experience working with different environmental organizations in the state of Florida and I care about my community and public health and safety and our impact on the environment.

Please choose which board or committee you are interested in serving on:

- Cultural Affairs Committee (meets on the third Wednesday of each month)
- Environmental Committee (meets on the second Monday of each month)
- Firefighters Pension Board (meets on a quarterly basis)
- Historic Preservation Board (meets on the second Monday of the month)
- Land Development Review Board (meets on the fourth Thursday of the month)
- Library Advisory Board (meets on the fourth Monday of the month)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (meets on the second Tuesday of the month)
- Police Pension Board (meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month)

Have you attended any meetings of the board or committee on which you want to serve?

1 Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      If yes, how many have you attended? 3

### Previous Board or Committee Experience

Have you ever served on a board or committee with any governmental unit? If so, please describe:

### Previous Volunteer or Community Service Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer or community service experience.

I have been a community leader and Volunteer for the African American Club of Pasco for the past 15 years. Serving in various roles throughout the years.  
Former VP of Democratic progressive caucus.  
Volunteer and leader for CADSI 7 years Pasco County.  
Former camp Leader For youth Salvation Army Pasco.  
Pasco NAACP  
Volunteered down town to help put up barricades for events for wheel chair for kids and friendly fest.  
Help take care of Disabled Veteran of Gulf war for 5 years volunteering my time to make sure the rest of his life was not spent alone stuck in a bed Andree briggs He passed away last year.

### Special Skills, Interests and/or Qualifications

Summarize special skills, interests and/or qualifications you possess which you feel would be beneficial to the board or committee you are applying for membership to.

BA from SPC  
Spocial set of people skills  
Effective communications skills  
Works good with others  
Tech Expert  
Social media consultant  
knowledge and history of New port Richey and pasco family roots go back to 1925.  
bringing community toghther  
bulding and land development knowledge.  
Served on previous comites in pasco county

### Employment/Experience

Job Title: CEO	Employer: RNM
Address Line 1: 8545 congress st bld 3 unit 5	Address Line 2:
City: port richey	State: FL
Zip Code: 34668	County: pasco
Work Phone: 727-261-3599	

**Professional licenses held:**

**Previous employment or experience:**

HCA FORMER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

SIRIUS XM OPERATIONS MANANGER

RNM MARKETING

CONSTRUCTION

SALVATION ARMY SUMMER CAMP

**Memberships in professional, civic organizations or government boards or committees:**

NAACP PASCO  
NAACP TAMPA  
AFRICAN AMERICAN CLUB PASCO  
DCPC  
JUNETEENTH COMMITE  
MLK COMMITTEE  
LAND COMMITTEE  
CADSI  
FAITH IN FLORIDA ORG  
CHURCH CULTURE COMMITTEE

**Personal References**

Please provide three (3) references other than relatives. List name, phone number and relationship to you.

Name (printed)	Phone Number	Relationship
GENE SCOTT	727 389-0386	MENTOR
BISHOP MATHNENEY	727-207-2238	CLERGY
SHANKI WHITTING	727-207-5099	CITY RESIDENT

**Eligibility Verification**

To serve on a City Board or Committee you must either be a current resident of the city or own a business within the city limits. You must also be a registered voter. Please check all that apply.

- I currently live within the city limits.
- I am a registered voter in Florida

- I own a business within the city limits  
(attach copy of voter identification card)

Have you ever been convicted, pleaded guilty or no lo contendere to any criminal offense? (A yes answer to the above question does not automatically preclude you from being considered. The circumstances, timeframe and relevant factors are considered on an individual basis.)

Yes  No

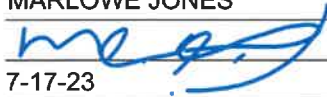
If yes, please explain (including date):

### Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a Board or Committee member, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed) MARLOWE JONES

Signature



Date

7-17-23

### Selection Process

Once your application has been reviewed and your eligibility to serve has been verified, you will be contacted by the City Clerk to appear at an upcoming City Council meeting so that Council may address any questions they may have regarding your application. Applications are valid for one year from the date they are submitted.

### Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us. Please return the completed form back to Judy Meyers, City Clerk, City of New Port Richey, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida, 34652. You may also send it via e-mail to [meversj@cityofnewportrichey.org](mailto:meversj@cityofnewportrichey.org). If you have any questions or need any further information please contact the City Clerk's Office at (727) 853-1021.

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### FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date Application Received:

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Type of Application:    New Member                      Renewal



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ORDINANCE # 1463

Rcpt: 271379 Rec: 15.00  
DS: 0.00 IT: 0.00  
09/28/98 Dpty Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF  
THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, TO CREATE  
THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE;  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING  
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

JED PITTMAN, PASCO COUNTY CLERK  
09/28/98 09:44am 1 of 3  
OR BK 4012 PG 604

The City of New Port Richey, Florida, hereby ordains as follows:

**SECTION I. AMENDMENT.**

Article IV, entitled "Boards, Committees and Commissions" of Chapter 2 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 2-68 Cultural Affairs Committee; Created.**

The City Council hereby creates the Cultural Affairs Committee. The purpose of the Cultural Affairs Committee is to make recommendations and to advise the City Council on the financial sponsorship and creation of cultural activities for the education and recreation of the citizens.

**Section 2-69. Duties and Responsibilities**

The Cultural Affairs Committee shall review all requests made to the City for co-sponsorship of cultural events and shall offer a recommendation to the City Council regarding the level of financial support for such events. In addition, the Cultural Affairs Committee may offer recommendations to the City Council for the initiation and promotion of new events to be sponsored either in full or in part by the City.

**Section 2-70. Membership.**

1. There shall be seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternate members composing the Cultural Affairs Committee. The alternate will serve as a member in the absence of a regular appointed member. At least five (5) members of the Cultural Affairs Committee shall be resident electors of the City of New Port Richey. The two (2) remaining members need not be resident electors of the City, but must either own or operate a business within the City. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members.
2. The appointment of members to serve on the Cultural Affairs Committee will be for two (2) years. The City Council shall select the Board members by a majority vote. The City Council, by a majority vote, may remove any member with or without cause. If available, vacancies shall be filled from the alternate positions.
3. A Board member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned unless the absence has been excused by the Chairman prior to the meeting. The Chairman of the Committee shall notify the City Clerk of the member's

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NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA 34652

**Section 2-72. Officers.**

The voting members of the Cultural Affairs Committee shall elect one of their members to serve as Chairman, one of their members to serve as Vice-Chairman, and one of their members to serve as Secretary. The Chairman shall submit an annual report to the City Council. The City Manager shall provide clerical and administrative staff assistance as may be reasonably required by the Cultural Affairs Committee for the proper performance of its duties.

**Section 2-72. Voting Authority.**

All members and alternates, as well as the public, shall have a voice pertaining to the business brought before the Cultural Affairs Committee. Only members are entitled to vote on all proceedings. Alternates may not vote unless taking the place of an absent member. Members of the Board shall not vote if they have a conflict of interest pursuant to Florida Statutes.

**Section 2-73. Meeting Schedule.**

The Cultural Affairs Committee shall meet once every ninety (90) days, unless it determines to meet more frequently. All meetings of the Cultural Affairs Committee shall be open to the public in conformance with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, otherwise known as the Government in the Sunshine Law. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The date, time, place and the agenda of the meeting shall be posted by the City Clerk in City Hall one (1) week prior to the meetings unless an emergency exists.

**Section 2-74. Funding.**

The City Council shall include a line item allocation in its annual budget to provide for cultural activities or similar purposes. All expenditures made from this appropriation shall be used for cultural events reviewed and approved by the City Council.

**Section 2-75. Compensation.**

The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for travel expenditures in accordance with Florida Statutes.

**SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.**

If any phrase or portion of this Ordinance, or the particular application thereof, shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court, administrative agency, or other body with appropriate jurisdiction, the remaining section, subsection, sentences, clauses, or phrases and their application shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall become effective when enacted in accordance with Section 166.041, Florida Statutes.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and approved on first reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, this 21st day of July, 1998.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and approved on second reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, this 4th day of August, 1998.

(SEAL)



ATTEST:

June Sachse Bottner  
June Sachse Bottner  
City Clerk

Peter A. Altman  
Peter A. Altman  
Mayor - Councilmember

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CONTENT

By Thomas K. Morrison  
Thomas K. Morrison  
City Attorney

CM980615  
Revised 6/4/98

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE  
BY PROVIDING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE;  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, hereby ordains as follows:

**SECTION I. AMENDMENT**

Rspt: 259146 Rec: 15.00  
DS: 0.00 IT: 0.00  
08/05/98 Dpty Clerk

Section 3.13, entitled "Environmental Committee", Chapter 3 of the Land Development Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

JED PITTMAN, PASCO COUNTY CLERK  
08/05/98 04:36pm 1 of 3  
OR BK 3983 PG 1338

**"3.13.00 Environmental Committee**

**3.13.01 Recreated**

The City Council hereby recreates the Environmental Committee. The purpose of the Environmental Committee is to offer advisory opinions and recommendations to the City Council on environmental issues facing the City.

**3.13.02 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and functions of the Environmental Committee are as follows:

- (1) The Environmental Committee shall serve as the planning committee for any of the City's major environmental events, such as the Earth Day event and the Arbor Day Celebration.
- (2) The Committee shall explore new environmental initiatives for consideration and funding by the City Council.
- (3) The Environmental Committee shall serve as an advisor to the City Council and may render special reports to the City Council, as the members may deem advisable.
- (4) The Environmental Committee shall advise the City Council on the planting of trees in public places and, in general, provide advice to the City Council on the promulgation of the City's urban forestry program. The Environmental Committee shall fulfill all of the duties of an Arbor Board, including the filing of such reports and the planning of any programs recommended and required by the National Arbor Day Foundation's National Tree City USA program.
- (5) The Environmental Committee shall advise the City Council on the creation and sponsorship of recycling programs and activities in the City and shall also offer recommendations to the City Council on the financial support of recycling programs and events.
- (6) The Committee shall review all requests made to the City Council regarding the level of financial support for such activities. In addition, the Committee may offer recommendations to the City

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Council for the initiation and promotion of new recycling activities to be sponsored either in full or in part, by the City.

OR BK 3983 PG 1339

**3.13.03. Membership**

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1. There shall be seven (7) regular and two (2) alternate members comprising the Environmental Committee. The two (2) alternates will serve as a member in the absence of a regularly appointed member. All members of the Environmental Committee shall be resident electors of the City of New Port Richey. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members.
2. The initial appointment of members to serve on the Environmental Committee will be completed so that four (4) members of the Environmental Committee shall serve an initial term of two (2) years and three members shall serve an initial term of one (1) year. At the conclusion of those terms, new members shall be appointed to who may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years each.
3. The City Council shall select the Board members by a majority vote. The City Council, by a majority vote, may remove any member with or without cause. Vacancies shall be filled from the alternate positions, if available. A committee member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned unless the absence is excused by the Chairman prior to the meeting. The Chairman of the Committee shall notify the City Clerk of the member's resignation.

**3.13.04 Officers.**

The voting members of the Environmental Committee shall elect one (1) of their members to serve as Chairman, one (1) of their members to serve as Vice-Chairman, and one of their members to serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall record minutes for each meeting of the Committee. The Secretary shall keep the original copy of the minutes and furnish a copy of the minutes to the City Clerk. The Chairman shall submit an annual report to the City Council ~~in November.~~

**3.13.05 Voting Authority.**

All members and alternates, as well as the public, shall have a voice pertaining to the business brought before the Environmental Committee. Only members are entitled to vote on all proceedings. Alternates may not vote unless taking the place of an absent member. Members of the Committee shall not vote if they have a conflict of interest pursuant to Florida Statutes.

**3.13.06. Meeting Schedule.**

1. The Environmental Committee shall meet once every ninety (90) days, unless it determines to meet more frequently. Meetings shall be open to the public pursuant to F.S. Section 286.011. The time, date, place and the agenda of the meeting shall be placed posted by the City Clerk in a ~~conspicuous place~~ City Hall one (1) week prior to the meetings unless an emergency exists. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

3.13.07 Compensation

The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for travel expenditures in accordance with the Florida Statutes."

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any phrase or portion of this Ordinance, or the particular application thereof, shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court, administrative agency, or other body with appropriate jurisdiction, the remaining section, subsection, sentences, clauses, or phrases and their application shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective when enacted in accordance with Section 166.041, Florida Statutes.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and approved on first reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1998.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and approved on second reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1998.



(SEAL)

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY  
ATTEST

*[Signature]*  
City Clerk

*[Signature]*  
Mayor - Councilmember

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CONTENT

By *[Signature]*  
Thomas K. Morrison  
City Attorney

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## Meyers, Judy

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**From:** Dell deChant <ddechant@tampabay.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2023 4:11 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Judy  
**Subject:** Re: Marlowe Jones

Thanks, Judy.

Mr. Jones has not attended any meetings of the Environmental Committee as of this date.

Dell

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**From:** "Meyers, Judy" <MeyersJ@cityofnewportrichey.org>  
**Date:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 9:53 AM  
**To:** Dell deChant <ddechant@tampabay.rr.com>  
**Subject:** Marlowe Jones

Good morning Dell,

Mr. Jones has submitted an application seeking membership on the Environmental Committee. As you are aware, Council requires that a prospective member attend at least 2 meetings before their application is forwarded on for consideration. Can you confirm if Mr. Jones has met this requirement for your committee? If so, do you happen to remember which meetings he attended so I can pull the minutes from those meetings for verification?

Thank you for your assistance,  
Judy Meyers, CMC  
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**From:** Richard Melton <artman011@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 6:46 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Judy  
**Subject:** Re: Marlowe Jones

Good evening Judy,

Mr. Jones has never been to a meeting and does not reside in the city limits or have a business within the city therefore, he could not be a member of any committee.

Thank you for the follow up.

Richard Melton

On Sep 21, 2023, at 9:52 AM, Meyers, Judy <MeyersJ@cityofnewportrichey.org> wrote:

Good morning Rich,

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