



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

November 21, 2023

5:00 PM

**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, Councilman Peter Altman, Councilman Mike Peters and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Discussion Regarding Legislative Priorities for the 2024 Florida Legislative Session

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was for Council to discuss legislative priorities for the upcoming Florida Legislative Session. She then introduced Mike Moore from The Southern Group who then made a presentation to Council. Mr. Moore began his presentation by giving an overview of the The Southern Group team. Mr. Moore then highlighted the legislative timeline. Mr. Moore then highlighted the current and future House and Senate leaders. Mr. Moore then highlighted the City's appropriations request which included Fire Station No. 2 Construction Project and the Elevated Storage Tank Pump Station Improvements. Mr. Moore then highlighted the appropriations process. City Manager Manns then highlighted the Florida League of Cities' Legislative Platform and policy positions from this year's past session. City Manager Manns then moved on to discuss bills that failed this past session including HB 559 and SB 928 regarding the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, HB 1192 and SB 1240 regarding Land and Water Management, HB 1331 regarding Municipal Utilities, SB 682 and HB 671 regarding Residential Building Permits, HB 1153 and SB 1432 regarding Communications Service Tax and HB 401 and SB 604 regarding Sovereign Immunity. Mr. Moore then highlighted some bills that have already been filed for the upcoming session including Cost of Living Adjustment of Retirement

Benefits, Public Records (City/County Attorneys), Continuing Contracts, Impeding/Threatening/Harassing First Responders and Disaster Relief in regards to Hurricane Idalia. Councilman Altman then spoke regarding transport services by the City. He also spoke regarding the bike trail, Gunther Flaig and the ecotourism connection.

3 Communications

None.

4 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk