



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

December 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 7:02 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, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, and Library Director Andi Figart.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of November 21, 2023 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Proclamation - Wreaths Across America Day

6. 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:

- Mike Gordon, 6552 River Rd., NPR expressed his appreciation to Public Works and the crews who worked on the River Road Project.
- Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR spoke regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting and her experiences in the city over the last few years.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke regarding his experience at the last Council

meeting and his board and committee application.

- Ed Zeglarski, American Legion Post 79, NPR, spoke about what the Post can do to help veterans in the community.

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

- 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.

7 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval
- b Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - October 2023
- c Library Advisory Board Minutes - October 2023

8 Business Items

- a Public Hearing, Special Waste Hauling Applications for the 2024 Calendar Year

City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to consider for approval of the waste hauler permit applications for the 2024 calendar year submitted by Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. dba J.D. Parker & Sons, Republic Services of Florida LP dba Seaside Sanitation, Waste Connections Inc., Waste Management Inc. of Florida, and Peterson's Service Corporation. He stated that five waste haulers have submitted applications to the City and are currently operating in the City under their 2023 waste hauling special permit agreements. Due to City Council's approval of a single waste hauler system on September 5, 2023, JD Parker's special permit application contains residential and commercial waste hauling services as well as Construction and Demolition (C&D) hauling services. The other four vendor's special permit applications contain C&D services only, as this type of service is not restricted under current Florida Statutes. All existing vendors are currently collecting the 10% franchise fee mandated by the City to operate a waste hauling business within the City's Corporate Limits. 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 Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- b 2024 Astor Dr. and Palmetto Rd. Drainage Improvements – Task Order No. 23-003 Engineering Services

City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Task Order No. 23-003 from Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$135,900 for engineering services associated with the 2024 Astor Dr. and Palmetto Rd. Drainage Improvements Project. The proposed stormwater improvement flood control elements for this project include the construction of stormwater inlets at the intersections of Berkeley Rd., Carlton Rd., and Dartmouth Rd. along Astor Dr. The installation approximately 95 linear feet of stormwater pipe along Astor Dr. from Berkeley Rd. to Palmetto Rd. where it will tie into the existing stormwater system located at Stork St. and

Palmetto Rd. where a water quality baffle box will be installed. 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

c 2024 Stormwater Master Plan Update – Task Order No. 23-02 Engineering Services

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Task Order No.23-02 from Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 for engineering services associated with the 2024 Stormwater Utility System Master Plan Update for the City of New Port Richey's Stormwater Utility. Mr. Rivera stated that the City's existing Stormwater Utility Master Plan was last updated by Florida Design Consultants January 2014. Over the past 10 years the City has constructed a number of Capital Improvement Projects which were identified in the 2014 Master Plan. The 2024 Stormwater Utility System Master Plan Update will re-examine the City's stormwater system by identifying and analyzing the existing drainage information collected over the past 10 years, as well as information collected during the update process. Proposed projects to be in the plan will be categorized as known flooding areas, water quality treatment areas, repetitive loss areas, and finally projects that have not been completed in the City's previous Stormwater Master Plan. 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

d Request to Purchase WWTP Sludge Transfer Pump

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of the Penn Valley 6" Model Double Disc Pump unit from Mader Electric Motors in the amount not to exceed \$49,982.00 utilizing the "Piggyback process" from Lee County, Florida. Mr. Rivera stated the current pump was purchased in 2014. Pasco County would be responsible for 42% of the purchase. 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

e Request to Purchase WWTP High Service Pump

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of a Fairbanks model 2823 8" split case high service pump unit from Barneys Pump Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$44,800. Mr. Rivera stated the current pump is 26 years old. He stated that Pasco County would be responsible for 42% of the purchase. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Peters asked about the plant's excess capacity and Mr. Rivera stated it is not at capacity. Councilman Peters addressed erroneous comments made earlier today at the BOCC meeting by Commissioner Mariano that the plant was at capacity and an application for discharge. Mr. Rivera stated the City has not applied for a discharge. 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

9 Communications

Councilman Altman spoke regarding a service area on the west side near Trouble Creek. He stated that he toured the Schwettman School and the performing arts area. Councilman Altman also spoke about

the land outside by the river. He stated St. Leo biology will be here on December 14th. He spoke about the former bank building at Main and US 19. Councilman Altman spoke about the Resiliency Summit that will take place in May. He also spoke about the new Executive Director for TBRPC and their offer for some visioning. Councilman Altman spoke about the outfall near UHaul. He spoke regarding the resolution he has submitted for the recreation service areas. He stated he is working on the map to accompany the resolution. He stated he has spoken to the City Attorney about the service area agreement. Councilman Peters stated the City did a great job to kickoff the holiday season with the tree lighting and the decorations around town. He thanked Mr. Julien and his staff for the decorations for the boat parade. He stated he attended the ballet performance in Sims Park. He spoke about the approval by the BOCC earlier today for the improvements for Leisure Lane/Van Doren area. He stated it will be a joint project with the County. Councilwoman Mothershead stated she got to judge the boat parade and congratulated Ms. Figart for her win. She stated the street parade is this weekend. She stated it was supposed to be capped at 100 but there will be 138 floats. Councilwoman Mothershead stated there are three ribbon cuttings downtown this weekend. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated he is looking forward to the street parade. He thanked staff for the decorations at the park and the tree is amazing. He stated that it was a huge win today for the City regarding the Leisure Lane/Van Doren item earlier today at the BOCC meeting. He attended the leadership meeting last week and letters were sent out regarding forming a regional MPO. Mayor Davis spoke regarding Commissioner Mariano. He thanked the other four commissioners and the County Administrator for their work on the project. He encouraged everyone to stop by Dan Wright's business as they are celebrating 50 years in the city. Mayor Davis stated that City Manager Manns will be speaking at the theatre this Thursday. He stated there are a lot of people who have a lot of ideas regarding Schwettman. He stated the boat parade is phenomenal. Mayor Davis stated he is looking forward to changing the atmosphere of the Leisure Lane/Van Doren area.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____