



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 19, 2023

7:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 7:11 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, Deputy City Clerk Nadine Ward, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, and Assistant City Manager Gregory Oravec.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of December 5, 2023 Special Meeting and 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

5. Proclamation - The Dan Wright Corp 50th Anniversary

city Attorney Read the proclamation and it was presented by Mayor Davis.

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:

- Doug Jones, Richey Suncoast Theater, 6237 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke about the current improvements that they have made on the Theater.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR asked Council to reflect on what they have done this

past year.

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

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Business Items

- a 2023 Muscovy Duck Survey Report

City Manager Manns stated this item was deferred to a future Council meeting to be determined.

- b Board Re-Appointment: Joe Fiorentino, Firefighters' Pension Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the re-appointment of Joe Fiorentino to the Firefighters' Pension Board. If approved, Mr. Fiorentino's term will be for four years and will be up for renewal on January 21, 2028. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

- c Professional Service Agreement RE: City Engineering Services for 2024

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ayres Associates to provide professional engineering services for the City in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Ayres Associates has provided city engineering services since 2016. City Manager Manns stated that this is the first time Ayres has requested an increase in their annual fee. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated that the city should employ its own City Engineer. Councilman Peters prefers to have a team of engineers versus just one employee. City Manager Manns stated she had provided a cost estimate of what the charge would be if an engineer was in attendance. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

- d New Port Richey Rotaract's Beer & Wine Festival Alcohol Special Event

City Manager Manns introduced Parks and Recreation Director Andre Julien who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an ABSEP for the NPR Rotaract's Craft Beer & Wine Festival to be held on January 20, 2024, with alcohol sales occurring from 5pm to 8pm. 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

e Recreation and Aquatics Annual Membership Drive

City Manager Manns introduced Parks and Recreation Director Andre Julien who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a discount of 20% off for residents as well as 10% off for non-residents of the annual membership to the Recreation and Aquatics Center for the Annual Membership Drive. The additional request is to approve this year's annual membership sale dates of January 2, 2024 until January 16, 2024. Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- Paul Black, 5844 Madison St., NPR spoke regarding a proposed walking track at the RAC.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated the City should have an agreement with the County for recreation services which would allow for city residents to not pay membership fees at all. Councilman Peters requested the percentage of memberships that are non-city residents. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

f 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Consideration for Approval

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 a proposal from Granite Inliner, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$271,952.00 for sanitary sewer gravity main and stormwater pipe rehabilitation. He stated that severe deterioration of several existing gravity mains have been identified in the North River, the Heights, Oak Hill Heights, and Edgewater Gardens neighborhoods and along the US Hwy 19 corridor. For this project 114 linear feet (LF) of six-inch cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP), 2,975 LF of eight-inch CIPP will be installed, and 51 sewer lateral reconnections will be performed. Finally, 200 LF of 15” reinforced concrete pipe RCP and 300 LF of 36” RCP will be lined. 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

g Public Works Operations Center (PWOC) – 25-Ton Split System Condensing Unit Replacement

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 a proposal in the amount of \$85,000 from Air Mechanical and Service Corporation for the replacement of one 25-ton split system HVAC condensing unit at the Public Works Operations Center. 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

h ITB24-004 Bid Award RE: 2022 West Main Street Sidewalk and Drainage Project

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the lowest bid submitted by SC Signature Construction, Inc. in the amount not to exceed of \$326,561.98 for the 2022 West Main Street Sidewalk and Drainage Project. Mr. Rivera stated that the proposed project includes the construction of approximately 1,200’ of sidewalk along the north side of West Main Street. In addition to the sidewalk construction, drainage improvements will include the replacement and upsizing of the existing stormwater inlet structure and the

replacement and upsizing of the existing drainage pipe located to the west of the Burger King restaurant and the construction of a headwall south of the restaurant, and the construction of drainage swales where permissible to reduce on street flooding during storm events. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman suggested the City work with the County on a joint agreement. 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

i 2021/2022 Street Improvements Project – Change Order No. 1

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a change order submitted by Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. in an amount not to exceed \$1,886,387.97 and subsequent budget amendment in the amount of \$173,430. Mr. Rivera then presented the streets included in this change order:

1. Nebraska Avenue from Madison Street to Main Street
2. Montana Avenue from Lafayette Street to Grand Boulevard
3. Delaware Avenue from Madison Street to Congress Street
4. Louisiana Avenue from Grand Boulevard to Madison Street
5. Lafayette Street from Illinois Avenue to Lincoln Street
6. Lincoln Street from Lafayette Street to Main Street
7. Franklin Street from Illinois Avenue to Montana Avenue
8. Adams Street from Delaware Avenue to Central Avenue
9. Jefferson Street from Delaware Avenue to Missouri Avenue
10. Van Buren Street from Delaware Avenue to Indiana Avenue
11. Monroe Street from Illinois Avenue to Main Street
12. Harrison Street from Illinois Avenue to Main Street
13. Polk Street from Illinois Avenue to Old Main Street
14. Green Key Road from Independence Way to US19
15. Main Street from Old Main Street to Congress Street
16. Old Main Street from Main Street to Congress Street

Mr. Rivera stated that in addition to paving, areas where the existing sidewalk is cracked or damaged will be removed and replaced as part of the change order. Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- Paul Black, 5844 Madison St., NPR spoke regarding reclaimed water and alleyways.

With no one else coming forward, Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Peters stated he would like to see a sidewalk improvement project that is similar to this program. Motion was made to approve the item and budget amendment as presented.

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

9 Communications

Deputy Mayor Murphy thanked Mr. Rivera and his staff for cleaning up the graffiti that was recently done at Grand Blvd. Park. Councilman Peters also thanked Mr. Rivera and his staff for all of their hard work with the recent holiday events and decorations. He also stated that he attended the employee holiday luncheon and received a lot of positive feedback from the employees he spoke with. Councilman Altman suggested that next year it be moved to an employee holiday dinner so that spouses may attend. City Manager Manns asked for the consensus from Council to send a letter of appreciation to Representative Yeager and Senator Hooper for their support of appropriations for the upcoming legislative session. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

(signed) _____
Nadine Ward, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____