



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

May 21, 2024
6:00 PM

Please note the meeting times for regular city council meetings has been changed to 6:00 p.m. effective for all meetings after April 1, 2024.

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Kelly Mothershead, Councilwoman Matt Murphy, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Bertell Butler, IV.

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, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology Solutions Manager Mike Miller, Assistant City Manager Gregory Oravec and Human Resources Director Arnel Wetzel.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Approval of May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5 Legislative Session Update by The Southern Group

Mike Moore provided an update on the 2024 Florida Legislative Session.

6 Proclamation - National Cities, Towns and Villages Month (By Title Only)

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:

- Cristi and David Johnson, 5341 Palmetto Rd., NPR, owners of the Women at the Well sober

living home spoke about their program.

The following people spoke regarding the impact that Women at the Well sober living home had on their recovery:

- Melissa Merriott, 16333 Diagonal Road, Hudson
- Justin McPadden, 192 Planter Rd, Spring Hill
- Rachael Keegan, 18164 Winding Oaks Blvd., Hudson
- Josh Reinhardt, 5646 Townhouse Dr., NPR
- Grace McGhee, 5646 Townhouse Dr., NPR
- April Woods, 1015 Hiawatha Pl., Holiday
- Steph Nunen, 6816 Roosevelt Dr., PR

The following people also came forward to speak on other issues:

- Beva Stevenson Karay, 5719 Lafayette St. spoke regarding the SOS GHS 1922 community vision.
- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke regarding her tree code violation.
- Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR spoke regarding mutual respect and seeing Council members outside of the chambers.
- Brad Lee, 6504 River Rd., NPR, invited Council members to rededication for a Congressional Medal recipient at Pine Hill Cemetery.
- Rita King, 10926 Bounty St., NPR spoke regarding communications between the City and the School Board and an update on the Historical Preservation Board.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke regarding Deputy Mayor Mothershead, Councilman Butler, and city spies.

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.

8 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

- a Budget Amendment
- b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a First Reading, Ordinance No. 2024-2297: Sale of Surplus Property RE: 5306 Dartmouth Avenue

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of an ordinance to sell the city owned property located at 5306 Dartmouth Avenue in the amount of \$40,250 to Gary L. Blackwell Investments so that a single-family residence may be constructed on the lot. Chief Kochen stated that the City acquired this property through foreclosure. The existing structure was deemed unusable and was demolished. The minimum acceptable bid was \$25,000.00 with an available reimbursement of \$10,000.00 if the property receives a certificate of occupancy within 12 months of the sale.

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

- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR asked why Chief Kochen was presenting the item.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

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

b First Reading, Ordinance No. 2024-2298: Sale of Surplus Property RE: 5214 Idlewild Street

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of an ordinance to sell the city owned property located at 5214 Idlewild Street in the amount of \$50,250 to Gary L. Blackwell Investments so that a single-family residence may be constructed on the lot. Chief Kochen stated that the City acquired this vacant property through forfeiture by Pasco County. The minimum acceptable bid was \$35,000.00 with an available reimbursement of \$15,000.00 if the property receives a certificate of occupancy within 12 months of the sale.

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

- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR asked if this property was put out for auction. City Manager Manns stated an RFP was let with the specifications.

With no one else coming forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

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

c First Reading, Ordinance No. 2024-2299: Sale of Surplus Property RE: 5824 Louisiana Avenue

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of an ordinance to sell the city owned property located at 5824 Louisiana Avenue in the amount of \$60,250 to Richard A. Olsen, Troy R. Olsen and Vicki L. Clark so that a single-family residence may be constructed on the lot. Chief Kochen stated that the City acquired this property through foreclosure. The existing structure was deemed unusable and was demolished. The minimum acceptable bid was \$40,000.00 with an available reimbursement of \$15,000.00 if the property receives a certificate of occupancy within 12 months of the sale.

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

- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR asked if this was put up for auction.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

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

d First Reading, Ordinance No. 2024-2300: Sale of Surplus Property RE: 7440 US Hwy 19

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of an ordinance to sell the city owned property located at 7440 US Highway 19 in the amount of \$39,000 to Lee Nguyen so that a single-family residence may be constructed on the lot. Chief Kochen stated that

the City acquired this property through foreclosure. The minimum acceptable bid was \$35,000.00 with an available reimbursement of \$15,000.00 if the property receives a certificate of occupancy within 12 months of the sale.

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

- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR stated an appraisal and notice on the property photo needs to be included.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

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

10 Business Items

a WWTP Sand Filter Tank No. 2 Expansion Joint Restoration Project Close Out

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 change order in the amount not to exceed \$12,500 and the final pay request in the amount not to exceed \$48,000 from Razorback LLC for the Sand Filter Tank Two Expansion Joint Restoration Project Close Out. This project included the sealing of joint cracks in the plant's sand filter tank two and the remediation of spalling. Pasco County is responsible for 49,3% of the total cost. 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 Bertell Butler. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

b Parks and Recreation Annual Summer Membership Sale

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a discount of 20% for Residents and 10% for non-Residents for a summer membership to the Recreation and Aquatic Center. The sale would run from May 22, 2024 until June 19, 2024. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. City Manager Manns stated that Duke Energy has provided money to go towards scholarships for the rec center. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

11 Communications

Communications were deferred until the end of the CRA meeting.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____