



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

April 19, 2016

7:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, Councilman Chopper Davis, Councilman Jeff Starkey, and Councilwoman Judy DeBella Thomas.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie Manns, City Clerk Doreen Summers, Chief of Police Kim Bogart, Library Director Susan Dillinger, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Development Director Lisa Fierce, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzone, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran. City Attorney Joseph Poblick was excused.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held to honor American servicemen and -women serving at home and abroad.

4. Approval of the April 4, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0.
Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

5. Oaths of Office: Elected Candidates

Councilmen Chopper Davis and Jeff Starkey were sworn in as new councilmembers. Their three-year terms will end on April 16, 2019.

6. Selection of Deputy Mayor

Motion was made to retain Bill Phillips as Deputy Mayor.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 4-0.
Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Starkey Abstain: Phillips

7 Proclamation - Beta Sigma Phi Day

8 Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

None coming forward for Vox Pop, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council.

9 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

10 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance 2016-2076: Golf Cart Operation on City Roadways

City Manager Manns read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon opening the floor to public comment, City resident Doug Van Etten asked for carts to be allowed on all City streets with speed limits of 30 mph or less, similar to Port Richey's blanket coverage. He thought that the various road section closures would confuse cart drivers. In response to his query, Chief Bogart stated that per Statute, the Florida Department of Transportation did not allow golf carts to cross U.S. 19 at Main Street or Gulf Drive. None else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council.

Mayor Marlowe felt that Section 9.10's restrictions were overreaching, and suggested reserving that section for a possible later addition. He was in favor of a 6-month trial of all streets with a 30 mph or lower speed limit.

Chief Bogart was in favor of retaining the restrictions, citing high-traffic streets that could cause safety issues; Councilmen Davis and Starkey agreed. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas suggested entry-point signage declaring New Port Richey a golf cart city and advising caution.

Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading with the following amendments and recommendations.

- Delete 9.10 (a) text and replace with "Main Street, with the exception of Main Street from River Road to Van Buren Street;"
- Delete 9.10 (d)
- Delete 9.10 (h)
- Section 4: a June 1, 2016 effective date
- Revisit the ordinance in 6 months and amend if necessary

Motion made by Judy DeBella Thomas and seconded by Bill Phillips. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

b Second Reading, Ordinance 2016-2077: Code Amendment - Front Porches

City Manager Manns read the proposed ordinance by title only. None coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Phillips asked if varied architectural features such as pergolas would be allowed. Development Director Fierce indicated that such design options would be accommodated.

Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0.
Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

c First Reading, Ordinance 2016-2083: Code Amendment - Mobile Home Park District

City Manager Manns read the proposed ordinance by title only. None coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council.

Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

11 Business Items

a Consideration of Appointments to Intergovernmental Committees

In response to Councilwoman DeBella Thomas's query, City Manager Manns confirmed that the City was a current member of the Suncoast League of Cities. Motion was made to retain the April 2015 intergovernmental committee roster until April 2017.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0.
Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

b Resolution 2016-09 - Imposing & Assessing Cost of Abatement and Removal of Unsafe Structure at 6035/6037 High Street

None coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis recalled earlier removal assessments where the lien lingered until its fines rendered it more than the property was worth; he advised monitoring the lien and foreclosing if the lien started to grow, via added late fines, to a disproportionate amount.

Motion was made to approve the resolution.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

c Resolution 2016-12: Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant

None coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. City Manager Manns stated that the \$50,000 matching funds would be the Rosners' responsibility, and would be added to the agreement negotiations. The grant would be returned to Council for approval if it was awarded to the City.

Motion was made to approve the resolution.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

d Bid Award: RFQ 16-011, Recreation Center Fitness Equipment

Upon opening the floor to public comment, City resident Greg Smith inquired whether equipment maintenance was part of the bid. Parks and Recreation Director Smith replied in the affirmative, adding that the maintenance specifics varied by equipment type. A new maintenance company had been selected by the City. None else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council.

Deputy Mayor Phillips approved of the Life Fitness equipment brand; Director Smith informed Councilwoman DeBella Thomas that the Center's Silver Sneakers program had approximately 600

enrollees, of whom 541 were active users.

Motion was made to approve the award.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

e 2013 Sewer Improvements Project Close-Out

None coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the deductive change order and final pay request.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

f Notice of Intent to Purchase Utilities

None coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Phillips voiced several concerns; Public Works Director Rivera responded that he would respond to Mr. Phillips and address the various points.

- Well closures or citations.
- The system was 30-48 years old, and no maintenance records were supplied.
- The return on investment (ROI) would commence in 11 years, by which time some equipment would need to be replaced, incurring additional debt instead of a return. The ROI needed to occur sooner if possible.
- Fire hydrants.

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas also expressed her concern with the existing older equipment. She stated that its useful life was either expired or in question, and she did not want to make an assumption regarding its effectiveness, given so many unknown factors. Director Rivera responded that the equipment was examined by Public Works and deemed sufficient; his stated ROI was a maximum timeframe, and he expected the actual date to occur sooner. In response to Councilman Davis's query, Director Rivera stated that if sewer lines were to be added, they would be mandated throughout all three areas.

Motion was made to approve the Notice of Intent.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

g City Manager Performance Evaluation

The item was tabled until the May 3, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.

h Three-Minute Report: Finance

i Three-Minute Report: Fire

12 Communications

The item was tabled until the close of the subsequent Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors meeting.

13 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

(signed) _____

Doreen M. Summers, CAP-OM, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____