



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

September 26, 2022

6:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Mike Peters, Councilman Peter Altman, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Interim Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Economic Development Director Barbara Carr, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene, Parks and Recreation Director Terri Moore and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Resolution No. 2022-22: Declaring a Local State of Emergency - Page 3

City Attorney Driscoll read the resolution by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to declare a local state of emergency due to Hurricane Ian. The local state of emergency would become effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe 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, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

b. Final Public Hearing - Resolution No. 2022-19 & Resolution No. 2022-20 - Page 6

City Attorney Driscoll read Resolution No. 2022-19 by title only. City Manager Manns read the following into the record:

Florida Statute 200.065(2)(C)1 prescribes that Council adopt the millage rate prior to adopting the 2022-2023 budget. A notification regarding the Public Hearing has been provided to every property owner in the City by the Pasco County Property Appraiser's Office. This notification in the form of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice was mailed the week of August 15th. Action requested is to adopt Resolution 2022-19. The name of the taxing authority is the City of New Port Richey. The tentative millage rate of 8.4500 mills is 5.50% less than the roll-back rate of 8.9148 mills. Total ad valorem revenues that will be generated are estimated to be \$6,814,020; that is approximately \$929,450 more than what was generated in ad valorem in FY21-22, due to the increase of property values. The millage rate is 8.4500 and is .05000 mills less than the prior year's millage. Although the statute requires discussion regarding the percent increase over the rolled back rate and specific purposes for which ad valorem is being increased, for the record, in our case, neither apply. At this time an overview will be provided of the proposed budget. After the close of the presentation, it is requested that the Mayor invite public comment on the millage.

Crystal Feast then presented the budget overview to Council. She stated there were no changes from the first budget hearing. The total of revenues are \$83,102,330. The general fund and water & sewer fund are the two largest funds. Expenditures total \$28,730,720. The CIP totals \$24,395,900.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Peters to approve Resolution No. 2022-19 adopting the final millage rate and was seconded by Councilwoman Mothershead. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:14 p.m.

City Attorney Driscoll then read Resolution No. 2022-20 by title only. Motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 2022-20 adopting the final operating budget and CIP by Deputy Mayor Peters and was seconded by Councilman Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:19 p.m.

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

5 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated that Jim Cantore has taken up residence in Clearwater for the storm. He stated level A evacuations will be called out before this is over. He urged everyone to take the storm seriously. Deputy Mayor Peters urged everyone to be neighborly and to finish up storm preparations tomorrow. Councilwoman Mothershead urged residents to take photos and videos for inventory. City Manager Manns stated parking permits and waivers will be available tomorrow for residents to park a car in the City's Parking Structure during the storm.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____