



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

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

October 3, 2022

3:00 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 3:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Mike Peters, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns and City Clerk Judy Meyers. Councilman Matt Murphy was excused.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Florida League of Cities Annual Conference Wrap Up Discussion

Mayor Marlowe stated the purpose of this work session was to discuss the information that was presented at the Florida League of Cities' Annual Conference. Mayor Marlowe stated a lot of the information was Parks and Recreation related. Deputy Mayor Peters stated he had time to visit with the representatives from Duke Energy. He stated there was a variety of lighting. Councilman Altman stated that a common interest has been yard debris. He stated we are still on mission to improve the way the service is provided. He stated there are opportunities including providing a large garbage can for debris to be placed in. Councilman Altman stated that in regard to recycling, there is a product that is coming out that involves sugar cane and there may be other eco-friendly products. Councilwoman Mothershead stated there are straws that are made out of sugar. Councilman Altman stated there are many requirements with federal grants. The management of the grant could be an expense of the grant itself. Mayor Marlowe stated resiliency efforts are very important especially after the hurricane last week. He spoke regarding a community in the affected area that is a solar community. Deputy Mayor Peters stated that we have to fortify our homes and infrastructure the best we can. Resiliency efforts could be towards stormwater control. Councilman Altman then spoke regarding the former Truist Bank building property and the lack of stormwater. Deputy Mayor Peters stated that Pinellas and Pasco County have recently made changes regarding flood insurance requirements. Mayor Marlowe stated it is not only storm surge but rain events as well. Councilman Altman stated that there was a company at the conference that had smart rain gauges. He stated there is a company in Tampa that is working on a dispersal aerator which will supercharge the molecules and let them evaporate. Mayor Marlowe asked about existing drainage lines going south from the former

Truist property. City Manager Manns stated she would consult with Mr. Rivera. She stated there are some connections and there is also one at Acorn. Councilman Altman then spoke regarding audit firms. He stated the new firm came in after the new year and was able to get the audit done on time. He stated he would like to strategize with the firm regarding the CRA. Mayor Marlowe stated that was a good idea as they do more than auditing services. Mayor Marlowe stated there is a small slide in the playground area that needs a rusted pole replaced. He stated staff had blocked off the slide from use. He stated that there are some holes and cracks in the rubber matted area. Mayor Marlowe stated that several plants also need replaced and he suggested installing more benches inside the area instead of plants. Councilwoman Mothershead stated she had dinner at the Hacienda last Saturday night and the downtown was packed even though there were no events going on. Deputy Mayor Peters stated there were vendors at the conference that had Florida friendly landscaping. He suggested giving information regarding Florida friendly landscaping to businesses. Mayor Marlowe stated the perennial peanuts on the medians on US19 have done very well. Deputy Mayor Peters then spoke regarding short-term rentals. Councilwoman Mothershead stated there are more in the city than what she thought. She stated she is a realtor and is often asked about finding a short-term rental. City Manager Manns stated we are getting close to an ADU ordinance that can be presented to the LDRB. Councilman Altman stated he would like to see them expanded beyond just the downtown area. Deputy Mayor Peters stated that staff cleaned up the city quickly after the storm. He stated there was a group from Calvary Chapel that was cleaning up the park as part of their service day.

3 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk