



**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

October 4, 2022

7:00 PM

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**ORDER OF**  
**BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 7:00 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. Approval of September 13, 2022 Work Session Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Approval of September 15, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

6. Approval of September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Rich Melton, 5848 Central Ave., NPR came forward to speak about Charley Belcher's news story regarding the MAPS Dinosaur exhibit and the possibility of in-kind support by the City. Kim Brust, 6545 Circle Blvd., NPR came forward to speak regarding a quorum for the Cultural Affairs Committee. Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR, came forward to speak regarding the City's response during the hurricane. She also spoke regarding Marlowe Jones and Chief Bogart. Lori Turnbull, 5941 Central Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding flooding on her property. Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR came forward to read a letter from Gus Bilirakis and information off the Florida Attorney General's website. Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR came forward to speak regarding Officer Rickus and text messages. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

8 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2022-2260: Sidewalk Cafe Outdoor Cooking

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance to allow outdoor cooking in the downtown area during special events. She stated there was a considerable amount of discussion at first reading and the revisions requested have been made. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Peters stated that there are a frequent number of food truck vendors that come to events and businesses asked to be allowed the opportunity as well. Mayor Marlowe stated the specific change from first reading was changing from the alcohol boundary to the downtown zoning district. Councilman Murphy stated we have a big event this weekend and suggested postponing the enactment of the ordinance until after this weekend. Councilwoman Mothershead stated that committees work to get sponsors and a 30-day notice would be appropriate so alternate arrangements could be made. Mayor Marlowe asked Tina Farrell to come forward to address the charges that businesses may be charged for this weekend. She stated that the permits were under the event. She stated there were different fees for inside and outside of the park. She stated she believed that outside of the park was \$250. She stated that there was a Zoom meeting which discussed this matter. Councilman Altman asked Deputy Mayor Peters to amend his motion that would delay the application of this ordinance for 30 days. Deputy Mayor Peters agreed to the amendment. Mayor Marlowe stated it is not fair to the businesses to be charged for wanting to offer outdoor grilling on their own property. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading with the ordinance going into effect in 30 days.

Motion made by Mike Peters and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Altman, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters Nays: Marlowe

10 Business Items

a 2022 Friendly Vet Fest Event and Alcoholic Beverage Applications

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item

was to approve an ABSEP for the Warrior Wellness Program, and in partnership with the Non-Profit Organization S.T.A.N.O, Inc. (Supporting Our Troops Area-wide, National and Overseas) dba The Stano Foundation for the Friendly VetFest event which will take place in Sims Park on November 12, 2022. The organizers wish to sell beer and wine from 4-11PM. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated that 501-3C organizations are charitable organizations but events cannot include political activities. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

b CAC Funding Request for Pasco Upcycle and Art Festival

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a funding request from the Cultural Affairs Committee for Keep Pasco Beautiful's Upcycle and Art Festival which will take place in Sims Park on November 5th from 10AM-4PM. The amount of funding requested is \$5,000. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Kristen King, 1545 Debonair Drive, Holiday, came forward and stated that Keep Pasco Beautiful has received state funding in the past but did not receive any for this year that is why funding is being requested. She also stated that there will be no beer or wine at this event. She stated Keep Pasco Beautiful is trying to utilize the local businesses as much as possible. She also stated that there will be no charge for vendors for this event. With no one else coming forward, Mayor Marlowe 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

c Recommendation of In-Kind Support for Special Events

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to consider and approve an appropriation of funds to support recognized annual special events hosted by local not for profit organizations. She stated that each year requests from not-for-profits organizations of recognized annual special events. In the case of the coming fiscal year, an appropriation in the amount of \$58,000 was established in order to support the following events with an in-kind contribution.

The requests received for funding are as follows:

1. Chasco Fiesta – \$60,000-\$72,000
2. Cotee River Bike Fest – \$15,000
3. Holiday Street Parade - \$14,000

City Manager Manns stated that the amount of funding that each of the organization's are requesting exceeds the amount of funding that was budgeted to support the special events. She stated in order to truly evaluate the impact of these special events to the community, it is important to reflect on not only the amount of community support for the event, economic benefit to the business community but also the charitable benefit to city residents.

City Manager Manns stated that the Fourth of July Celebration is not noted as Mr. Gilliss of Friendly KIA assumes the responsibility for the majority of hard costs associated with the event. Therefore staff's recommendations are as follows:

1. Chasco Fiesta – \$34,000
2. Cotee River Bike Fest - \$12,000
3. Holiday Street Parade - \$12,000

Upon opening the floor to public comment, Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR came forward to ask who will make the final decision. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the

floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

d 2021 Grand Blvd. Multi-Use Path (MUP) Project – Architectural and Engineering Services

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review and consider for approval a task order from Halff Associates, Inc., for architectural and engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$159,370 for the 2021 Grand Blvd. (MUP). She then introduced Assistant Public Works Director Barret Doe who then made a presentation to Council. Mr. Doe stated that the MUP will connect with the City's existing path to the south at Marine Pkwy and Grand Blvd. and to the north at Madison St. and Main St. Design elements include the reduction of four lanes to two lanes along Grand Blvd. between Gulf Dr. and Delaware Ave. Landscape and irrigation areas are to include trees, shrubs, and ground cover. Seating areas and paths widths will be able to accommodate both bicycle and pedestrian traffic, and finally, improved decorative street lighting and stormwater drainage improvements will be installed. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR came forward to state that the piece of property across from Leaning Tower was donated as a park. Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR, came forward to encourage Council not to forget low-income housing when finalizing plans. With no one else coming forward, Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

11 Communications

Mayor Marlowe thanked the Council members who attended the FLC wrap up work session yesterday afternoon. He stated there was also a discussion regarding resiliency and the steps we can take to harden our city. He stated staff is working on changes in zoning to allow ADU's. Mayor Marlowe stated there was also a discussion regarding drainage issues. Councilman Murphy stated that Zoom meetings are very common and City Manager Manns stated she did facilitate a Zoom meeting this past month. Councilman Altman spoke regarding the Gibbs Study and the suggestion from others in town about parking requirements being obsolete. He stated that parking requirements are an issue that needs further discussion. He stated that he understands the value of public input and community meetings and it is a great process. He stated he would like for Council to have discussions to know where we are heading. Councilman Altman stated he would like the discussions to be part of the process. Councilman Altman stated that there are people who do not understand the difference in the roles as City Manager and the Executive Director for the CRA. Deputy Mayor Peters stated the idea of historical markers would be a great venture between the Historic Preservation Board and Cultural Affairs Committee. He stated that if it goes above the scope of a committee we can bring in professional architects. He stated he appreciates the time the members of the boards and committees put in. Deputy Mayor Peters stated that parks and public works employees did a wonderful job during the recent hurricane. He stated he was in Sims Park over the weekend and there was a group from Calvary Chapel there cleaning up the park as a day of service. Councilwoman Mothershead stated that boards and committees are a great way to participate. She stated that she saw a lot of neighbors working together before and after the hurricane getting things done. City Manager Manns expressed her appreciation to the City's Emergency Management Team during Hurricane Ian.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_