



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

December 6, 2022

7:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Mike Peters at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Matt Murphy. Mayor Rob Marlowe and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead were excused.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Assistant Public Works Director Barret Doe, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Library Director Andi Figart and Parks and Recreation Director Terri Moore.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 3-0. Ayes: Altman, Murphy, Peters Absent: Marlowe, Mothershead

5. Swearing-In of New Firefighters: Chandler Cornell and John Jessup

6. Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Peters opened the floor for public comment. The following people came forward to speak:

- Jennifer Eichenberger, 5842 Illinois Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding not establishing a neighborhood watch program. She also spoke regarding community-oriented policing.
- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR came forward to speak regarding an agenda item for a

charter review.

- Kimberly Cox, 7336 Ashmore Dr., NPR, came forward to speak regarding not establishing a neighborhood watch program. She also spoke regarding noise ordinances that were issued in 2020 and hate speech in the downtown.
- Ashley Adamiak, 6814 Lassen Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding holding city meetings for all residents not just city residents. She also spoke about a police review board.
- James Adamiak, 6814 Lassen Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding a citizens review board.
- Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding a recent interaction with the fire department. She also spoke regarding not establishing a neighborhood watch program.
- Bertell Butler, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding about the showers at the RAC being used for the houseless. He suggested establishing a written action plan.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR came forward to speak regarding the previous employee survey and text messages. He also stated there is no need for a neighborhood watch program.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Deputy Mayor Peters 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.

7 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 3-0. Ayes: Altman, Murphy, Peters Absent: Marlowe, Mothershead

- a Library Advisory Board Minutes - October 2022
- b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval
- c Budget Amendment

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a First Reading, Ordinance No. 2022-2265: Authorizing the Issuance of a Taxable Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Note, Series 2022 RE: 6128 US Highway 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 which would authorize the issuance of the Taxable Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Note, Series 2022 for the purchase of real property located at 6128 US Hwy 19. City Manager Manns stated that there were two financing options when the City Council, as the CRA Board of Directors, approved the purchase. The financing options were based on the length of time that the City was going to hold the property as an asset. She stated that the closing will occur on or before December 22, 2022. There has not been an RFP issued yet regarding the development of the property. City Manager Manns stated the City has entered into discussion with Truist for a two-year period with no pre-payment penalty. The obligation will be incurred by the City and an Interlocal Agmt. will be presented to the CRA Board.

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

- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR came forward to ask if the property has been purchased. He also spoke regarding other things the funds could be used for.

- Bertell Butler, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR came forward to recommend better education for the public on what a CRA is.
- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR came forward and stated the CRA focus group has been rescheduled for January 11, 2023.

With no one else coming forward Deputy Mayor Peters returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated the CRA Master Plan is being updated. He stated there is an outside third party consultant for the update. He then highlighted the rules for CRA's and the use of the funds. Councilman Altman then gave an overview on the purpose of a CRA and how it works. He also spoke about a floodable pond for the property. He also spoke regarding low-income and medium-income housing. Councilman Murphy stated that this parcel is important for development. He stated it is part of forming the city the way citizens want. He stated there are numerous work sessions throughout the year that the public can attend and speak at. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 3-0. Ayes: Altman, Murphy, Peters Absent: Marlowe, Mothershead

9 Business Items

a Board Re-Appointment: Carolyn Marlowe, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the re-appointment of Carolyn Marlowe to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. If approved, Mrs. Marlowe's term will be for three years and will be up for renewal on December 20, 2025. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Deputy Mayor Peters returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 3-0. Ayes: Altman, Murphy, Peters Absent: Marlowe, Mothershead

b Board Appointment: Jeff Olds, Police Pension Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointment of Jeff Olds to the Police Pension Board. If approved, Mr. Olds' term on the Police Pension Board will be up for renewal on November 10, 2023 as outlined in the Board's Rules & Regulations provided by their attorney. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Kimberly Cox, 7336 Ashmore Dr., NPR and Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR came forward to request the item be continued to the next meeting. With no one else coming forward Deputy Mayor Peters 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. 3-0. Ayes: Altman, Murphy, Peters Absent: Marlowe, Mothershead

c Recreation and Aquatic Center Annual Membership Drive

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a discount of 20% off of annual memberships to the Recreation and Aquatic Center for the Annual Membership Drive. The membership drive would be held from December 12, 2022 until January 15, 2023. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Bertell Butler, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR came forward to state that while he was an employee this sale was well taken advantage of. He suggested next year making a blanket discount for residents and non-residents. With no one else coming forward Deputy Mayor Peters returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated we should be looking at other communities who have had success with recreation programs. He stated our Rec Center is a wonderful asset and facility. He suggested city residents should be able to use the recreation center for free. He stated use of the facility is paid for through taxes. Councilman Altman stated he would like to discuss this item further during budget season. Deputy Mayor Peters stated there is a daily fee for those who want to use the rec center on a daily basis. He stated the center

enhances our city in a lot of ways. Councilman Murphy stated he would be willing to look at the rate schedule if it makes it more beneficial for the city. Parks and Recreation Director Moore stated that the scholarship program is currently being revamped. She also stated that normally there is no one that gets turned away from using the rec center. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 3-0. Ayes: Altman, Murphy, Peters Absent: Marlowe, Mothershead

10 Communications

Councilman Altman apologized to Mr. Jones for what he has gone through and bringing information that we were not aware of. He stated our city is a City Manager form of government. He stated the form of government is outlined by the charter. He stated he talked to the auditors who say it is unusual not to receive regular financial reports. He stated ARPA funds came in last year and he asked to see progress on those elements. Councilman Altman stated that the CRA Master Plan, Comp Plan and Stormwater Plans are all being updated. Councilman Altman then spoke regarding the lack of TDC funds for west Pasco. Councilman Murphy stated that we partner with the County on social programs to get people the help they need. He stated we can always do better. He stated there are many ways for community engagement not just through a neighborhood watch program. He stated the MPO meeting was postponed until January. Deputy Mayor Peters stated the TDC has given some funds for Chasco, Bikefest and the Dinos & Dragons exhibit. He stated it is based on heads in beds. He stated there will be some magazine articles coming soon related to the Hacienda. He thanked Parks & Rec for the event last Friday night. He stated it was a prime example of why people are attracted here. Deputy Mayor Peters stated he was amazed by the people who came out to view the boat parade. He said he expected large crowds for the street parade this weekend. He stated the Palm District will be having an open house this weekend. He spoke regarding the last LDRB and the proposed senior housing development behind Southgate. Deputy Mayor Peters stated there are constant complaints about speeding. He urged everyone to be safe. Deputy Mayor Peters stated the application period for the upcoming Citizens Academy is now open.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____