



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

January 5, 2023

4:00 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 4:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Mike Peters, Councilman Peter Altman, and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead. Councilman Matt Murphy was 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, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Terri Moore and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Discussion Regarding Legislative Priorities for the Pasco County Legislative Delegation Meeting - Page 2

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this work session was to discuss Council's legislative priorities to be presented at the upcoming Pasco County Legislative Delegation meeting on Friday, January 13, 2023. City Manager Manns stated she has spent the last few days to review and prepare the information and review already filed legislation and has put together a summary of priorities to review. City Manager Manns then highlighted policy priorities which included Enterprise Fund Transfers, Mobility Plans, Accessible Housing, Water Resource Planning and Comprehensive Watershed Management, and Short-Term Rentals. She then highlighted positions in regards to Residential Zoning, Property Tax Protection, Transportation Funding, and Water & Wastewater Plant Operator Licensure. City Manager Manns then highlighted several other bills of concern that staff will continue to monitor during the legislative session. Finally, City Manager Manns highlighted funding initiatives which included the US Highway 19 Overpass, Fire Station No. 2 and Grand Blvd. MUP. Mayor Marlowe spoke regarding Forward Pinellas' efforts for pedestrian and bicycle crossings and the new overpass at US Highway 19 and Harn. He stated we should encourage FDOT for the same. Councilman Altman stated FDOT shared budgeting for the city

when he met with them. Councilman Altman stated the Governor's list trended towards public safety and water. He stated resiliency is also important. He stated we should focus on partnering with the County. Councilman Altman stated he is available to attend the delegation meeting and Mayor Marlowe stated he is planning on attending as well. City Council then conducted a brief discussion regarding the building plans bill. Deputy Mayor Peters stated that we really need to work in consort with the County. Councilwoman Mothershead stated that the fire station project should be at the top of the list as well. Mayor Marlowe suggested adding repealing statute from prohibiting golf carts from crossing US Highway 19 to the priority list for the 2024 legislative session.

3 Communications

Deputy Mayor Peters stated he will attend the delegation meeting and will be traveling to Tallahassee during the session. He stated there are events on the sports coast website. He stated they are looking on scheduling events out farther. Mayor Marlowe stated the first Talk About Town is Tuesday at 6PM at SIP on Grand. He stated the topic will be Grand Blvd. City Clerk Meyers stated the public notice has already been posted on the bulletin board in City Hall. Councilman Altman stated that he will be speaking on CRA's at a neighborhood meeting.

4 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk