



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

June 6, 2023

7:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

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

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene and Economic Development Director Rod Kirk.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of May 2, 2023 and May 16, 2023 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, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

5. Proclamation - Juneteenth Freedom Day

Eugene Scott accepted the parchment from Mayor Davis.

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

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

- Bertell Butler, IV, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR spoke regarding residential projects, over-development and jobs in west Pasco. He also spoke regarding CRA focus groups, GIS and

marketing.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Davis 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 Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2023-2279: Rezoning of +/-3.67 Acres on 5105 US Highway 19

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- Bertell Butler, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR spoke regarding a woman recently displaced from the Magnuson and gentrification.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

9 Business Items

- a Board Appointment: Rob Marlowe, Environmental Committee

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

- Bertell Butler, IV, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR spoke in favor of the appointment.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

- b First Amendment to Interlocal Agmt. w/Pasco County RE: Grand Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of New Port Richey and Pasco County for engineering design services for the construction of the Grand Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project. She stated that the design cost to elevate the bridge was submitted to the City by the County in the amount of \$100,000 and the estimated construction cost for the elevation estimated at \$952,621. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis 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, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

c Consideration of Disposal of Surplus Property for Auction

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to declare 15 vehicles/equipment as "Surplus Equipment" and authorize staff to process the vehicles/equipment for auction using the services of The Public Group, LLC. She stated the minimum purchasing price is based on Kelly Blue Book. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

d ITB23-016 Activity Pool Resurfacing Bid Award

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to award ITB23-016 Activity Pool Resurfacing, to Aumiller Pools, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$177,500. She stated this is the second time this has been out to bid. In addition, staff would request City Council approve the attached budget amendment in the amount not to exceed \$77,500. There is also a \$30k contingency. Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward:

- Bertell Butler, IV, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR spoke regarding the CIP and funds from the ARPA for the Railroad Square Project.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item and budget amendment as presented.

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

e Request for Direction Regarding Murals

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review a matter related to an application for a mural located at 5404 Main Street. City Manager Manns stated that as Council is aware, there was a mural constructed on the western wall of the building located at 5404 Main Street. The mural incorporates the words "Welcome to New Port Richey" and various images. She stated the applicant, Nicholas Petranton, did not submit a request for permission to create a mural before the mural was constructed. She stated it has great appeal to all who have seen it. The proposal was approved by the New Port Richey Main Street Design Committee without deference to the City's ordinance. She stated it is staff's recommendation to not exceed the 2% lettering. City Manager Manns stated there is an opportunity that City Attorney Driscoll came up with and he explained that the owner could license the wall to the City as a sign due to its unusual location through a licensing agreement.

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

- Rich Melton, 5848 Central Ave., NPR stated that murals should be welcomed and be a source of pride.
- Bertell Butler, IV, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR stated there are people who think the City should be proactive.
- Bob Smallwood, 7124 Meighan Ct., NPR stated that mural catches the spirit of the town. He stated changes need to be made to the mural application process.
- Frank Starkey, 5939 Grand Blvd., NPR stated that mural restrictions are just too tight.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to draft a license agreement for the mural with the property owner and bring back to Council for final approval.

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

10 Communications

Communications were deferred until the CRA meeting immediately following the close of the regular CC meeting. Please refer to the June 6, 2023 CRA meeting minutes.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____