



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
September 20, 2016
7:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were, Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, Councilwoman Judy DeBella Thomas, Councilman Jeff Starkey and Councilman Chopper Davis.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Chief of Police Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Development Director Lisa Fierce, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Susan Dillinger, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of August 23, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes and September 1, 2016 Emergency Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Bill Phillips. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

5. Proclamation - Chuck Pitcock Day

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation declaring September 23, 2016 as Chuck Pitcock Day in New Port Richey. Mr. Pitcock's family was present to receive the proclamation.

6. Voluntary Service Award

Mayor Marlowe presented Christian Isaly with the 2016 Voluntary Service Award from the Florida Recreation Parks Association.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. None coming forward, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

8 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Business Items

a Renewal of Agreement between City of New Port Richey and Community Champions, Inc.

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that in 2012 the City entered into an agreement with Community Champions for a foreclosure registry. The item before Council was for a one year agreement with two one year renewals.

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe closed public comment and returned the item back to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

b Subrecipient Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement - Circle Blvd. Improvements

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the City is in receipt of CDBG funds for the Circle Boulevard project. The total cost of the project is \$255,000 of which \$198,970 are CDBG funds with the remaining \$56,030 coming from stormwater funds. The project includes milling, drainage improvements, ADA sidewalk improvements, asphalt paving and striping.

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe closed public comment and returned the item back to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

c Utility Service Agreement - Ozanam Village

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the item was for a utility service agreement for a thirty unit development off of Massachusetts Avenue.

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe closed public comment and returned the item back to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

d Alcoholic Beverage Special Event Permit - Cotee River Bike Fest

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the Cotee River Bikefest will be held October 7-9 and has submitted an ABSEP for the event. Alcohol would be served from 5-11pm on Friday, from noon-11pm on Saturday and from 1-7pm on Sunday. Chip Wichmanoski and Liz

Misemer from the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce came forward to speak about the event. Mr. Wichmanowski thanked Council for their partnership and looked forward to a great event.

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe closed public comment and returned the item back to Council. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas noted the time of sale on the application was the old times. Ms. Smith stated she would make sure they received an updated application for future events. Mayor Marlowe encouraged everyone to come down and look at the custom bikes. There will also be vintage and classic motorcycles on display this year as well.

Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

e Recommendation of Barth Associates for Parks and Recreation Master Plan

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the city has been contemplating the implementation of a Parks and Rec Master Plan and that grant funding sometimes requires a Master Plan to be in place. A RFQ was released in May 2016 and interviews were held conducted in August. Barth and Associates has completed over 15 master plans. Ms. Manns outlined the scope of work and fees associated with the plan. David Barth came forward to speak and thanked Council for the opportunity to create the Master Plan.

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe closed public comment and returned the item back to Council. Deputy Mayor Phillips asked for clarification that all the city's parks were included and Ms. Smith replied yes. Deputy Mayor wanted to know what the ultimate goal of Avery Park is in the future. Councilman Starkey stated that not many residents are familiar with Avery Park. Councilman Davis asked about the funding for this and Ms. Feast stated that there was a line item in the budget for next fiscal year. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that she wanted to make sure all the stakeholders are involved in the process. She suggested using social media accounts. She stated that key events are going to take place during the time of this project and that feedback was key.

Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

f Rescinding of Appointment of Barbara Rattee to the Cultural Affairs Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that in August 2016 staff recommended the approval of Ms. Rattee as an alternate for the City's Cultural Affairs Committee. As she is not eligible per the City's Code of Ordinances, it is recommended that the appointment be rescinded.

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe closed public comment and returned the item back to Council. Councilman Starkey stated that in the future perhaps applicants can come to a Council meeting to meet Council before they are appointed to the committee. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Judy DeBella Thomas and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

g Three Minute Report: Library

h Three Minute Report: Technology Solutions

10 Communications

Councilman Starkey stated that he was excited to see Bikefest returned to Sims Park. He congratulated Chief Bogart for being recognized on ABC Action News for his domestic violence work.

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that since the improvements to Sims Park there has been an increase in the demographics. She asked to revisit the walkway under the bridge. She stated she thought that the City was underutilizing its Facebook page. She asked if the opinion had come back on the voting conflicts. She stated that for the last two years the city has been recognized the volunteers of the year which was great for our small city. She announced that this Thursday Cpl. Wilkett from the PCSO would be conducting a human trafficking seminar at the Incubator.

Mayor Marlowe stated he went down for the start of the cleanup Saturday and it was good to see so many volunteers. He stated he was looking forward to the Star Wars event this Saturday night in Sims Park.

Deputy Mayor Phillips stated it was good to see Mr. Pitcock's family here. He stated that he attended the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting and had requested their Executive Director, Sean Sullivan, to come and speak about the overall impact and mission of the Council. He stated that he wanted Mr. Sullivan to also speak about the Tampa Bay Local Emergency Planning Committee and their simulated disaster situations to provide for training. He announced that King Helie had passed away on Sunday and extended condolences to his family. There was an article in Florida Trim that discusses oyster ranching and the efforts by one of our residents to expand scallop beds and our efforts to secure RESTORE funds that it was important to attend the RESTORE committee's next meeting on October 13th from 6-8pm where he will ask them to look at the leadership on the committee to make sure it is fair and equitable across the board. The City's application discussed expanding the beds in our living shoreline project. He stated he was looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up for the Star Wars event this Saturday night in Sims Park. He also congratulated Elaine Smith on receiving the 2016 FRPA Distinguished Service Award to Elaine Smith.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, Interim City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____