



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 18, 2016
7:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 7:03 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, Development Director Lisa Fierce, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzone, Assistant Public Works Director Barret Doe, Assistant Library Director Ann Scott, 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 Minutes for September 28-29, 2016 and October 4, 2016

Motion was made to approve the minutes 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

5. Proclamation - Private First Class Fenton Roger Fussell Day

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation declaring November 6, 2016 as Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Day in the City of New Port Richey in honor of PFC Fussell who lost his life while defending our freedoms on June 6, 1969 in Vietnam. PFC Fussell's brother, Tim Fussell accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

6. Proclamation - Florida City Government Week

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation declaring the week of October 16-22, 2016 as Florida City

Government Week. City Manager Manns accepted the parchment on behalf of the City.

7 Proclamation - Red Ribbon Week

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation declaring the week of October 23-31, 2016 as Red Ribbon Week by title only.

8 Presentation by Sean Sullivan, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Deputy Mayor Phillips introduced Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's Executive Director Sean Sullivan who then made a presentation to City Council. Mr. Sullivan stated that the TBRPC works with twenty-six local governments in six counties spanning five thousand miles and serving 3.4 million people. Mr. Sullivan stated that the TBRPC's goals are transportation and land planning in the region. They serve as the local emergency planning committee, participate in hurricane preparedness and disaster planning guides. The Environmental Stewardship Agency on Bay Management is a sub-committee works closely with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program to improve water quality.

TBRPC is a recognized economic development district and uses the six pillars to assist in community designations, economic analysis and energy planning. TBRPC works closely with TBARTA and plans to hold transportation summit next year to aid in the understanding of how to leverage federal dollars and become part of the success.

Current projects include the NOAA resiliency project, I-75 Relief Task Force, Treasure Island Sustainability Project, Coast to Coast Trail Project Planning, FDOT Stormwater Management Program, Economic modeling for municipal festivals and Economic Impact Analysis for TBX Project.

Councilman Starkey asked if involved in the Ridge Road Extension Project. They have assisted in the past. Deputy Mayor Phillips stated adding Citrus and Manatee Counties has really made it a region. Councilman Davis stated he sits on the TDC and that funds have been set aside for that project.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Ron Holliday came forward came to discuss the proposed noise ordinance. He stated that he made calls to the police over the last few nights. He asked when the ordinance will be brought before Council and Ms. Manns stated that the ordinance is slated to be on the agenda for the November 1, 2016 meeting. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

10 Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Phillips asked that the report be pulled for discussion. The Mayor stated that a more detailed report would be provided for the next quarter. Deputy Mayor Phillips stated that he would like to know of the upcoming events and any challenges that would have impact on the Main Street group. KC Quaretti came forward to address Deputy Mayor's concerns. She stated the report was for the previous quarter but did have flyers of upcoming events. She also gave a list of upcoming events for the remainder of the year. Councilman Starkey stated that he had visited the Bikefest event and spoke to a vendor who was selling seafood and asked why the vendor did not participate in the Seafoodfest event and he stated that the fees charged by Main Street are too much. He asked Ms. Quaretti to look into changing the process for next year's event. Mayor Marlowe asked to have the monthly financials sent to Council each month and Ms. Quaretti stated she would begin to forward the reports on to Council. Deputy Mayor Phillips stated that we have a fiduciary duty to the residents.

Motion was then made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

a New Port Richey Main Street Quarterly Report

11 Business Items

a Re-Appointment of Brent Simon, Esq. as Special Magistrate

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that Brent Simon, Esq. has served as the City's Special Magistrate since February 17, 2015. The original term of the agreement was for one year therefore the agreement expired as of February 17, 2016. The item before Council is to approve another one year agreement with Mr. Simon. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey Absent: Davis

b Three Minute Report: Human Resources

12 Communications

Mayor Marlowe announced that Communications would be heard after the close of the CRA meeting. The CRA meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The following Communications were heard from 8:28 pm until 8:51 pm.

Councilman Starkey asked if the city can reach out to Mr. Pridgen to see if he is aware of the public feedings taking place on his property. He stated he participated in the behind the scenes scrub tour at North Bay Hospital and that there is now virtual nursing in the ICU. He stated he wanted to make clear for all vendors and hosts of events that are held in Sims Park that the park is not closed during the set up and take down of the events. He stated that event organizers need to know and understand what is expected of them once their event is over.

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that some of North Bay Hospital's improvements will be done by December 1st. She stated it was upsetting to see there are still issues with people living under the bridge and around the boat ramp. She stated the city needs to be compassionate but the economy of our city depends on its look. She thanked Mr. Iezzoni for his quick response on an inquiry she had. She stated that she used to live along the parade route for the Gulf High parade and it is a wonderful hometown event.

Deputy Mayor Phillips stated he had hoped that the audit discussion would have been on the agenda for tonight to understand where we are in the audit process. He would like an update on the seawall on Drinkard Drive. He stated he sat in on the Hometown Network Launch last Thursday and that this platform will net some traction and highlight local areas. The West Pasco Chamber of Commerce's magazine really highlights West Pasco and would like a link from the city's website. He stated that each Council member should help recruit members for the Parks and Rec Master Plan Steering Committee. The Gulf High School Homecoming Parade is this Thursday and although it is not heavily attended it is a tradition for the city. He noticed the trees being planted in the medians on US19. Sip will hold its ribbon cutting this weekend. He stated he would like to see the operating hours at the Library and Rec Center be extended. He stated that this Thursday is the last Banned Books Concert in Sims Park.

Mayor Marlowe stated he received a similar complaint about the park being closed. He stated he participated in the park trolley tour and saw parks that he had not seen in some time. He received his first complaint about the new trees in the median and referred him to Mr. Rivera. He went to Tampa Bay Water meeting this past Monday and stated that several of the Tampa Bay Water wells are in close proximity of the massive sinkhole. So far no monitoring wells have had any indication that things are moving.

13 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. in order to conduct the CRA meeting.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____