



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

August 24, 2017

6:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 6:00 pm. Those in attendance were, Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey, Councilman Bill Phillips and Councilman Chopper Davis. Councilwoman Judy DeBella Thomas was not present for roll call but did arrive soon after. She extended her apologies for arriving late.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Assistant Public Works Director Barret Doe.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Public Hearing - Paving Assessment - Page 3

City Attorney Driscoll read the resolution by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this meeting was to hold a public hearing on the proposed paving assessments. She stated that everyone would be in agreement that the city's roadways are in need of repair. A study was done in 2015 to address road needs. In the previous roadway paving program the property owners were assessed \$700 which resulted in very few roads being addressed. City Manager Manns then thanked the citizen's advisory group and recognized each member who participated. She then introduced David Fleeman with the Genesis Group who made a presentation to Council.

Mr. Fleeman began by highlighting the previous paving projects and method for calculation. Mr. Fleeman stated that Genesis met with the citizen's advisory group five times over the past year. The proposed Pavement Management Plan has been categorized into residential or non-residential. Mixed-use properties will be based on component uses. Roads were categorized as arterial/collector or local roads. Arterial/collector assessments were based on a twenty year life span of the road. A \$200,000 LOGT credit was applied. Residents on local road would be assessed \$15 and those on

public roads would be assessed \$15 plus \$70 for a total of \$85. Credit would be given for those residents who participated in prior paving projects. The proposed credit would be computed by taking the assessment amount and dividing it by the twenty year life span to compute the annual value. That value would be subtracted from the remaining years left in the road design. Funding sources for the proposed Pavement Management Plan would come from the General Fund, Solid Waste franchise fees, Penny for Pasco and LOGT.

Mayor Marlowe reiterated that if the City does not adopt this plan it will lessen the LOGT dollars the City receives from the County. Mr. Rivera reiterated that 100% of the funds collected will be put to paving and not administrative services or fees. Mr. Rivera stated that applications for the citizen's advisory committee were looked at carefully in order to come up with a diverse group. Councilman Phillips stated that all the funds collected will go to city streets as FDOT is responsible for maintaining the road on US19.

Mayor Marlowe then opened the floor for public comment. Donald Boeing came forward and stated that he lives in Briar Patch and the notice he received showed his square footage incorrectly. His villa is smaller than what was listed. Councilman Phillips stated he thought Briar Patch was a private community. Mr. Rivera stated that Briar Patch is not private and the city owns and maintains the roads. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas asked if the city will let the residents know that they are eligible for the credit and Mr. Rivera stated yes that there is nothing the residents need to do. Both Mr. Rivera and City Manager Manns stated that Pasco County has a program that will help low-income families pay their assessments. Councilman Phillips asked City Manager Manns to designate a staff person who can help with the program.

Mark Sipes came forward and stated that he lives on Hemlock and it floods every time it rains and they have to park in a church parking lot. Councilman Phillips stated that area is in the CIP program and referred him to speak to Mr. Rivera. Mr. Rivera stated that a lot of the beautification that has been done has been provided by grant funding. He stated grant funding is also going to be used for the Hemlock repairs and that project should be done next year.

Barbara Parlett came forward and stated that she lives in Southgate Apartments. She asked if Gulf Drive was city. Councilman Phillips stated that we are working on an annexation plan. She stated that the west end of Gulf has a lot of pot holes. Mr. Rivera stated that Gulf will be in the design phase this year and in construction next year. Councilman Phillips asked if there were maintenance monies set aside to use in between and Mr. Rivera stated yes.

Diana Thorpe came forward and stated she has been here a year. She asked how to get the city newsletter. City Manager Manns stated that it is mailed to every resident address. She asked about Waters Edge Drive and how it is dropping. Mr. Rivera stated he would look into it.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Starkey thanked the citizen's advisory group for all of their hard work. He stated that this is as fair and equitable as we are going to get. He extended his thanks to the Genesis Group for all of their hard work.

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that she has lived here for many years and have had two paving assessments. She believes that sharing the risk is an excellent way. She thanked those residents who were in attendance.

Councilman Phillips stated that we have been working on this program for over two years. When it was presented last year there were many parts that were not comfortable and a lot of unknowns. He was appreciative to the citizen's group as they are not shy in sharing their opinions and brought a lot to the table. He wanted targeted dollars to fix our streets. He stated he wanted to task his colleagues to try and bring millage down. Not everyone is aware of all the services and benefits that are associated with millage. He was appreciative that there is a hardship element to this. This particular assessment does go through the Tax Collector's Office so it can be part of the tax bill. He stated that we did try to give a lot of oversight to the mixed-use category. Everyone is responsible for creating traffic. He is happy

that we are going to have a set dollar amount for the foreseeable future.

Mayor Marlowe stated one of the things during his re-election campaign was the condition of the roads. Some roads are in pretty rough shape. He stated that putting a plan together which sets the standards that all roads be replaced is a wonderful step in the right direction. Alleys are not included and will be a separate item addressed with property owners. Owners are not united on what they want to have done. He stated that every year road work will be done and will make the appearance of city better and easier to drive around on.

Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

It should be noted that there were three objections received by the City Clerk for this agenda item. The objections are attached to these minutes and hereby made an official part of this proceeding.

5 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated that the only time he can communicate with the other members of Council is during a meeting due to Sunshine Law requirement and he just wanted to pass along that his wife had lunch with the new interim New Port Richey Main Street director and that, to quote her, "Nancy gets it."

Councilman Phillips stated he hopes that people make it to event in Sims Park and the Hacienda event this weekend.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____

August 14, 2017

Mayor Rob Marlowe
Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips
Councilperson, Jeff Starkey
Councilperson, Chopper Davis
Councilperson, Judy Debella Thomas

Re: Proposed Increase in Streetlight fee, Stormwater, Solid Waste, & Paving Assessment

Please be advised I am against any increases in above proposals. I am a senior citizen, age 73, and have lived in New Port Richey for 18 years. I was against the first 3 proposals back when they were first proposed. And now am adamantly against the additional Paving Assessment of \$85.00 for my property. I live in a condominium on a dead end street and get very little traffic. I live on a very small fixed income, which has been reduced 15% this past year. If these proposals go through, my real estate tax bill will go from \$161.34 to \$251.45, a 55.85% increase.

I am against the street paving assessment because I believe that as a resident, I should not have to pay for tourists, snowbirds, & others who come to Florida for several months and use our roads.

I barely have enough money for food each month after my bills are paid. Food is the only expense that I can cut.

I would hope that as my city council members, you could consider other fairer means for the above assessments. How about adding to the sales tax or gas tax so that all who come & live in Florida pay their fair share. Thank you for your consideration, I would appreciate it.

Yours truly,



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City Clerk

08/15/2017

Objections to Paving Non-ad Valorem Assessments

5919 Main Street

New Port Richey, FL 34652

To whom it may concern;

This correspondence shall serve as our written objection to the City Council to the proposed paving assessments, including their collection on the ad valorem tax bill. It is my understanding that street and road paving services are already included in our current tax bill. Therefore, this tax would be levied twice on our property for each fiscal year. I do not consume any services from the City being that I am retired and have no dependents. I live on a set income, and currently pay higher taxes than most other jurisdictions within the same area.

v/r



Richard Stewart



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I OBJECT TO THESE ASSESSMENTS. I LIVE ON A FIXED INCOME OF ONLY \$1069/MONTH. I AM DISABLED + ELDERLY + CAN NOT AFFORD THE \$204 TOTAL FOR ALL OF THESE ASSESSMENTS. I PAY ENOUGH IN TAXES AND CAN NOT AFFORD MORE.

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