



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

November 21, 2017

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 Jeff Starkey, Councilman Bill Phillips, Councilwoman Judy DeBella Thomas 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 Iezzone, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran and Assistant Public Works Director Barret Doe.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of November 7, 2017 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Presentation by Adam Thomas RE: Pasco County Tourism Development Council

Adam Thomas from Pasco County came forward and highlighted changes coming to tourism in our area. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated that he would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Thomas and the City Manager. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated she would like to meet with Mr. Thomas as well. Councilman Davis stated that the whole attitude on the TDC has changed since he came aboard.

6 Proclamation - Small Business Saturday (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation declaring Saturday, November 25th as Small Business Saturday and reminded everyone to shop local.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Bob Langford came forward to thank City Council on behalf of the Friends of Hacienda to help them achieve some of the goals they had this year. He asked thanked other city departments.

Vance Ray came forward and stated that the old water bills used to show how much water used but the new bills do not show that. City Manager Manns stated she would look into the matter.

Steve Schurdell came forward to thank City Council for the recently held work session with New Port Richey Main Street. He also thanked the city for the installation of the new bike racks. He also wanted to encourage for people to come out to the upcoming winter event in the park.

Monica Rousseau came forward on behalf of Pasco Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention and invited Council to their annual brunch on December 5th at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church. It is an opportunity to celebrate the successes that have happened over the past year.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, 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 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2018-2123: Rezoning - 5718 Grand Boulevard

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. 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 ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

b Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2018-2124: Special Exception - 5718 Grand Boulevard

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Phillips stated there is concern over the timing sequence between the schools and also the redevelopment of the vacant lot. He stated he is sure the school will be a good neighbor but just want to be conscious of the rest of the neighborhood. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

10 Business Items

a Special Waste Hauling Applications for the 2018 Calendar Year

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated this agenda item was presented on November 7th and was tabled until the questions raised could be addressed. She stated that the questions have all been addressed. There are six waste haulers who have submitted their applications to continue service in the city. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis stated he would make a motion to approve on the basis that Progressive would be notified they cannot pick up recycling on Wednesdays. Councilwoman DeBella asked about the hours in the city versus outside the city. City Manager Manns stated that the hours are different but did not know what they were but would find out and report to Council. She also stated the haulers have been notified that they cannot pick up within the city before 6:00 a.m. Councilman Phillips asked to have the County recycling coordinator come to a meeting to discuss what changes the County has made. He just wanted to make sure we are not sending a disjointed message. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he thought that was a great idea since the County did away with the blue bags. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that recycling at special events places a huge burden on event holders. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

b Non-Emergency Resolution No. 2018-02 - Abatement and Removal of Unsafe Structure at 5641 Ohio Avenue

City Manager Manns introduced Development Director Lisa Fierce who then presented the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a non-emergency condemnation for 5641 Ohio Avenue. The house on the property was damaged by Hurricane Irma. The house meets the requirements to be declared a nuisance. Staff estimates that it will cost approximately \$6,000 to remove. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Starkey asked prior to the tree damage was the house in good shape. Ms. Fierce stated she was not aware of any code issues on the property. She stated that the property owner may engage a contractor to have the house removed on their own. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that looks like it was a historic home. Ms. Fierce stated there has been no conversation on salvaging the property. Councilman Phillips stated that it is unfortunate this has happened but does not want to set a precedent. He stated as soon as it hits the fifty percent mark then upgrades would be needed to be brought up to code. Mayor Marlowe stated it would be a significant cost to bring up to code. 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 2017/2018 Crossbow Lane - Stormwater Lining Project

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to line a stormwater drainage pipe on Crossbow Lane. The City has worked with Layne Inliner, LLC in the past with satisfactory results. The contract pricing is in accordance with Polk County's agreement with the company and this would be a piggyback on that contract. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

d Jet/Vacuum Sewer Cleaner Lease to Purchase – Sewer Collections Division

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item

was to enter into an agreement with Atlantic Machinery for a vac product. Due to the sizeable amount of the purchase, staff is requesting to lease this product. The current jet/vac was bought in 2003 and has served its purpose and will be transferred to another public works division. Mr. Doe stated this is a vital piece of equipment and is used several times every day. Funding is available in the sewer collection division. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas wanted clarification that this would be a lease for five years. Mr. Doe responded yes. Councilman Phillips asked about the life span of the equipment. Mr. Doe stated ten to fifteen years. Councilman Phillips then asked for clarification in the lease and whether or not there was a lump payment. City Manager Manns stated at the conclusion of the five years the item would be paid for in full. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas asked that if something happened to the equipment during the lease period who would take care of it. Mr. Doe stated they would contact the company. City Manager Manns stated the vehicle maintenance would be taken care of by the city and the warranty work would be through the manufacturer. City Manager Manns stated there is no maintenance agreement attached to this purchase. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

e Utility Service Truck with Crane Purchase - Sewer Collections Division

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to purchase a new utility service truck with crane for the sewer collection division. The sales pricing is in alignment with the national bid. The vehicle would be used for repairs in pipe replacements and lift stations. Funds were budgeted in the CIP for the purchase. 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 Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

f Quarterly Cash & Investment Performance Reports

City Manager Manns introduced Finance Director Crystal Feast who then presented the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review the quarterly cash and investment performance reports. The period covers June 30th and September 30th. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Phillips asked for more information regarding the statements and Ms. Feast stated that the cash balance was significantly lower due to the end of the fiscal year. She compared the year end totals from the previous year and they are comparable. She stated that at the end of the year there are more invoices that are typically paid. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

g Three Minute Report: Library

11 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the veterans weekend was phenomenal. He was surprised at the size of the crowd for the first year of the vent. He attended an event in Dunedin for National Drive Electric Week which was supposed to be the second week of September but was postponed until this past week due to the hurricane. He stated there has been an online push for City Council's to adopt a resolution making their cities 100% renewable by 2030. He stated perhaps a conversation should be made regarding it. One of the things they had at the Dunedin library was a solar presentation. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Deputy Mayor Starkey wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked city staff for all of their hard work.

Councilman Phillips stated he would like to hear about the event in the park on Saturday night. He wanted to know how many people and cardboard boxes, how many businesses and how it coordinated with Parks and Rec and the Library. Ms. Smith stated that approximately 600 attended movie night with 44 cardboard box cars. She stated that two weeks prior to the event the Library held cardboard box car workshops. She stated that three downtown businesses were invited however only one attended. He also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated she was driving north on Grand Boulevard just south of Marine Parkway and she nearly hit a person riding in the street heading north. She asked if a sign could be put up to direct people to the bike path. She also stated that on Lincoln there is a huge pile of debris and also four piles on Lafayette that go back to the hurricane. Mr. Doe stated that staff has just started the second sweep of the area. She also stated the park looked spectacular for the veterans Freedom Fest event and the parade was a huge success. She also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Davis stated he attended the veterans dinner event and it was wonderful. The event on Saturday was great and so was the boxing match. He stated they are looking forward to next year.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____