



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

January 2, 2018

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 and Councilman Chopper Davis. Councilman Bill Phillips participated electronically. Councilwoman Judy DeBella Thomas was excused.

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 Iezzoni, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, 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 December 19, 2017 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Presentation by Jennifer Seney RE: County Recycling Program

Pasco County recycling coordinator Jennifer Seney updated Council on the County's recycling program and the new containers used in lieu of the previous blue bags for curbside residential recycling.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. John Hastings came forward and stated that he is adamant about the river and taking care of it. There was a silt fence put up on a piece of property on the river and he was told that there was no obligation on the city to notify him of what is going on. The documents in his public records request showed a fence and boat life permit. He stated the city should be obligated to notify him. He met with the City Manager and was told notices of violation were sent out. He stated the violations were not done for what they should have been done with. City Manager Manns stated that until the permit application is submitted we have nothing to respond to as to whether or not it is acceptable work. Ms. Fierce stated that the silt fence was used for some grading done on the property. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he did not understand what Mr. Hastings' issue was as he brought up several different things. Mr. Hastings stated what he had a problem with was the work done on the submerged land over the years without permits. Ms. Fierce stated that staff has been out to the property several times and items that needed permits that did not have them were cited for that by Code Enforcement. Councilman Davis asked for an update on this issue in the City Manager's report this Friday.

Sarah Lungwitz came forward and stated that there are no lights or sidewalks along Green Key Road. Deputy Mayor Starkey asked if the area was city or county and Mr. Rivera stated that was in the county. Mr. Rivera stated the city only has roughly about 600 feet down Green Key Road west of US 19. Mr. Rivera stated that he could give Ms. Lungwitz the correct information of who she would need to speak with at the county. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

7 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

- a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - November 2017
- b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a First Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2132: Amending Chapter 17 - Pensions and Retirement RE: Police Officers' Retirement System

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns presented the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to complete the adoption process of the collective bargaining agreement ratified earlier this year between the City and the West Central Florida Police Benevolent Association by advancing an ordinance which sets forth to amend the City of New Port Richey Police Officers Retirement System and to effectuate changes to reflect certain changes to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and its associated regulations. The changes have been reviewed by the pension attorney and study done by the actuary. Mayor Marlowe stated it was his understanding that this is more or less just a housekeeping item. 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 first reading.

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

9 Business Items

- a 2017 Water Interconnect Project Phase I Close Out – Consideration for Approval

City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a deductive change order in the amount of \$2,306.83 and a final pay request in the amount of \$41,423.80 to Schaer Development for the 2017 Water Interconnect Project Phase I. 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. 4-0. Ayes: Davis, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey Absent: DeBella Thomas

b Utility Service Truck Purchases – Consideration for Approval

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of two vehicles for the utility service division in the amount of \$73,010. The purchase is in accordance with national pricing. The purchase would replace two vehicles that have been used for over fifteen years. 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 Bill Phillips. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Davis, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey Absent: DeBella Thomas

c 2015 Stormwater System Improvements Project Close Out – Consideration for Approval

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a deductive change order in the amount of \$111.40 and a final pay request in the amount of \$80,416.20 to Augustine Construction for the 2015 Stormwater System Improvements Project. 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 Bill Phillips. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Davis, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey Absent: DeBella Thomas

d Board Appointments: Bob Smallwood and Beverly Barnett, Land Development Review Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointment of Bob Smallwood to member of the LDRB and Beverly Barnett as an alternate member. Mr. Smallwood has served as an alternate member since 2016 and due to a recent member resignation the request is to promote him to member. Ms. Barnett submitted an application back in August of 2016 and is a good candidate for this position. 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 Jeff Starkey and seconded by Bill Phillips. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Davis, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey Absent: DeBella Thomas

e Three Minute Report: Police Department

10 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated he jokingly suggested a stunt car driving ordinance as two cars recently have gone off the Main Street Bridge. He asked for some increased enforcement regarding speeding in that area. Mayor Marlowe stated that representatives from Cavalaire sur Mer visited our city and left books that will be donated to the library. They hoped that the City can visit this coming year. He thanked Councilman Phillips for his interview on Bay News 9 about the Hacienda and parking. Mayor Marlowe stated this past Sunday marked the 60th anniversary of the Lutheran church in our city. He

stated that there are jurisdictions joining together for a class action lawsuit to recover costs for the opioid crisis. He suggested the city attorney look into joining in the lawsuit. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. Deputy Mayor Starkey and Councilman Phillips also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____