



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

March 6, 2018
5:30 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 5:30 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 Clerk Judy Meyers, Development Director Lisa Fierce, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Fire Chief Chris Fitch and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Main Street Bridge Design Options Presentation by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to review design options for improvements to the Main Street Bridge. She then introduced Erin McGonegle and Bill Beard who then made a presentation to Council. Ms. McGonegle began her presentation by stating that design directives were to replace concrete benches, add LED lighting, paint railings and replace light poles, new material for pavers and options for planters and waste containers. New pavers would be different colors. Benches would have backs to them. Councilman Phillips stated the longer benches may provide more opportunities for homeless people to sleep on. Councilman Davis stated that the benches could be used by bikers and skateboarders. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that it is difficult to see the river now at the current height of the bench. She also stated that the current benches could be repurposed and used in Sims Park. Ms. McGonegle then highlighted color options for the pavers, railing and sidewalks. Ms. McGonegle then highlighted another option which incorporated more geometric patterns into the design. The option presented showed most of the pavers to be replaced. Mr. Beard then highlighted lighting options including under the bridge lighting. Lighting would be programmed and would include color changing lights.

City Manager Manns introduced Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith who then presented the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to establish guidelines for special events. Researched what best practices were with other agencies. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the SET team also provided input for the guidelines. There was a general consensus that we hold events that create a sense of belonging and community pride that are safe, family-friendly and provide a positive impact. Ms. Smith then highlighted the following talking points:

- Emphasized person in charge to be consistent - same person from set up to wrap up meeting
- Tent permits and inspections - if tents were 10x10 or smaller there would be no fee
- Vendors - family friendly and has to comply with City Code
- Ten foot setback from sidewalk - will help alleviate crowds across the sidewalk
- Park capacity - larger events may have to institute park and ride plan
- Signage - no banners or signs on shade or picnic structures
- Set up on concert venue - nothing can be set up within ten feet of City structures including the shade structures and cannot be reserved by event organizers
- Golf carts and ATV's - limit number of vehicles and must have turf tires
- Picnic shelters and Peace Hall - blocking out dates when there are large events in the park.
- Event organizers could be charged reduced rates to help cover loss of revenue for their event

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Kristen King came forward and stated she had a birthday party at her event. She does not feel she should be charged if she is not using it. Councilman Davis stated if the structures are in the footprint then it would be a charge.

Chip Wichmanowski came forward and asked about the tent charges and stated procedures should be changed to charge for the park so they can use the structures how they want to use it.

Al Renedo came forward and expressed his concerns over the ten foot setback. He stated five feet works just as well. Events are created through sponsorships.

Kelly Hackman came forward and stated communication with businesses is important. She still has not received notification of road closures. Make sure vendors stick to the site plans that are submitted.

Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, City Clerk