



**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**

**May 1, 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, Councilman Chopper Davis, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Matt Murphy.

Also in attendance were Acting City Manager Kim Bogart, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Feast, 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 April 17, 2018 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

5. Donation of Sports Wheelchair

Tom Helfrich presented a sports wheelchair that will be donated to the Rec Center for pickleball use.

6. Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week

City Clerk Judy Meyers accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

7. Proclamation - Women's Lung Health Week (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Steve Schurdell came forward and thanked Council for support during the Cotee River Seafest.

Bob Smallwood came forward and asked about traffic calming on River Road. Mayor Marlowe stated there is a speed sign at Sunset and Mr. Rivera stated that a final report will be submitted to the City Manager when she returns to the office on May 7th. Mr. Smallwood asked if the sign was collecting speed data and Chief Bogart stated no the signs do not collect that data that they display speed only. Mr. Rivera stated that north River Road data is being collected now. Mr. Smallwood stated he was disappointed that there was no discussion on the Orange Lake vote from last Council meeting.

Vance Ray came forward and asked for the red light cameras to be removed. He stated the City of Brooksville disbanded their police and hopes that it does not happen here. He wanted to know why his water bill cannot reflect usage. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

9 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - March 2018

b Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - March 2018

c Purchase/Payments for City Council Approval

10 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance #2018-2133: Code Amendment - Regulating Donation Bins

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Attorney Driscoll stated that there is no case law that supports banning the bins but may in the future. The ordinance is regulatory. The only changes are the removal of non-charitable provisions and expanded the definition of a donation bin. 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: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

11 Business Items

a Board Re-Appointment: Kelly Smallwood, Cultural Affairs Committee

Deputy Mayor Starkey thanked Mrs. Smallwood for her service. Councilman Davis thanked Mrs. Smallwood for attending the meeting. Mayor Marlowe also thanked Mrs. Smallwood for her service. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Peter Altman and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

b Request to Purchase CCTV Camera System

Acting City Manager Bogart introduced the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of a CCTV camera system from Advanced Telecom, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$4,953. The cameras will provide a "Safe Exchange" video camera coverage of the East (front) parking lot of the police department. Abandoned property funds will be used for this expense. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis stated that there is only about 350 of these zones across the country. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Peter Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

c Request to Purchase Active Shooter Kits

Acting City Manager Bogart introduced the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of 46 Active Shooter Kit from SRT Supply, LLC; Federal Eastern International, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$33,975.14. Unclaimed evidence funds will be used for this expense. 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 Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

d Recreation and Aquatic Center - 90 Days of Summer Membership Drive

Acting City Manager Bogart introduced Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith who then presented the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was for Council to approve the "90 Days of Summer" sale on three month memberships to the Recreation and Aquatic Center. The sale will be offered from May 15, 2018 until June 30, 2018 and will be good for three months from the date of purchase. Upon opening the floor to public comment, John Gilliss came forward and asked what the membership price is. Ms. Smith replied for non-resident youth it is \$48.00, \$60.00 for seniors, \$72.00 for adults and \$144.00 for household. For resident youth it is \$38.40, \$48.00 for seniors, \$57.60 for adults and \$115.20 for a household. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

e Kiafest Main Street Blast Alcoholic Beverage Special Event Permit

Acting City Manager Bogart introduced Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith who then presented the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was for Council to approve an ABSEP for the upcoming KIAFest Main Street Blast. Event organizers are requesting to sell beer and wine in Sims Park as follows: Friday, June 29th from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 30th from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Steve Schurdell came forward and stated that New Port Richey has been the envy of what we do for July 4th events. He stated that Mr. Gilliss has been the sole supporter of the fireworks display and he is grateful to Mr. Gilliss for sponsoring the event. This event is a benefit for the entire community. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis personally thanked Mr. Gilliss for his support. Councilman Altman stated the fireworks are a big event for our city. Councilman Murphy stated this is a great event. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated this is a great family friendly event. Mayor Marlowe stated he had some concerns about the layout but it is

something to discuss at a later work session. He stated that of all the events that take place each year this is his favorite. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Peter Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0.
Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

f Recreation and Aquatic Center Project Closeout

Acting City Manager Bogart introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated the purpose of this agenda item was for Council to approve a deductive change order in the amount of \$98,631.92 regarding the Recreation and Aquatic Center Improvement Project and to further authorize the final contract payment in the amount of \$110,802.22 to Hennessey Construction Services. 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 Peter Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0.
Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

g Orange Lake Dredging Project Closeout

Acting City Manager Bogart introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated the purpose of this agenda item was for Council to approve a deductive change order in the amount of \$30,538.50 and the final pay request in the amount of \$138,861.50 from Energy Resources, Inc. for the Orange Lake Dredging 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes:
Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

h Three Minute Report: Technology Solutions Department

12 Communications

Mayor Marlowe received a letter from a resident on Burns Circle about the upkeep of the park on that street. He was approached by a group who are looking for support for a ban on offshore drilling. He asked the fellow Council members to review a proposed resolution to be discussed at a later meeting. There was an issue at the Seafood Festival about a vendor leaving a supply trailer behind where they were serving. Mayor Marlowe thanked Mr. Rivera and his staff for replacing the dead plants in the downtown. There was an article in the TB Times about the joint work session. There was a meeting at People Places a few weeks ago on historical background and the term of the missing middle referring to housing that was missing. There were three Council members present. The next two meetings will be publicly noticed since there may be Council members present.

Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he gets complaints about wake in the river. He noticed today that the boat lift was being installed at Sims Park for the police boat. He is hopeful to see more police presence on the water now that the lift has been installed. We are still dealing with the loss of our Development Director, Lisa Fierce. She will be greatly missed.

Councilman Altman wanted to comment about the joint work session regarding that CRA's were under attack and that they would only be around for a few more years. He appreciated Commissioner

Wells' spirit of working together as a community. The assertion was made that CRA's were being misused. That is the exact opposite approach to take by someone who wants to support their city. We need to have the CRA's defended by our County Commissioners. Our county is the largest non-chartered county in the state. We are a donor to the quality of life in West Pasco and we are not using or absorbing their tax money to waste it. He likes the idea of joint meetings and the opportunity to tell them to be realistic about supporting the cities. We have to have the CRA money to do the things we are doing. Will not find the level of programming at county facilities. It was unfortunate that the County would not help with the pedestrian overpass project. Appreciate the opportunity to share with other Council members. Brought up the proposal of having work sessions during the daytime hours.

13 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____