



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 15, 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 City Manager Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, 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 May 1, 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 Proclamation - Kids to Parks Day

Mayor Marlowe presented the parchment to Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Chris Bornfleth proclaiming Saturday, May 19th as Kids to Parks Day.

6 Proclamation - Older Americans Month (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. John Gilliss distributed Tampa Bay Magazine to each of the Council members. He talked about the ad that was in the magazine which highlighted Sims Park, the Hacienda and KIAFest. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Business Items

a Second Amendment to the Lease with West Pasco Chamber of Commerce

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a second amendment to the lease between the City and the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce. The City has leased the facility for a long time to the Chamber. This amendment incorporates a one year lease renewal term and increase in rent from \$400 to \$450 per month. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Chip Wichmanowski came forward thanked the City for the working relationship with the City. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis asked City Manager to have staff look into putting a digital sign on the property to identify activities in the community. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

b Land Use Agreement between the City of New Port Richey and Patrick Moccaldi

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a land use agreement with Patrick Moccaldi so that Mr. Moccaldi may build a boat life and dock on the property. The property is zoned residential but is not large enough to build on. City Manager Manns stated she talked to the neighbor that abuts the property and there are no objections. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Murphy asked if this was a common occurrence and City Manager Manns stated no. Councilman Altman stated he was contacted by another neighbor and there was no objection. His first question was if code does not allow it perhaps look at language in the ordinance unless it is truly a rare occurrence. Second question was relating to land use and Councilman Altman stated this discussion will be something brought back in the future. Not generally in favor of not following rules but this is a rare occurrence. Mayor Marlowe stated this begs a bigger question on how we do planning and zoning in the city. It is an interesting question regarding how our current rules offer impediments. City Attorney Driscoll stated in this instance the properties adjacent spread across Grand to the river. This creates a unique situation. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

c Quarterly Cash & Investment Performance Report

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 for Council to review and approve the quarterly cash and investment report as of March 31, 2018. Ms. Feast began her presentation by providing a summary of the City's account balances as of March 31st. In checking there was just over four million. The three other accounts totaled \$17,606,302. Two of these accounts are administered by the State and are conservative investments. Income earned on the quarter was \$56,442. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated that a lot of revenue comes in on a monthly basis but the biggest part is property taxes which comes in during November. When you talk about the balance in drawn down in the checking balance it does not really reflect any economic loss due to this. Ms. Feast stated yes that was correct. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

d Request to Purchase Two Portable Radios

City Manager Manns presented the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of two portable police radios with batteries and accessories from Communications International for a cost not to exceed \$3,732.86. Unclaimed Evidence monies would be used for this expenditure. 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

e Request to Purchase Tasers

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of two tasers from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for at a cost not to exceed \$2,990.00. Unclaimed Evidence monies would be used for this expenditure. 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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

f Three Minute Report: Finance Department

10 Communications

Mayor Marlowe attended the MAP meeting in Dade City last week and there was some discussion about CRA's. We are hosting the next meeting in August. There was a Shop and Sip event last Friday and he thanked Kelly Hackman for organizing the event. It was nice to see folks out on the sidewalks on Friday night.

Deputy Mayor Starkey has had some complaints about what they are being charged for irrigation use. There are different rates for water use in the home. Change was made back by Council in 2001 to set rates at tier three. City Manager Manns is looking into the issue. There is a piece of property in his neighborhood behind Citgo where there was a murder and currently is a constant problem with homeless people. He has asked the City Manager to see if we can declare it a nuisance property so the overgrowth can be cut down. Need to be tougher in our neighborhoods to make people feel safe. Councilman Altman stated that research was done when he was Finance Director and it does not make sense to charge for the second hook up. The benefit of the irrigation meter was to limit the charge for sewer. We have an unlimited supply of water from Tampa Bay Water. We are not a city that has to

worry about water restrictions. Councilman Altman stated that irrigation does not meet the same standards as water used in the home. Mr. Rivera stated all regulatory agencies encourage water conservation. Typically when rate studies are done the initial rate charge is basically a wholesale rate and then go to the other tiers. What is looked at is water conservation. If you have irrigation system you are going to use it. Mr. Rivera stated that representatives from Stantec will be here within the next month and this issue could be added for discussion.

Councilman Davis stated that ABC Action News interviewed him and Chief Bogart today about the safe zone exchange.

Councilman Altman attended the TBRPC meeting and included in the discussion was the cost of school crossing guards and in particular some of the counties having difficulties dealing with property tax exemption and revenue streams. The additional tax exemption may not apply to the School Board. Other discussion was about CRA's and the demise of them. CRA is a great tool and there was a unanimous support for them. If problem address the problem do not take away the tool. The main topic of the meeting was on livable communities presented by AARP. The power point will be distributed in this week's City Manager's report. Interesting that the same things that older people are looking for are the same things that millennials are looking for.

Councilman Murphy stated there is a restaurant on Grand just south of Gulf and there is an osprey problem. The owner was asking if the pole where the nest is located to be moved. City Manager Manns stated contact has been made with the utility company to see if the pole can be moved. Mr. Rivera stated that Duke Energy is waiting to see what can be done under FWC guidelines.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____