



**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**

**July 17, 2018
5:00 PM**

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 5:00 pm. Those in attendance were, Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Matt Murphy. Councilman Chopper Davis was excused.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Review of Proposed FY19 Department Budgets - Page 2

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this work session was to review the proposed budgets for the upcoming fiscal year for City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, Human Resources and Economic Development. The objective is to continue service at the current levels based on proposed revenues and reduced millage rate. Departments were to keep budgets as the same funded amount as last year or reduced if possible. Wage adjustments were budgeted at 3%.

City Manager Manns then highlighted the proposed City Council budget. An increase was made in travel and training so new Council members could take advantage of opportunities. The settlement agreement with the Allen's will be paid off this year. Special events were budgeted at \$60k. Discussion ensued that the Special Event line item should be a cash line instead of encompassing in-kind services. City Manager Manns stated that the Cultural Affairs line item is a cash line for new events and the special events line item was for annual City sponsored events. She stated that a two year funding cycle was completed for those events.

The City Manager's proposed budget included a decrease in travel and training due to ICMA events were in the same year. This year there is only one event. The City Clerk's proposed budget remained the same as last fiscal year.

The Human Resources proposed budget included increasing the current part-time position to a full-time position. Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran then highlighted the insurance line items which includes an 8% increase in property insurance. Labor attorney services decreased. Professional services decreased. Classified advertisement decreased due to posting of positions via social media sites. Health insurance should be a flat renewal. Councilman Altman asked about employee appreciation events and City Manager Manns stated that there are two events scheduled per year. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated the current events are well attended and a huge success.

The Economic Development proposed budget was presented by Mario Iezzoni. Proposed amounts remained fairly the same as last year.

Councilman Altman wanted to clarify that the Homestead Exemption ballot measure would not have impact on this budget. City Manager Manns stated yes and that talks with the Property Appraiser show that if the measure passes it will be about \$80k.

3 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, City Clerk