



**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**

**July 17, 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 Peter Altman and Councilman Matt Murphy. Councilman Chopper Davis was excused.

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, 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 July 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Marlowe requested a correction to the July 3, 2018 minutes to show that 102 and not 202 riders participated in the bicycle event. Motion was made to approve the minutes with the noted correction.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey Absent: Davis

5. Presentation of Cultural Affairs Committee Annual Report

Cultural Affairs Committee Chairman, Richard Melton, presented the Committee's annual report to Council.

6. Proclamation - Supporting the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Network (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. Brad Jurgens from Astro Cycles came forward and talked about cars and bicycles sharing the roadways. He emphasized the importance of education and enforcement. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey Absent: Davis

a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Public Reading of Ordinances

a First Reading – Ordinance No. 2018-2141: Property Lease Agreement with Kazu's Sushi for Dumpster

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Ordinance No. 2018-2141 which would allow for a lease agreement for a dumpster for Kazu's Sushi. The dumpster would be located on the City owned property across the street next to the current lift station. Kazu's will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep. The lease is for three years with one year renewals. The lease amount is \$65.52 per month. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor asked staff to look into regulating dumpsters located throughout the city to require some kind of fencing around it and not out in public. City Attorney Driscoll stated he thought there was already an ordinance in place it just wasn't being enforced. Councilman Altman asked how often garbage is collected from the dumpster and Christine Miyazato from Kazu's came forward and stated that currently the dumpster is emptied twice a week. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey Absent: Davis

b First Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2134: Food Trucks Ordinance

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to adopt an ordinance to regulate food trucks. City Manager Manns stated we need to respect the local businesses. This ordinance addresses standards for both public and private property. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Gerald Kuss came forward to oppose the ordinance. He stated he feels that the restaurants are struggling as it is and that these trucks will take away from the clientele. Food trucks are not part of the vision of the city. Food trucks take away from the revenue of the merchants. Richard Melton came forward and stated that merchants downtown have had skin in the game for a long time. He does not feel that bringing in a food truck is going to take away some of the business just because someone went and bought a truck and didn't buy the building and that's where we need to make sure where we are looking. Michael Ottaway came forward and stated that the food truck industry is trendy. It works in larger cities. Adding food trucks will take away from the restaurants. With no one else coming forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. City Manager Manns stated that it was

requested by Councilman Davis to table this item until he can be part of the discussion. Motion was made to table the ordinance.

10 Business Items

a Wastewater Treatment & Water Treatment Plant Bulk Chemical Purchases - 1 Year Contract Extension

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve one year extensions on the contracts for bulk chemical purchases for the WWTP and the WTP. She then introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who presented the item to Council. The pricing for the chemicals would remain the same. There are only two brought forward for renewal. The other two vendors could not guarantee the same pricing so therefore those contracts are not being requested for renewal. Funds are allocated in the budget. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey Absent: Davis

b Resolution No. 2018-09: Honoring Fifty Years of Municipal Home Rule

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Resolution No. 2018-09 honoring fifty years of home rule. She stated that over the past few years, the Florida Legislature has initiated legislation that attacked home rule. The Florida League of Cities has requested the attached resolution be adopted which will allow for a forum to be created to educate residents on home rule. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey Absent: Davis

c Three Minute Report: Parks and Recreation

11 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the next family movie night is this Saturday and the movie will be "Up." He encouraged everyone to come down early and get dinner and ice cream.

Deputy Mayor Starkey asked City Attorney Driscoll if we are eligible to join in the class action suit for the opioid litigation. City Attorney Driscoll stated yes and that he is still waiting on proposal from the attorney who is representing not only the County but other municipalities in the matter.

Councilman Altman congratulated Parks and Recreation on their three minute report video. He wanted to address the comments on the food truck ordinance and what we heard from the consultant for potential for our city. We have to balance and be respectful of existing businesses. The consultant said there is room in our city or region for five or six more restaurants so it seems to argue against logic when folks are struggling. If there's not a lot of business no one wants to stop if full everyone wants to be there. We need to have our city crowded. We need to have people here. That will best serve the residents. He cautioned against not being open to expanding the city options and things that will attract people to the city.

Councilman Murphy stated he loves the movies in the park. They are very well attended.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____



**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**

**July 3, 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, 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 June 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Proclamation - Parks and Recreation Month & 50th Anniversary of the Parks and Recreation Department

Mayor Marlowe presented the parchment to Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Don House came forward and stated he is

trying to help one of his employees buy a home. There is an issue with the flood level. He pulled up the flood map and it was marginal whether or not the property was in the flood level. The City has adopted a flood level one foot higher than what is on the map. The people he has spoken to were not aware of this rule. Staff told him that it is a State rule. He made the request that when someone comes into the development department that they receive as much information and as accurate as possible. He then disbursed flood maps to Council. City Manager Manns stated she would follow up to make sure the right path is going down in regards to this property.

Theresa Shelton came forward and stated she received a citation for mildew on one of her rental homes. She thought it was petty. She said the house will go on the market to be sold. She showed pictures of a neighbor's property and said that she felt it was unfair that rental standards were higher than homeowners. City Manager Manns stated that staff will look at the adjacent properties and will give 30 days to fix any issues. 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

- a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - May 2018
- b Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - May 2018
- c Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2140: Amendments to Chapter 14 Relating to Drug Paraphernalia

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns stated this ordinance was to create regulation on smoking devices. Upon opening the floor to public comment, 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

9 Business Items

- a 2015 Downtown Landscape Improvements Project Close Out – Consideration for Approval

City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then 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 \$1,106.80 and a final pay request in the amount of \$53,209.97 to Morelli Landscaping, Inc. for the 2015 Downtown Landscape Improvements Project. This project included the removal of the Drake Elms, various downtown landscaping and irrigation system at City Hall. 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

b Presentation of Budget Process, Estimated Revenues, and Proposed Millage Rate

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review the budget process, estimated revenues and tentative millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year. She then introduced Finance Director Crystal Feast who then made a presentation to Council. Ms. Feast began her presentation by reviewing the budget process so far. Departments have been working on their budgets since April. Department meetings were held with the City Manager and Finance Department in June to review budget requests. The Final Taxable Values are due from the Property Appraiser during the month of July. City Manager Manns stated the values should be close to an 8% increase.

Ms. Feast then discussed revenues and challenges. Positive changes included increase in property values and population. Overall pension costs for police and fire are due to decrease in the upcoming fiscal year. There are no anticipated in costs for health insurance. City Manager Manns stated when she started four years ago contributions were almost 45% for pension costs and through collective bargaining the unions have agreed to the decrease. Ms. Feast stated that challenges included a slight increase in FRS rates. Anticipate a 10% increase in General Liability, Property and Flood Insurance. There is also a proposal for a COLA of 3%.

Ms. Feast then highlighted the City's revenue sources. Projected ad valorem is \$4.8 million. She stated that the proposed millage rate would be 8.9000. The City has consistently worked to lower the millage over the last four years. State revenues are projected to be \$2.5 million. Once the State releases the final projections they will be incorporated in the budget draft. Licenses and permits are estimated to be \$1.6 million. Charges for services are estimated to be \$940k. Fines & forfeitures are estimated to be \$2.2 million. Special Assessments rates are being proposed as the same as last year. Penny for Pasco funds are estimated \$2.5 million. Ad Valorem for the CRA is estimated to be \$1.1 million. This increase is due to increased property values within the CRA. Water & sewer services are estimated at \$15.1 million due to a 4% increase in rates. LOGT is estimated to be \$807k. New to the budget is direct funding for CDBG funds estimated at \$750k.

Ms. Feast then highlighted the next steps which included budget work sessions for department presentations, CRA Budget review and approval of certification of taxable value. Budget hearings will be held in September.

Councilman Altman asked for the dollar amount of the taxable value. Ms. Feast stated it was around \$573 million. Councilman Altman talked about the Supreme Court ruling about sales tax for online purchases. Councilman Altman stated he would like to see an in-depth analysis for the entire cost of the red light camera program. In regards to water and sewer revenue, the volume and size makes up almost half of the city. In 2002 the base property values were established at \$367 million. By 2008 the base values were at \$780 million. The large tax increment gave city the fuel to secure the bonds to fund redevelopment activity. Financial report in 2014 showed CRA increment less than 20% of what it was during the good years. The solution at the time was a transfer from utilities to pay off one third of debt and the City's General Fund to have and to hold that debt intergovernmentally with the CRA. Gave a couple of years for the CRA to breathe before payments from back to the General Fund. When you reflect on the revenue coming in from the ad valorem taxes it is really not General Fund revenue but CRA.

Mayor Marlowe stated the internet sales tax is a mixed blessing. Historically retailers have not had to deal with sales tax issue for out of state sales. There are over 4,000 taxing authorities each with their own taxing rate and collection processes. If the new ruling results in better collection then we can expect our share. He agreed with Councilman Altman's comments regarding right hand turns under the red light camera program.

Deputy Mayor Starkey asked Chief Bogart unless it says you can turn right on red he was pretty sure it was against the law to do rolling right turns. Chief Bogart replied if an officer sees right on red and the driver does not stop he can cite them. Process to review if they receive the citation. Deputy Mayor

stated his wife was in an accident at Main and US19 when she stopped to make her right on red. He thanked City Manager Manns for her renegotiations regarding CDBG funds. He attributes the increase in ad valorem to the positive changes in our city that are finally paying off.

c Three Minute Report: Police Department

10 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the Main Street event was interesting. Downtown business owners group is becoming increasingly active. The first event was a bike ride and attracted 102 people. They are planning various events this month. He stated that Bob Langford talked about the Hacienda to the group of riders. He acknowledged Marilyn deChant as she is the new director for New Port Richey Main Street and wished her luck.

Deputy Mayor Starkey would like to see the sidewalks downtown pressure washed. Hope everyone enjoyed the fireworks. Not happy with the commercialization of the park during certain events and referred to the several cars that were brought in from KIA. He stated that he met with the Cultural Affairs Committee chair about using the incubator as a children's museum.

Councilman Altman wanted to follow up with Deputy Mayor's comments and asked if we could we sponsor a bollard to keep cars from entering Sims Park and City Manager Manns stated she would prefer to establish a curb on Main Street. The newest brewpub is having difficulty with existing ordinance regarding outdoor seating and fencing. He discussed the issue with the City Manager and stated if anything needed to be done by Council in the interim until the new ordinance was in place it would try to be addressed. He stated that he had a conversation earlier today with the high school regarding using the incubator for school programming for the arts.

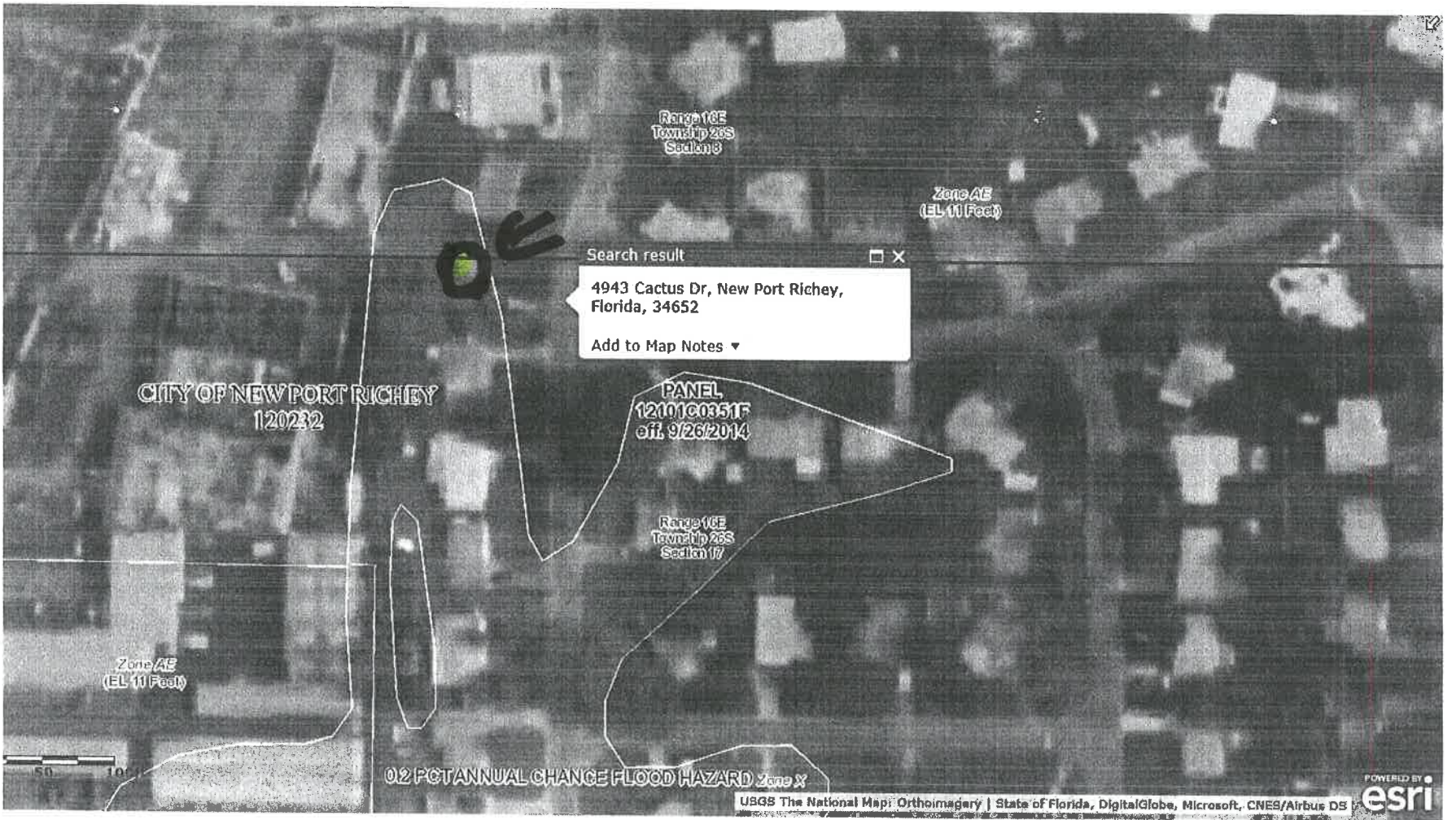
11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____



Range 10E
Township 28S
Section 8

Zone AE
(EL 11 Feet)

Search result
4943 Cactus Dr, New Port Richey,
Florida, 34652
Add to Map Notes ▾

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY
120232

PANEL
12101C0351F
off. 9/26/2014

Range 10E
Township 28S
Section 17

Zone AE
(EL 11 Feet)

50 100

0.2 PCT ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD HAZARD Zone X

USGS The National Map: Orthimagery | State of Florida, DigitalGlobe, Microsoft, CNES/Airbus DS

POWERED BY
esri







