



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**

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

**July 31, 2018
7:00 PM**

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 7:35 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 and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Resolution No. 2018-14 Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement - Page 3

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to enter into an amended and restated Interlocal Agreement for a reduction in the interest rate. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman made a motion to table this item until more information was presented by staff.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Other. 4-1. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Starkey Nays: Marlowe

b. Resolution No. 2018-13, Establish Tentative Millage Rate for TRIM - Page 10

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to establish tentative millage rate and establish a first public hearing date. Proposed millage is 8.900 with first public hearing on September 4, 2018. Ms. Feast stated that the millage is

being reduced from 8.995 to 8.900. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Frank Starkey came forward and thanked Council for lowering the millage rate. He encouraged Council to look at putting Grand Blvd. on a road diet during budget process. It would benefit from on-street parking and pedestrian traffic. More attractive entrance to the city. He suggested a tactical approach before conducting an expensive study. He stated the city has done a good job at creating the bike trail and widening the section along Central and urged to keep the project moving forward. He urged the trails be connected to the County, TBARTA and Greenways and Trails. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he is the representative on the County's MPO and they are aware of the concerns and we need the overpass on US19. Councilman Davis stated that he is on the TDC and they are looking at that project for advertising purposes. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Mayor Marlowe stated whatever is set tonight will go on the TRIM. It can be reduced but not increased. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

5 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the movie in the park was great and the concert the following week was also great. The latest Shop and Sip event was another success. The impression he got was after the event ended the crowd continued to grow. This is an exciting time in our downtown. There is a growing desire among the business community to do something special.

Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he fields a lot of questions when he is around downtown. He asked Mr. Iezzoni to give an updated about Main Street Landings, the Hacienda and the Central. Mr. Iezzoni replied the Main Street Landings project will have 80 residential units. Estimated completion is March 2019 and commercial January 2019. Mr. Iezzoni stated the Hacienda will have 44 rooms with an estimated completion mid to late fall 2019. The Central will have 80-82 units. Deputy Mayor Starkey asked Mr. Rivera about the fence around Orange Lake and Mr. Rivera replied that we are starting the final improvements including boardwalks and overlooks. We are also installing an air infusion system. Complete sidewalk repairs and realignments. All work should be done by December. Deputy Mayor Starkey congratulated Bryan and Kelly Hackman on the opening of the Cotee River Brewing. Deputy Mayor asked about the opening for Wright's Nutrition and Mr. Iezzoni stated he will follow up. Mayor Marlowe stated they are hoping for early September.

Councilman Davis stated he wanted to make comments on the food trucks since he will not be here for the August 7th meeting. We are not going to have them just show up on the street they will be brought in for catering purposes. All he really wants is for them to be registered when people bring them into town, if they are certified with the state and health department and have insurance. Protect the health of the public.

Councilman Altman stated it would be his preference to get the agenda the Thursday before the meeting Tuesday to allow staff time to prepare items. A discussion ensued regarding the timeframe for Council to receive their agenda packets. Councilman Altman then stated he would like to propose a resolution that would enact the process that basically states if we pass a resolution right behind the annexation area it puts us in the position to ask the County to help fund the service area. Councilman Altman stated he would be passing along more information on this matter to staff.

Councilman Murphy stated he went down for locals night Tuesday night and the crowd was large for a Tuesday night. The downtown is going to be amazing over the next year and half with all the things are happening.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____