



**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

September 4, 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, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Development Director George Romagnoli, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran, Assistant Fire Chief Adam Darling and Economic Development Consultant John Walsh.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Introduction of New West Pasco Chamber of Commerce President Liz Juffin

This item was rescheduled for September 18, 2018.

6. Proclamation - National Recovery Month

Cesar Rodriguez and Kellie Walker accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe on behalf of the

ASAP Committee.

7 Proclamation - National Drive Electric Week

Dell deChant from the Environmental Committee and Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

8 Proclamation - International Day of Peace (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

9 Environmental Committee Annual Report Presentation

Environmental Committee Chair, Dell deChant, presented the committee's annual report and recommendations to Council.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Bill Phillips came forward and thanked Council for their vote on the Grey Preserve expansion. He also stated the medians on US19 are looking good. He stated it was nice to see the fence removed around the restrooms at Frances Avenue Park.

Don House came forward and stated he spoke earlier today with the City Manager about the budget. He has a lot of investment in the city. He encouraged Council when looking at the budget to keep the millage rate up.

Paul Black came forward and stated that about a month ago he was driving down Madison Street early in the morning and noticed some trash along the street. He called the police department to report it and did not receive a favorable response. He suggested that there should be a system in place to address issues after hours.

Debbie McMartin came forward to state her concerns about the speeding on Marine Parkway.

Deb Morris came forward and asked about road paving. Public Works Director Robert Rivera stated that overall it is a twenty year plan. Massachusetts and Gulf Drive are in the plan for the upcoming cycle.

Brad Jurgens came forward to suggest lowering the speed on Main Street and making it a bike share road. The pedestrian bike overpass would allow for an east west connection. There are a lot of things that can be done to improve safety and education. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

11 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

a Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - July 2018

b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

12 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second 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 conduct a second and final reading on an ordinance to regulate food trucks in the city. The ordinance provides for regulations on public and private property, hours of operation and trash collection. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman reiterated his comments about limiting the amount of food truck events. Mayor Marlowe stated that if problems arise, the ordinance will be revisited. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading with an effective date of October 1, 2018.

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

b Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2142: Sidewalk and Street Cafes

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that sidewalk cafes are currently permitted under the Land Development Code. This ordinance will provide for street cafes and the serving of alcoholic beverages. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Bob Langford came forward and stated there was a typo regarding the fee. City Manager Manns stated the fee was reduced to \$50. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Mayor Marlowe stated it seemed a bit overkill to provide so many engineer drawings if a restaurant wants to put some tables and chairs outside their establishment. He would like to see that loosen up. Deputy Mayor Starkey agreed. City Manager Manns stated that engineer drawings are not required and modifications will be made to allow for an easier process for applicants. Councilman Altman asked about the section regarding signage as he has noticed sandwich board signs. It was the consensus of Council to remove this provision in the ordinance since there is a separate ordinance that deals with signage. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading with the following revisions: Section 7.11.16 1-c-3 eliminated the word "sidewalk" and Section 7.11.19 2 eliminated "d" in its entirety.

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

c Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2143: Amendment to Restricted Personal Service Uses

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 extend the distance to 1,000 feet inbetween restricted personal use establishments and to add instant loan stores to the list. Purposed ordinance is in compliance with Comp Plan. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Starkey asked if there was a way to limit the used car dealerships along US19. City Manager Manns stated staff is currently working with a consultant on matters involving the highway commercial district. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

d Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2144: Dumpster Enclosure 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 conduct a second and final reading on an ordinance requiring dumpsters to be enclosed. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes:

Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

e First Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2145: Fair Housing 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 advance the City's commitment to Fair Housing and to comply with HUD requirements. 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 first reading.

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

f First Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2135: Code Amendment - Repealing Mobile Vending Regulations

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 repeal the existing regulations and replace them with the previously approved food truck ordinance. 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 first reading.

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

13 Business Items

a Three Minute Report: Public Works Department

14 Communications

Mayor Marlowe encouraged everyone to come out to the National Drive Electric Week Electric Tailgate Party event on Saturday and the bicycle ride on Sunday that starts at Sip.

Deputy Mayor Starkey asked if there were any requirements for having garbage cans. City Attorney Driscoll stated he would look into what the city currently has. He welcomed John Walsh who is currently filling in for Mr. Iezzoni. He referenced an article by C.T. Bowen regarding national hotel brands and questioned why there are none in our city limits and what we could do to attract them here.

Councilman Davis stated will not be here until 7:00 p.m. for budget meeting on September 6th.

Councilman Altman stated the first public hearing on the budget is this Thursday. He is looking forward to discussing the budget at that time. He stated it may be useful to find out what more we can do with our cable channel. Mr. Weed stated the channels are available it would just be the content that would need to be developed.

Councilman Murphy asked if there were any issues from the recent weather. Mr. Rivera stated there have been a few small issues.

15 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

(signed) _____

Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____