



**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**

**October 2, 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 Councilman Chopper Davis, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Matt Murphy. Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey 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, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Development Director George Romagnoli, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of September 18, 2018 Work Session and 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

5. Proclamation - New Port Richey Pride Week

Denise Johnson accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

6. Proclamation - Red Ribbon Week (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

7. Proclamation - Guardianship Month (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

8 Presentation by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council RE: Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalitions Sea Level Rise Memorandum of Understanding

Sean Sullivan from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council made a presentation to City Council on the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalitions Seal Level Rise Memorandum of Understanding. Councilman Altman made a motion to add this item as an emergency item but motion failed for lack of a second. City Manager Manns stated the request for approval of this item would be placed on the October 16, 2018 Council agenda.

9 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 that the house on Cactus was knocked down. He was willing to put up a bond to finish the project. He spoke with someone from the Tampa Bay Community Development Corporation who stated that projects in that area are not financially feasible. He stated now to be eligible for a grant the property needs to be homesteaded.

Victor McCleskey came forward to voice his disapproval for the upcoming festival. He stated our country was founded on the Bible and its principles.

Dave Ellis came forward and stated he is a candidate for the Sixth Judicial Circuit and reminded everyone to vote on November 6th.

Charlie Russo came forward and stated that our nation was also founded on the freedom of expression and the pursuit of happiness. He thanked Council for their support of the Pride festival.

Stephanie Stewart came forward and stated she was recently crowned the 2018 Miss Pasco Pride and thanked Council for their support.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

10 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

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

11 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a Second Reading - Ordinance 2018-2146: Plathe Road Drainage Easement

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns stated the granting of a larger drainage easement will allow the County to enlarge the existing ditch which will benefit the County and the City by reducing the frequency of flooding in the surrounding areas. 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 Matt Murphy and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

12 Business Items

a Alcoholic Beverage Special Event - 2018 Pasco Upcycle

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an ABSEP for the Pasco Upcycle event. The organizers are requesting to sell beer and wine will be sold from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Kristen King came forward to thank Council for their consideration on this matter. With no one else coming forward 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

b 2016 Frances Avenue Park Restroom Project Close Out

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a final pay request in the amount of \$70,186.79 and a deductive change order in the amount of \$8,638.06 to SC Signature Construction Corporation for the 2016 Frances Avenue Park Restroom Construction Project. In addition to the demolition of the existing restroom and the construction of a new restroom structure, a storage area was construction and included as part of the main building. An existing sidewalk leading from the restroom to park shelters and the parking lot was removed and replaced in accordance with current code and ADA compliance standards. Finally, existing landscape, sod, and hardscape elements surround the restroom were removed and replaced. 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

c 2018 Recreation & Aquatic Center – HVAC Chiller Replacement Project

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 proposal from Air Mechanical and Service Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$354,603.00 for the replacement of two HVAC chillers and control system at the Recreation & Aquatic Center. Priority one called out for the replacement of the existing 170 ton chiller with two 110-ton chillers in order to provide reliability and redundancy. Priority two called out for the upgrade of the existing direct digital controls system. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated the purpose of the Penny funds is to improve and enhance from what we normally would not do. If Penny funds are used, he does not see how this is not part of the renovation project. He asked about the public art fund and City Manager Manns stated that this project did call for a contribution to it. Councilman Davis stated he liked the idea of having two units. 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, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

d Three Minute Report: Technology Solutions Department

13 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the stop sign at Sunset that keeps falling over. He appreciates Public Works for getting the signs back up so quickly. It is safer for him to get back home. He talked with some neighbors who are happy to have the stop sign back at Lambert. He sent a link to City Manager Manns for a video of a walking tour of downtown. He asked that it be sent to his other colleagues. Mail in ballots dropped from the Supervisor of Elections Office today. He urged voters to get a mail in ballot due to the length of the ballot. The Pride festival is Saturday morning and family movie night Saturday night. The following weekend is Bike Fest.

Councilman Davis asked City Manager Manns about the list of upcoming agenda items that is sent out each Friday. He stated the items go out a month to six weeks out. He stated he attended the TDC meeting and left information about the Grey Preserve.

Councilman Altman participated in the river clean up. The Florida League of Cities and the Florida Redevelopment Association both have lobbyists. He would be interested in having a report on issues being presented at a future meeting. City Manager Manns stated there are a lot of issues at the State level taking aim at local government. The lobbyist will be helping with the CRA and grants. He suggested adding a category on the agenda for rebuttal for Vox Pop comments. Councilman Davis stated that he is alright with engaging the speaker when they are at the podium. Councilman Altman also reiterated his suggestion about adding an upcoming agenda items place at the end of meeting agendas. Mayor Marlowe stated he has no objection with bringing up items during Communications that he would like to be added to an upcoming agenda.

Councilman Murphy stated the owner of the sandwich shop at Gulf and Grand stated that the ospreys may be gone. He thanked City Manager Manns and Mr. Rivera for the neighborhood meeting last week. He is still seeing lots of enthusiasm downtown.

14 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____