



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
November 20, 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, and Councilman Matt Murphy. Councilman Peter Altman arrived just after roll call was completed.

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 Iezzone, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran, Assistant Public Works Director Barret Doe, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Chris Bornfleth and Community Education Librarian Stephanie Jones.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of November 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Proclamation - Small Business Saturday (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

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 to talk about issues at the house on Cactus Drive. He stated there is a lot of assistance for first time buyers. The project

went south and he was going to step in to finish the project. He was disappointed not hearing anything back from Council except from Deputy Mayor Starkey. When he looked at what needed to be done it was cheaper to fix than taking the house down. He did not understand why a fence could not have been put on the back of the property. He hopes that City Council realizes that it is a blue collar neighborhood.

Marilynn deChant came forward to give a report to Council as she is the MPO CAC representative. She attended a resiliency meeting on November 2nd. Each MPO is conducting long range planning updates. She will forward a link regarding vulnerability assessment to the City Manager so she may forward the information on to Council. 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 Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

a Library Advisory Board Minutes - November 2017-September 2018

b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2018-2147: Amendments to Police Pension Ordinance (Memorializing Contract Changes)(To be heard after item 9A)

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 reading of Ordinance No. 2018-2147 which memorializes the changes to the recently ratified Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of New Port Richey and the West Central Florida Police Benevolent Association. 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

9 Business Items

a Ratification of the Agreement between the West Central Florida Police Benevolent Association and the City of New Port Richey

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that this item was being presented again to Council for ratification due to the fact that an incorrect version of the contract that was attached to the agenda item at their last meeting. 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

b Waste Hauler Applications for the 2019 Calendar Year

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was for City Council is to consider for approval of the waste hauler permit applications for the 2019

calendar year submitted by County Recycling, Inc. dba County Sanitation, Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. dba J.D. Parker & Sons, Republic Services of Florida LP dba Seaside Sanitation, Waste Connections Inc., Waste Management Inc., of Florida, and Peterson's Service Corporation. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated he would like to see us divide the city up into zones and provide each hauler a zone. He stated the City's new billing system will allow for amounts to be placed on bills. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated we already require each dwelling to have service. He asked how can we tell homeowners which hauler they can use. Councilman Altman stated the City would have the authority to. He feels it is a good topic for discussion in the future. Councilman Davis stated free enterprise is what America has been built on. He urged Councilman Altman to talk to Hernando County about their garbage service. Councilman Altman stated the proposal he received was well received by all the haulers he spoke to. Mayor Marlowe asked if we had gotten a resolution from Waste Connections about picking up the recyclables. Ian Boyle from Waste Connections came forward and stated that from the timing problem some items were mixed but problems have been resolved. Mayor Marlowe stated that residents were told by Waste Connections that it was the City's fault when in fact it was Waste Connections. City Manager Manns stated she had many conversations with Mr. Battista with Waste Connections regarding this matter. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

c Quarterly Cash & Investment Performance Report

City Manager Manns introduced Finance Director Crystal Feast who then presented the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review and approve the Quarterly Cash & Investment Report, as of September 30, 2018. Income earned from the fourth quarter was \$85,446. Change from last quarter was \$2,177,289 due to fiscal year end payments and transfer of money out of one fund into checking to stay in compliance with the investment policy. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated we should get an opinion regarding changing the City's investment policy. It is an extremely conservative investment policy.

d Beach Street Drainage Improvement Project – Engineering Task Order No. 4

City Manager Manns introduced Assistant Public Works Director Barret Doe who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Engineering Task Order No. 4 from Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. (ETC), for an amount not to exceed \$76,700.00 for the Beach Street Drainage Improvement Project. This amount includes design phase, permitting phase, bid phase, grant coordination, and construction phase services. The main component would be the installation of a 36" stormwater pipe. There is a large enough right-of-way on Executive Drive so no roadway would be affected. 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

e Disposal of Surplus Property for Auction

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to identify six vehicles and/or equipment and declare them as surplus so that they may be sent to auction. All of the items have outlived their usefulness. 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 Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes:

Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

f Rescind Bid and Project Award – James E. Grey Preserve Urban Trails Project Phase 1

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to rescind the bid award to for Right of Way Contracting, LLC for the James E. Grey Preserve Urban Trails Project. Subsequent to the bid award, State permitting requirements created a delay in the environmental permit as well as additional design and construction features. In addition, these requirements created revised project quantities and deviations to the schedule of values contained in the original bid documents. As a result staff has determined that the bids and award should be rejected and the project re-advertised and re-bid. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis stated there were some items in the scope that could be done by staff. City Manager Manns stated those items would be looked at. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

g Request to Purchase Two Explorer SUV's and One Ford Fusion Sedan

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to purchase two 2019 Ford Police Package Explorer Interceptor SUVs at \$27,708.00 each and one 2019 Ford Fusion Sedan for \$16,978.00 for a total cost of \$72,394.00. The price for these vehicles was obtained through state contract price listings and quote comparisons. Funding for these vehicles was approved in the FY18/19 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 Matt Murphy and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

h Request to Purchase Emergency Equipment and Accessories for Three Police Vehicles

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase and installation of emergency equipment and accessories for the three police vehicles approved in the previous agenda item for a total cost of \$48,900.80. Funding is available through Penny for Pasco funds and the police department operating 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 Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

i Three Minute Report: Human Resources

10 Communications

Mayor Marlowe wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. The Tri-Pasco group conducted the triathlon on November 10th. This past weekend was the Upcycle event and there was a parking issue with City and County vehicles parked on the grass in Sims Park. He stated we may want to plan for updates immediately after the Chasco Fiesta as it can be repaired fairly quickly. That is the event that does the most damage to the sod and plants. He attended the Shopability presentation. The palm trees look good but it is hot with no shade. He stated we need to encourage businesses to look into shade structures. He spoke with a lady from the County about the initiatives regarding the Harbors Project at the Upcycle event. She stated there are Federal restrictions on motorized vehicles if Federal funds are used. It was a great discussion. He stated he was approached by someone after the veterans event and

they raved about the city.

Deputy Mayor Starkey asked City Manager Manns whether the Cactus property came before Council under slum and blight and she stated yes. He reiterated his comments that with home ownership comes responsibility. He stated if staff relayed misinformation that needs to be corrected. He wished photos could have been displayed to show the condition the home was in. He was contacted last week by an investor who has purchased several homes in the city that were bank owned and there were no disclosures. Once he called to get the water turned on he was informed there was a lien. He asked why would the lien not transfer to the bank for and be their responsibility. He asked if there is anything we can do. City Attorney Driscoll stated the lien travels with the title to the property. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated these homes are bought without title insurance. City Manager Manns stated the issue really is letting the water bills accumulate. She stated that is a policy that can be looked at. City Attorney Driscoll stated that water liens do not have to be recorded. It is buyer beware. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Davis stated he attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference. Topics emphasized were CRA's, annexation, permit extensions and impact fees. There are over 200 CRA's around the State. Annexation responsibilities from counties and cities were discussed. Permit extensions can be given which cause projects to stall. There was a whole session regarding Uber. Car ownership is their competition. They have compiled movement data. There was another session on grant funding. Most grants are rejected due to the filing of the application. There is still an emphasis on Home Rule. He attended the Shopability presentation. It was received very well. New approach by the TDC is that we are the sports coast. He asked Ms. Feast if there will be an audit on the hauler amounts this year and she stated yes. He asked for an update on the Wayfinding Project. City Manager Manns stated that the first sign has been installed at the Library and the next sign will be at the Police Station. Mayor Marlowe stated some decorative signs have also been put up. He asked for an update on the boardwalks at Orange Lake and City Manager Manns stated the contractor is waiting for materials for the platform decking.

Councilman Altman stated in regards to the trees in the downtown, after just returning from Ft. Myers there were several businesses with awnings. He was asked to sit on the State Board for the FRA. He encouraged the other Council members to attend the FRA conference next year. He received a rental document from the City which requires to have a local agent listed. He stated the condition of Gulf Drive is getting worse. He asked for an update on the paving project. City Manager Manns stated specifications are about sixty percent done. Bidding should be done in January. Asst. Public Works Director Doe stated temporary fixes can be done. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Murphy stated he received a complaint from a resident about the dark spots along south Grand. He asked if there was something that could be done in the short term. City Manager Manns stated staff would look into the matter and report back. The movie in the park was well attended.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____