



**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

December 18, 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, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzone, 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 December 4, 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. Swearing-In of Firefighter Ryan Bell

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. With no one coming forward Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

a Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - October 2018

b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Business Items

a Board Appointment: Peter Segall, Library Advisory Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointment of Peter Segall to the Library Advisory Board. Mr. Segall meets the requirements set forth in the City's Code to serve on this Board. If approved, Mr. Segall's term will be for three years and will be up for renewal on December 18, 2021. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Mr. Segall came forward and stated he was excited to serve on this Board. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

b Approval of Datacenter Replacements

City Manager Manns introduced Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the replacement of our Datacenters at the Police Department and Disaster Recovery location at the Recreation & Aquatic Center in the combined amount not to exceed \$145,567.19. Funding for this project 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

c Alcoholic Beverage Special Exception Permit - West Pasco Mixer

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an ABSEP for the 2019 West Pasco Mixer to be held in Sims Park on January 17, 2019 by the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is requesting to sell beer and wine being from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Marilyn deChant came forward and commented that this event is part of Business Development Week. With no one else coming forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Mayor Marlowe disclosed that he is on the Business Development Week committee but verified with the City Attorney that there was no conflict with him voting on this item. Deputy Mayor Starkey asked if the City is providing police for this event or if it was too small and Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith replied that yes it is a requirement anytime there is an event in the park with alcohol sales. 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

d 2015-2016 Sewer Utility Improvements Project Bid Award

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to award the bid for the 2015-2016 Sewer Utility Improvements Project to Augustine Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,329,112. The scope of work for this project is the demolition of an existing lift station located at Marine Parkway and Azalea Drive and the conversion of the lift station's wet well into a sewer system manhole. It includes the construction of a new lift station at Marine Parkway and Tangelo Drive and the rehabilitation of the existing lift station at Avery Road and Court Street. The project will also include force main improvements. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Mayor Marlowe asked why this was dated 2015-2016 and Mr. Rivera stated that the years of projects start with the design phase. Councilman Altman stated there was a balance in the proprietary funds of \$3.4million and are restricted for construction. He suggested looking to see what parts of the project could be used with impact fees. 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

e Three Minute Report: Finance Department

9 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated he went to the Farm & Plate event at Rose's Bistro on Saturday and it was a great event. On Sunday there was a golf cart parade and judging from the video there were about 40 carts and thanked the organizers for coordinating it. He attended the Tampa Bay Water meeting yesterday where they discussed the Tampa Augmentation Project. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Deputy Mayor Starkey stated the amounts that are outstanding from special events were mind blowing. With these types of large balances outstanding he does not see how they can be approved for events in the upcoming year. He thanked staff for the post event report for the Cotee River Bike Fest. He highlighted several complaints that were received. He questioned different parts of the event and whether they were family-friendly. He thanked staff for all of their hard work over the past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Davis wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Altman stated that given the interest in events and the concert series it would lead him to say that with the discussion coming up regarding the CRA and Main Street program events it is a good time to look into increasing holding CRA meetings so they can discuss strategies and look at other towns and how they are handling it. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Murphy stated it is nice to see events put on that draw a big crowd. It says a lot about what is going on downtown. He attended the wassailing event last night at People Places. In regards to the golf cart event, he stated he thought there were approximately 70 carts that participated. He thanked staff for all of their hard work over the past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____