



**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**

February 19, 2019

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, Development Director George Romagnoli, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran and Lt. Lauren Letona.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of February 5, 2019 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Presentation by Ayres Associates RE: City Engineering Services

Chris Martin from Ayres Associates made a presentation to Council regarding the City's engineering services. Mr. Martin also highlighted several projects that Ayres has provided services on.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Jeff Wright came forward to thank everyone for all of their kindness during the movement of their store. He highlighted a recent experience

regarding a re-application process.

Noah Denny came forward to urge Council to implement a ban on straws and styrofoam. He then highlighted costs regarding recycling. He stated paper straws are biodegradable and styrofoam containers could be replaced by paper containers.

Bob Smallwood came forward to talk about the Main Street Program. He stated Liz Misemer is the new executive director. He stated he sent a work plan to Council.

Barbara Sullo came forward and stated that the city can adopt a voluntary ban for straws. 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 Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance 2019-2150: Permitting Massage Salons in C-2 General Commercial, Downtown and Highway Commercial Zoning Districts

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 add the definition of "Massage Salons" to the LDC and to add them to the list of permitted uses in the Commercial 2 and Highway Commercial Zoning Districts. The ordinance also establishes hours of operation and prohibits anyone from sleeping there at night. 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 Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

b Second Reading, Ordinance 2019-2151: Special Exception for 5940 Massachusetts Avenue, Fellowship Baptist Church and Academy

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns stated this was a quasi-judicial hearing and if any Council had ex-parte communication to disclose them. Mr. Romagnoli stated there would be no new students and that the proposal is to move classrooms out of the church sanctuary and into an existing residential building on the property. are being added. Council members stated there were no ex-parte communications. 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

c Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2019-2153: Amendments to Golf Cart 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 amend the current golf cart boundaries to include authorized used on Louisiana Avenue and Main Street from Van Buren Street

East to the city limits in addition to Sims Park during special events. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated Chasco Fiesta has contracted with a park and ride firm to dispatch people to and from the park. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated there are over 100 carts registered in the city. He stated it gives us a sense of community. Councilman Davis stated this is a perfect example of our ordinance as a working document. Mayor Marlowe stated that golf carts slow the traffic down and have they have become extraordinarily popular. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

9 Business Items

a Board Appointment: Helen "Jayne" Brewin, 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 Helen "Jayne" Brewin as first alternate to the Library Advisory Board. If approved, Ms. Brewin's term will be for three years and will be up for renewal on February 19, 2022. 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 Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

b Fitzgerald's St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Alcoholic Beverage Special Exception Event

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an ABSEP for Fitzgerald's St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Railroad Square. Organizers are requesting to serve beer and wine on Friday, March 15th and Saturday, March 16th from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The event organizers have requested additional hours for beer and wine to be sold during the event on Sunday, March 17th from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This would be for a three extra hours on Sunday outside of the regular serving hours. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Daniel and Sherry Kuntz came forward. Ms. Kuntz stated they were also asking for an additional hour on Friday night. With no one else coming forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item and the request for the additional hours.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Chopper Davis. 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 report to Council. She stated that per the City's Investment Policy, the Finance Director shall prepare a quarterly investment report. Total income earned for the quarter was \$100,357. Changes from the previous quarter were due to year end payment obligations. All of the investments are in line with the policy. 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 Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

d Approval of Sanctuary Manor ALF Site Plan

City Manager Manns stated this was a quasi-judicial matter and that if Council had any ex-parte

communications to disclose them. She stated that this matter was presented to Council back in June for a partial rezoning which was denied by Council. This agenda item is being presented for the piece of property that is already zoned as a PDD. She then introduced Development Director George Romagnoli who presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the site plan for Sanctuary Manor ALF. The development will have 115 units of senior independent living and memory care units. The 98,706 square foot building will feature parking underneath the building. All residential units will be on the second and third floor. This new application does not ask for rezoning, removes the single family homes, and decreases the amount of beds proposed for the ALF. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. City Council members stated there were no ex-parte communications regarding this matter. 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 Bid Award - Wayfinding Signage Project Phase II

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the bid award for Phase II of the Wayfinding Signage Project to Poblocki Sign Company in an amount not to exceed \$316,081. However, a deductive change order in the amount of \$304,331 will be added once Phase I of the project has been closed out. The residual \$11,750 are general conditions. She stated that this amount may be able to be recovered from the liquidated damages assessed to Arete. She stated the project will be completed within 180 days. 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 Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

f Three Minute Report: Library

10 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated he attended the recent Tampa Bay Water meeting. He stated they are still discussing the TAP Program. They will provide an update in the next few weeks at the April 15th meeting. He stated this program does not affect us directly. His perspective is that this is type of program is what will happen sooner or later as the population grows. There is only so much water. He stated he is quite happy to let Tampa take the lead and let them get the process done right. It is an issue that will be front page news. It will require a super majority to pass. He stated that he was pleased Chasco took his suggestion for shuttle. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated the windows outside City Hall look good now that they are complete. Councilman Davis stated he would like a report on the audit for next meeting. Councilman Altman stated he is looking forward to the Chasco Fiesta. He stated he would save comments for a future CRA meeting on redevelopment. Councilman Murphy stated he is looking forward to the start of event season with the Chasco Fiesta as the kickoff. City Manager Manns stated that she will advance a request to Council to declare a moratorium on car dealerships for the March 5th meeting. By implementing a moratorium, it will allow staff to investigate issues. She stated that six months is needed to come up with standards.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____

Case for banning single use plastic and polystyrene. (CM2)

(Single use plastic straws and polystyrene.)

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To be presented to the New Port Richey City Council

Supported by the New Port Richey Environmental Committee

It is the duty of the New Port Richey City Council to

- ban single use plastic straws within city limits.
- ban single use polystyrene products within city limits.
- commit to these bans by 2020.

Facts

-260 million tons of plastic ends up in the ocean every year, and will increase tenfold by 2050.

[Greenpeace](#)

-Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam coffee cups every year.

[University of Southern Indiana / Recycling Revolution](#)

-On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill, and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.

[University of Southern Indiana / Recycling Revolution](#)

-It takes up to 200 years for a plastic straw to break up, and they can't be recycled in most places.

[GetGreenNow / OneLessStraw](#)

Solutions

-Metal, paper, or bamboo straws are currently the best bet to reduce plastic pollution.

-While plastic straws are a favorite in terms of economic options, paper straws are biodegradable and would slowly decrease in price as more restaurants and businesses purchase them.

-Styrofoam containers could be replaced by other materials like thick paper or cardboard.

Let's follow in the footsteps of Pinellas county and ban single use plastic straws and styrofoam / polystyrene by 2020.



An image of a shorebird with plastic materials inside its stomach shows our plastic crisis. (Image: EcoWatch)



Plastic waste blocks the Vacha Dam near a Bulgarian town. (Image: Huffington Post)



A bird pecks at polystyrene waste. Plastic waste never biodegrades and creates microplastics which are toxic to all sealife. (Image: Pacifica Beach Coalition)



This turtle had a plastic straw stuck in its nose. A team of people was required to hold the turtle down to remove the straw. (Image: Sea Turtle Biologist)



This is only a piece of the straw that was removed from the turtle's nose. (Image: Sea Turtle Biologist)