



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**

**NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA**

March 5, 2019

5:00 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 5:21 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 Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzeni, 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Legislative Update Presentation by Sunrise Consulting - Page 2

Shawn Foster from Sunrise Consulting presented the item to Council. He began his presentation by highlighting the Governor's first months in office which included the State's budget, environmental issues, Hurricane Michael cleanup, health care issues and transportation projects. Mr. Foster then highlighted the key leaders in the Governor's administration, the House and the Senate. Mr. Foster then highlighted key legislation that will be watched during the current Legislative Session including local government regulation, CRA's, public construction, impact fees, public meetings, state funds, local tax referenda, communications services tax and firefighter cancer benefits. Mr. Foster then highlighted some appropriations projects specific for the city including HB4095 Beach Street Stormwater Improvement and HB4307 Sewer System Improvements. Mr. Foster then highlighted the policy process and appropriations process. He then discussed their advocacy methods. Mr. Foster then discussed the procedure changes for appropriations requests which include now being sponsored and movement through the committee process. City Manager Manns stated that we did present the US19 Underpass Project to both Representative Mariano and Senator Hooper and they seemed to be in support

of the project. Councilman Altman and Mayor Marlowe then talked about the Overpass Project and the Coast-to-Coast Trail. Mayor Marlowe stated one thing to encourage the delegation to be cognizant of is money for road improvements. Councilman Altman spoke about the Suncoast Parkway and how it should connect to I75.

3 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk