



**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**

**May 7, 2019
5:30 PM**

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 5:30 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, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Finance Director Crystal Feast and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Discussion Regarding Future Waste Hauling Services

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to discuss the possibility of the city moving to just one trash hauler in the future. City Manager Manns stated that there are currently six companies who provide service within the city. She stated the reason for discussion tonight was to propose the city moving to one hauler. If so, then a three year notice is required. Advantages would be that there would be less trucks on city roads, ensure that all residents would have service and that the franchise fees would be calculated more accurately. If Council chooses to move forward, the process involves a public hearing, competitively solicit for service and then either wait out the remainder of the time period or negotiate an agreement that would be agreeable to all involved. She stated that we want to establish consolidated billing and add the trash bill to water bills. It would be source of revenue for the city because we would collect on behalf of hauler. City Manager Manns stated an additional question is whether we want to have yard debris at the curb rather than in designated areas.

Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he likes the idea of having less trucks but he just transferred to a different hauler because of service. He stated haulers will currently pick up some debris at the curb. Councilman Davis stated he is against moving towards one hauler. He referenced Hernando County and their number one complaint is about trash pickup. Councilman Altman stated he agrees that we should not have a single service. He stated he is open for a three year

notice. Councilman Murphy stated that perhaps we should limit the numbers to two or three. Mayor Marlowe stated that he did not know if a single hauler would work well. Perhaps a couple of companies each with a designated zone of the city. Councilman Davis stated that the city is not in the trash hauling business. Councilman Altman stated this is a great revenue opportunity. He stated there is a public purpose in our town to make sure the garbage is collected. It would be worth exploring the cost benefit analysis. Deputy Mayor Starkey asked whose responsibility it would be for service with rentals and City Manager Manns stated currently it is the tenant. Mayor Marlowe stated if we are billing then it would be easier for us to send out a combined bill and then allocate to vendors internally. Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he was approached by some of the downtown business owners who want to recycle and they are not sure how they go about doing it. City Manager Manns stated that staff is looking into that matter.

Discussion then moved on to yard debris. Mayor Marlowe stated there was a discussion that came up when he first came on Council about doing away with the yard debris and putting it out with the trash cans but it was not received favorably. Councilman Altman stated the need is in the old parts of the city and that residents who need it or use it should possibly pay for the service. He suggested it be an on-call service and charge a fee for it. Councilman Davis stated he thought it would be a good idea to provide it as an on-call service. Council then discussed landscape debris and having commercial landscapers pay to drop off debris at a designated spot in the city. Mr. Rivera stated that the location on Pine Hill is pretty much at full capacity. Deputy Mayor Starkey invited John Kane to speak as he was the only resident in attendance. Mr. Kane stated that he has caught illegal dumping in his alley. He stated once word gets out and the fine is hefty that will discourage the dumping. He stated he does enjoy the service the city provides. Mr. Kane stated that he would be against a single hauler option. He suggested Council limit the number of haulers who can provide service.

3 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk