



**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**

**May 7, 2019  
7:00 PM**

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**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, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Development Director George Romagnoli, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor Marlowe presented City Clerk Judy Meyers with the parchment.

6. Proclamation - Kids to Parks Day

Mayor Marlowe presented Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith with the parchment.

7. Proclamation - Marie Skelton Retirement

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

8 Proclamation - Older Americans Month (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

9 Presentation by Regan Weiss RE: Golf Course at Orange Lake

Regan Weiss made a presentation to City Council regarding the installation of a putting green at Orange Lake.

10 Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. John Kane came forward and thanked Council for their approval of his appointment to the Environmental Committee. One thing that stands out in his mind are golf carts in the park. He noticed several carts without the proper decals.

Dan Dede came forward and asked about the barrier between the splash pad and boardwalks. He stated the speeding around the circle is getting worse. He stated people drive their golf carts on the sidewalk around the lake. He would like to come back and make a presentation regarding parking. He stated the homeless hang around after the church next door feeds them lunch.

Chris Lineman came forward to thank Council for their contributions to the city. He stated that there is a speeding problem in the city. He has come close to being run over multiple times. He stated we need to do something to make the city safer.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop. Council then addressed the comments made regarding speeding, golf cart use and the homeless.

11 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

a Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - March 2019

b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

12 Business Items

a Board Re-Appointments: Gina DiGregorio and Cynthia Contreras, Cultural Affairs Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the re-appointments of Gina DiGregorio and Cynthia Contreras to the Cultural Affairs Committee. Both have been valued members of the Cultural Affairs Committee for many years. Their current terms expired on April 4, 2019 and they have submitted their applications for re-appointment. If approved, their terms would be for two years and would be up for renewal on May 7, 2021. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked to discuss the responsibilities of the Cultural Affairs Committee that are outlined in the ordinance that governs the committee. He has read the minutes from the meetings and he would like to see the responsibilities highlighted to get a better response from the committee. Deputy Mayor Starkey expressed to Ms. Smith that she should attend the meetings as he has heard things from other members about the way the meetings are run and comments that have been made. 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 Renewal of Advanced Life Support Medical Director Agreement

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the renewal the contract between the City of New Port Richey and Dr. Charles M. Boothby to continue to serve as the City of New Port Richey Fire and Emergency Services Medical Director. Dr. Boothby has served as our Medical Director since 1997. 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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

c Stormwater Lift Station Motor and Pump Replacement - Consideration for Purchase

City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of a replacement of a motor and pump for the stormwater lift station located between Azalea Dr. and Bougainville Dr. from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$34,828.93. The current pump is 22 years old with a repair cost just under the purchase requested amount for a new pump. 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

d Request to Purchase Crime Scene Scan Forensic Light System

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of a Crime Scene Scan Forensic Light System from Foxfury Lighting Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.99. Funding for this item would be through unclaimed evidence funds. 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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

e Three Minute Report: Police Department

In lieu of the Police Department's report, Mr. Rivera provided an update to the sewage spill that occurred at the WWTP over the past weekend. Mr. Rivera stated crews noticed a pipe had ruptured. Crews lifted gates in another area to keep the flow from coming in. They redirected and captured as much flow as possible. The incident was reported to FDEP, Pasco County and the Health Department. The leak was stopped within three hours. Samples were taken both Saturday and Sunday. The estimated quantity that made it into the water was approximately 150,000 gallons. Mr. Rivera stated the entire pipe will be replaced and valves will be installed. He stated staff will work with the other agencies to provide for better community outreach.

13 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated last Wednesday he and Barret Doe went to the TBRPC for a climate resilience workshop. It was very informative. This coming Sunday is Sunday in the City. He urged everyone to come down with their mothers. He stated he emailed Liz Misemer with NPRMS the good comments he had heard regarding the seafood fest. He is looking forward to the work sessions with Chasco, Richey Suncoast Theatre and the new Board of NPRMS.

Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he heard the seafood fest was great. He thanked Marie Skelton for all of

her hard work with the theatre and wished her well on her retirement. The theatre is a community asset and needs to be utilized more. He is looking forward to the work sessions with both the theatre group and Chasco.

Councilman Davis stated noted the great information in the fire prevention insert from the TB Times. He wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Altman stated he attended Marie Skelton's surprise party. It was good to see all the kids say how much the theatre has impacted their lives.

Councilman Murphy stated he attended the seafood fest over the weekend and it was well attended. He noticed the boat was up and down the river all day.

14 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_