



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

July 2, 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 p.m. 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 Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, 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 June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

5 Presentation by Jeff Burton, City of Palmetto RE: CRA's

Jeff Burton from the City of Palmetto made a presentation to Council regarding CRA's.

6 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 stated he has been volunteering with Public Works and he has got to see the inner workings of the city. He complimented

Mr. Rivera and stated he was a pleasure to work with. He stated Ms. Smith took him out to show him where the swings are going to be installed.

Angela Napolitano came forward to thank City Manager Manns for working with her on reducing the Code Enforcement fines and fees assessed to her during her extensive home renovation.

Bob Smallwood came forward to speak about the dog waste bag container at Jasmin Park. He was told the container was placed there in error and is set to be removed. He asked Council to not remove the container. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

- a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - May 2019
- b Land Development Review Board Minutes - March 2019
- c Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a First Reading, Ordinance 2019-2164: Ordinance Pertaining to Off-Street Parking Spaces

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 parking ordinance in regards to pervious surfaces. Crushed stone, crushed rock, gravel, and shell would now be classified as pervious surfaces. The LDRB recommends that City Council do not adopt this ordinance and the materials continue to be considered impervious. Upon opening the floor to public comment, John Kane came forward and stated that stone is often used. If you put in a driveway or parking lot you need to get a permit. Landlords can put in an accessory parking spot. Legal permitting was not in the ordinance. He urged Council to go by what is in the ordinance. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated if we are dealing with flooding issues then theoretically we are urging percolation. City Manager Manns stated the reason we require a permit is to ensure that proper enclosure is made. The permit is at no cost to the homeowner. Mayor Marlowe stated he has seen where walkways are just stepping stones and that does not slow down the water. Motion was made to table the ordinance.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Other. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

9 Business Items

- a Board Re-Appointment: Bob Smallwood, Land Development Review Board

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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

- b Request for Approval of EBSCO Grant Agreement Award

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the EBSCO Solar Grant Agreement in the amount of \$100k for the installation of solar panels on the Library's roof. There is no match on the City's part. 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

c Request to Purchase New In-Car Routers

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 a proposal from CDW-G for the installation of new vehicle routers for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$52,143.30. Upon opening the floor to public comment, John Kane came forward to urge Council to approve this item. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Starkey

d Presentation of Budget Process, Estimated Revenues, and Proposed Millage Rate

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to bring Council up to date on where we are in the budget process. City Manager Manns stated the budget process began in April and staff was asked to keep expenditures at 2% of last fiscal year. Staff has been working on their budgets since that time. She stated that we have received some favorable news from the Property Appraiser indicating that property values were at an increase of 8.74%. She stated the FDOR has not released their local revenues estimates and they are due to come in next week. Our current millage rate is 8.9000 and we are trying to reduce by .25. City Manager Manns stated we cannot make commitment to anything until we get the numbers from the FDOR. Councilman Altman stated he would like Council to focus considerably on the capital items in the CRA. It is critical to have those bigger discussions. He would like to talk about the funding sources when they come in. Councilman Davis asked when the audit presentation will be and City Manager Manns stated it will be at the July 16th meeting.

e Three Minute Report: Public Works

10 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated that July 2nd was when the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. Main Street Blast was good but there were some logistical issues that need to be dealt with. Tampa Bay Water continues to move along. He thanked Mr. Rivera for getting the Nebraska charging station up and running.

Councilman Davis stated he would like to look at scooters and motorized skateboards in the downtown as he is not sure if we are ready to have them safety wise. In his travels today he saw County vehicles violations with cell phones as the new law went into effect July 1st. He asked the City Attorney to look at Air B&B's.

Councilman Altman stated it is becoming more critical for us to identify the different personalities we have. Pinellas County created a CRA and they understand the purpose to create and redevelop a plan. Our CRA will pick up \$1.8million. The money we have must be used wisely. We do have some economic challenges. The opportunity is here for us to do some really good things to improve our city.

Councilman Murphy stated the fireworks were delayed Saturday night due to the weather. He asked if there are rules about golf carts in the park City Manager Manns stated not at this time.

City Attorney Driscoll stated there is no news from Tampa Bay Water. Right now it is in a holding pattern.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____