



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

November 12, 2019

6:00 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were, Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey, Councilman Chopper Davis and Councilman Matt Murphy. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed. Councilman Peter Altman was excused.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Final Public Hearing - Resolution No. 2019-16: Adopting Final Millage Rate for FY2020 - Page 3

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that due to an advertising error by the newspaper, the City must conduct a rehearing on the final Millage Rate, FY19/20 Annual Budget and CIP. No changes have been made to the millage rate or final budget numbers since the previous adoption on September 24, 2019. This rehearing will only ratify the previously adopted budgets and millage rate. City Manager Manns then read the following into the record:

"Florida Statute 200.065(2)(C)1 prescribes that Council adopt the millage rate prior to adopting the 2019-2020 budget. A notification regarding the Public Hearing has been provided to every property owner in the City by the Pasco County Property Appraiser's Office. This notification in the form of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice was mailed the week of August 13th. Action requested is to readopt Resolution 2019-16. The name of the taxing authority is the City of New Port Richey. The tentative millage rate of 8.7500 mills is 1.44% less than the roll-back rate of 8.8782 mills. Total ad valorem revenues that will be generated are estimated to be \$5,213,550 that is approximately \$300,000 more than what was generated in ad valorem in FY18-19, due to the increase of property values. The millage rate is 8.7500 and is a decrease from the prior year millage of 8.9000. Although the statute requires discussion regarding the percent increase over the rolled back rate and specific

purposes for which ad valorem is being increased, for the record, in our case, neither apply. At this time, it is requested that the Mayor invite public comment on the millage."

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to readopt and ratify Resolution No. 2019-16. Motion passed 4-0 at 6:03 p.m.

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

- b. Final Public Hearing - Resolution No. 2019-17: Adopting the FY2019-2020 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program - Page 5

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

- 5 Communications

None.

- 6 Adjournment

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

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____