



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

November 19, 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, 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 Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Review of Legislative Priorities by Sunrise Consulting

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this work session was to legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. She then introduced Shawn Foster from Sunrise Consulting who then made a presentation to Council. Mr. Foster began his presentation by providing an update on issues relating to plastic bags, firearms and water policy. He then highlighted some bills to follow including environmental regulation, cosmetics, plastic bags and polystyrene. Mr. Foster then highlighted two projects to be presented for funding. The first was the Cotee River Trail for \$1,800,000. The second was Beach Street Stormwater Drainage for \$500,000. Although the deadline has passed for the House, Senator Hooper may still be interested in submitting a request for funding in regards to the overpass project. Mr. Foster then highlighted policy and budget issues including \$603 million increase for teachers, \$500 million budget shortfall, continuing reimbursements for Hurricane Michael and \$100 million request for mental health services. Mr. Foster then highlighted details from the Governor's budget that was released yesterday. Mr. Foster then recognized Bertell Butler from the Parks & Rec Youth Advisory Board who was chosen as a page for the upcoming session for Senator Hooper.

3 Communications

City Council discussed the City's CRA and the relationship with the Pasco County BOCC. It was suggested to sit down individually with the other three commissioners to educate them better.

4 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk



Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis released his recommended budget for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 - 2021.

The Florida Legislature is constitutionally required to pass a state budget, officially titled as the **General Appropriations Act**.

The Governor's proposed budget for State Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 totals approximately **\$91.4 billion** and represents a slight **0.3% increase** from the 2020 General Appropriations Act.

- **Natural Resources, Environmental Issues, Growth Management and Transportation Expenditures** represent the third largest portion of the SFY 2021 budget with funding equaling \$14.1 billion, which represents a 4.47% decrease from the current fiscal year.

- **Water Quality Highlights:**

Water Quality Improvement Grant Program: \$150 million provided for a grant program (up to 50% match) to local government agencies making wastewater and stormwater improvements, including septic conversion and remediation

- **Transportation and Economic Development Affordable Housing** \$267.2 million recommended for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. This item includes **proviso language directing local governments receiving SHIP dollars to prioritize hurricane housing recovery** before using the funds for other projects.

\$119.8 million recommended for the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program (SAIL)

Job Growth Grant Fund: Recommended at \$50 million, an increase of \$10 million over the current year level.

Visit Florida: \$50 million recommended, which would continue operations for the next fiscal year.