



**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**

**January 21, 2020
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, 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, Development Director Earl Hahn, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of January 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. 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 to speak about the construction site at The Central. He asked if there was a way to organize safety around the area. Deb Maxwell, Dick Maxwell and Jacqueline Morris came forward and to speak about the recent DQSH. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

a Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - November 2019

b Environmental Committee Minutes - December 2019

c Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2177: Conditional Use Application for 5707 Main Street (eCarve LLC)

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-2177 which would grant a conditional use permit to eCarve LLC for the sales and rental of scooters at 5707 Main Street. City Manager Manns stated the attached ordinance contains all of the provisions from the first reading. 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 ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

8 Business Items

a Board Re-Appointment: Joe Fiorentino, Firefighters' Pension Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the re-appointment of Joe Fiorentino to the Firefighters' Pension Board. She stated that Mr. Fiorentino has been a valued member of the Firefighters' Pension Board since 2012. Mr. Fiorentino's current term expired on January 7, 2020 and he has submitted his application seeking re-appointment to the Board for Council's consideration. If approved, Mr. Fiorentino's term will be for four years and will be up for renewal on January 21, 2024. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Joe Fiorentino came forward and stated that the Pension Board is doing very well. 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 Jeff Starkey and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

b Board Appointment: Linda Blake, Environmental Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointment of Linda Blake to the Environmental Committee. She stated that on October 18, 2019, Linda Blake submitted her application seeking appointment to the Committee for Council's consideration. Should Council approve Mrs. Blake's appointment, her term will be for two years and will be up for renewal on January 21, 2022. Upon opening the floor to public comment, John Kane came forward and stated that initially both the Blake's had applied to the Committee. He stated research was done regarding spouses serving on the same board. 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 Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

- c Board Appointment: Jennifer Sorenson, Library Advisory Board

This item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

- d Board Appointment: Kai Sonnenschein, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointment of Kai Sonnenschein to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She stated that on December 9, 2019, Kai Sonnenschein submitted an application seeking membership on the Library Advisory Board. If approved, Mr. Sonnenschein's term will be for three years and will be up for renewal on January 21, 2023. Staff has verified that Mr. Sonnenschein meets the requirements set forth in the City's Code to serve on this 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 Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

- e Board Appointments: Bryan Cartwright and Glena Sumrall, Cultural Affairs Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointments of Bryan Cartwright and Glena Sumrall to the Cultural Affairs Committee. She stated that on June 26, 2019, Bryan Cartwright submitted an application seeking membership on the Cultural Affairs Committee. On November 20, 2019 Glena Sumrall also submitted an application for the Committee. If approved, Mr. Cartwright and Ms. Sumrall's terms will be for two years and will be up for renewal on January 21, 2022. Staff has verified that Mr. Cartwright and Ms. Sumrall meet the requirements set forth in the City's Code to serve on this committee. 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

- f First Reading, Resolution No. 2020-05: Extension of the CRA to 2049

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of Resolution No. 2020-05 for the extension of the City's CRA to 2049. She stated that during the 2019 legislative session, Chapter 2019-163 Laws of Florida was adopted and created Section 163.3755 Florida Statutes, which provided that the governing body of a municipality having a community redevelopment agency whose existence will extend beyond September 30, 2039 must approve the continued existence of the agency beyond said date by a majority vote of the members of the governing body. This new law became effective October 1, 2019. 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 resolution upon its first reading.

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

- g Request to Purchase a Police K-9

City Manager Manns introduced Police Chief Kim Bogart who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the purchase of a Police K-9 at a cost of \$9,000. He stated the police department currently has only one K-9 team and that dog is

approximately six years old. The typical working life of a Police K-9 is seven to nine years depending upon the condition of the individual dog. The dog will be purchased from Southern Coast K-9, Inc. and be paid for with funds donated to the police department by citizens and equitable sharing monies. 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 Jeff Starkey and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

h Request to use Forfeiture Funds to Purchase Rifles and Shotguns

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the use of forfeiture funds to purchase four Remington shotguns for conversion to “less-lethal” weapons and four Bushmaster AR-15 rifles, including shipping, at a total cost of \$4,500.00. 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

i NPR and COA Transit Bench Bus Stop Agreement – Consideration for Approval

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 consider for approval an agreement between the City of New Port Richey and Creative Outdoor Advertising of America Inc. for the installation of transit benches and trash receptacles at various bus stop locations within the city limits. He stated that on August 5, 1980 the City and the New Port Richey Jaycees entered into an agreement with Metropolitan Systems, Inc. for the installation of up to 40 transit benches at various bus stop locations within the city limits. In 2019 Metropolitan Systems, Inc. became a part of the COA companies. In June of 2019 discussions between City staff and COA staff began in an effort to modernize the existing 1980 agreement and bring it current with industry standards. The term of the proposed agreement is for ten years from the date of execution. As part of the agreement COA will replace the existing concrete transit bench inventory with new steel black power coated benches similar to the City’s existing bench inventory within six months of the agreement approval. The cost for the replacement benches will be incurred by COA. In addition, if bench pads and handicap ramp upgrades are required COA will bear the sole cost for the upgrades. City Manager Manns stated that no advertisements on benches in the downtown area and the installation of trash receptacles at various locations. Upon opening the floor to public comment, John Kane came forward and asked if there was going to be a trash receptacle at the bench on Madison and Mr. Rivera stated yes. With no one else coming forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey Nays: Altman

j 2020 Jasmin Park Seawall Improvements

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to consider for approval Task Order No. 42 from Stroud Engineering Consultants for engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$35,800 for the 2020 Jasmin Park Seawall Improvements Project design, bid, and construction. He stated that staff presented a Seawall Condition Assessment to City Council in June of 2016. The Assessment reviewed the existing conditions of all seawalls owned and maintained by the City. It was determined that the Jasmin Park seawall system's existing condition was beyond repair and in need of replacement. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

k Bid Award ITB20-006 WWTP Storage Tank Cleaning and Painting Project

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to award of the bid submitted by Southern Road & Bridge, LLC of Tarpon Springs in an amount not to exceed \$129,780 for the WWTP Storage Tank Cleaning and Painting Project. Mr. Rivera stated that it has been 14 years since the tanks were painted. He stated that on December 13, 2019 nine competitive sealed bids were opened by the City of which only three were approved and accepted by staff to meet the Society for Protective Coatings QP 1 minimum qualification called out in the ITB. The QP 1 certification is considered the minimum professional certification for an industrial painter. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

l Recommendation of Firms for Continuing Services Agreements RE: General Utility Engineering, Water-Resources, and Environmental

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 consider for approval staff's evaluation for General Utility Engineering, Water-Resource, and Environmental short list and continuing services agreement recommendation process. Mr. Rivera stated this process is completed every five years. The City has worked with each of the firms on the short list with the exception of Johnson Engineering. 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

m Three Minute Report: Finance Department

9 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated that the City of New Port Richey does not sponsor the particular program that is held at the library. It is a private group that has asked to use the library. Libraries across the country have taken a stand for freedom of expression and to learn other things. Our library is to be commended. It is his understanding there is a core group of people that attend the event on a regular basis. Deputy Mayor Starkey suggested that visuals of Keiser University be added to the next city newsletter. Councilman Murphy stated that the year was off to a good start and that he is looking forward of things to come.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____