



**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

February 18, 2020

5:30 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were, Councilman Chopper Davis, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Matt Murphy. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Development Director Earl Hahn and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed. Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey was excused.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Presentation by Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council RE: New Port Richey 3D Model

City Manager Manns introduced Sarah Vitale and Marshall Flynn from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council who then presented the item to Council. Ms. Vitale began her presentation by stating this has been a visioning exercise over the last six months. She highlighted the SWOT of Main Street today. Strengths included connectivity to US19, the river, Sims Park, the Library and City Hall, economic development potential west of River Road. Weaknesses included lack of a defining feature of US19 and Main Street. Threats included inland flooding, storm surge and sea level rise. Opportunities included CRA and TIF financing. Ms. Vitale then moved to the "Rapid Redesign." She presented an aerial and 3D model of the area including a new site plan which included green space and water features. Ms. Vitale then highlighted turning challenges into opportunities which included moving away from single-use infrastructure. Mr. Flynn then presented the flooding model. He stated the flood and surge could drain into the park and the river. Ms. Vitale then asked Council about their vision for Main Street and what they wanted to see for the site. Mayor Marlowe stated the overall width of Main Street could be two lanes from Rowan Road west to US19. He also suggested as buildings need to be repaired they could be moved closer to Main Street for a better pedestrian experience. Councilman Murphy stated the new street in between River and US19 was a great addition. He stated the overall presentation was great and hopefully we can incorporate some of the items in the future. Councilman Altman stated that one of the most visual impacts is seen from above. He stated he in all in to the

resiliency aspect and that funds may be available to help. He hopes the people from Keiser will work with the design. He stated most of the older buildings were built before retention ponds were required. Councilman Davis stated we may have to change our code if we put parking on the first floor and build up. He wants to add some retail to tie into the downtown. Mayor Marlowe stated if you split the levels on sea level rise five or six feet along with high tide will make the area underwater or close to it so parking on the first floor makes sense. Councilman Altman stated that commercial doesn't have to be as high as residential. Councilman Altman stated that the City has the opportunity to go after a grant for the boat ramp.

3 Communications

None.

4 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk