



**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**

**October 20, 2020  
6:00 PM**

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**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 L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Assistant City Manager Rodd Hale, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed. Councilman Peter Altman arrived at 6:01 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2 Presentation of Work Plan by New Port Richey Main Street - Page 2**

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this work session was to review the work plan for New Port Richey Main Street for the upcoming year. She then introduced Amy Finotti-Marin and Patrick Bene who then made a presentation to Council. Ms. Finotti-Marin began her presentation by highlighting the contributions during FY19/20. Ms. Finotti-Marin then highlighted the Work Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The first element was design of the physical environment of the downtown. She stated they would like to see sign revisions and more public art. Other activities included window decorating contests, seasonal banner designs, sculptures in Sims Park, flexible mural design regulations and to facilitate a walking tour of the historic downtown. Under economic vitality, Ms. Finotti-Marin stated that business recruitment and retention are important elements in the economic environment of the downtown. Under promotions NPRMS are working on a public relations plan in addition to light pole banners, dining and shopping guides, event posters and working with the TDC on funding. Future proposed events included a vegan food festival, classic car cruise in and a chalk art festival. The event they are most interested in hosting is the "Finally Friday" downtown street party. Under organization, NPRMS reports to the state and maintains financial records. They are also on recruiting liaisons from different organizations. NPRMS will also host the Florida Main Street Conference in 2021 as it was postponed this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3            Communications

Deputy Mayor Starkey stated some people from Chasco have reached out to him on how events are going to move forward. Mayor Marlowe stated City Manager Manns met with Mr. Grey last week on the matter. He stated the chances may not be great to have an event in March as a vaccine may not be ready yet. October may be a better option. Councilman Davis stated we could have the golf cart parade with social distancing. Councilman Altman stated he had a request from a resident as to whether or not we have banned trick-or-treating. He stated he was not aware of any county or municipal restriction. He stated some of the restaurants have organized their own event.

4            Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_

Judy Meyers, City Clerk