



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

November 4, 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 Councilman Chopper Davis, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Matt Murphy.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Assistant City Manager Rodd Hale, 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.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Approval of October 20, 2020 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5 Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Bill Phillips, 5500 Riva Del Place, #339, NPR came forward to state he is withdrawing his name for consideration for the City Council vacancy and submitting his resignation from the Police Pension Board. He thanked the citizens of NPR for allowing him to serve over the last 30 years. Mayor Marlowe stated it has been his pleasure to serve with him on Council. Councilman Davis also thanked Mr. Phillips for his guidance. Councilman Altman stated he is a lifelong friend and wished him well on his new endeavor. Councilman Murphy stated he has appreciated all he has done.

Amy Finotti-Marin, 6216 River Road, NPR came forward to thank Councilman Altman for the recent trip to Hyde Park. She stated NPRMS held their Fall Window Decorating Contest and Downtown

Hair Lounge won. She stated on November 17th they will host Eat This Drink That. They are looking forward to holiday events. There may be a chance to hold a Festival of Trees drive by event. 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

- a Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes - September 2020
- b Environmental Committee Minutes - August and September 2020
- c Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - August 2020
- d Police Pension Board Minutes - August 2020
- e Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2213: Authorize Issuance of Taxable & Tax Exempt Revenue Notes, Series 2020A & 2020B

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second reading of an ordinance which would authorize the issuance of Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Notes in one or more series, not to exceed \$11,000,000 to finance the cost of acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, and equipping of 3 capital projects: Parking Garage Structure, Construction of Fire Station No. 2, and Library Renovations. She stated the interest rate on the taxable portion is 1.11% and 1.54% on non-taxable portion. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis asked if grant funding is available for the Fire Station project and City Manager Manns stated yes there is and we have applied for them. If approved, we will payback grant proceeds with no penalty. Councilman Altman stated we have Capital Projects that are available and can have a discussion to redirect some of those funds. Mr. Draper came forward and stated that the way it is drafted it provides for some flexibility. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

- b Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2212: Amendments to Golf Cart Ordinance

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an amendment to to expand the use of golf carts on Main Street from east city limits to US Highway 19. 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 Matt Murphy and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

- c Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2189: Amendments to Chapter 18 of the LDC RE: Historic Preservation

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the

item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Land Development Code relating to the historic preservation code. The purpose of the amendments is to move forward with the State for designation as a Certified Local Government. Certification will allow for grant opportunities and allow for the designation of historic places. The Historic Preservation Board membership and terms would be reduced. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

d Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2211: Amendments to Chapter 13 RE: Mobile Food Vending

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance which amends Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances regarding mobile food vending. The amendment is needed in order to comply with new State law. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. City Council discussed adding time limits to parking and directed City Attorney Driscoll to prepare an amendment to the parking ordinance as such. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

e First Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2210: Amendments to Chapter 7 of the LDC Re: Permitted Uses in R-3 Residential Zoning District

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance 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 an ordinance which amends Chapter 7 of the LDC to allow for attached single-family townhomes as a special exception within permitted uses for R-3 Residential Zoning Districts. City Manager Manns introduced Brad Cornelius who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the way this is structured is it will only be in the Downtown and the Downtown Core. Those two uses already have the density that allow for this development. Mr. Cornelius stated the proposed project was 7,500 sq. ft. but LDRB suggested it should be 5,000 sq. ft. area. City Council would have the final determination on the development standards. Councilman Altman asked for some examples of R3 properties and Mr. Cornelius stated the property on the NE corner of Madison and Central is one and there is another one along Main Street. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Frank Starkey, 5939 Grand Blvd., NPR came forward to speak in favor of the ordinance. He stated townhomes add value to the city's repertoire. With no one else coming Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

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

8 Business Items

a Resolution No. 2021-08: Authorize Issuance of Taxable Non Advalorem Revenue Note 2020A and Tax Exempt Non Ad Valorem Revenue Note 2020B and Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreements

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. City Manager Manns introduced Duane Draper who then presented the item to Council. Mr. Draper stated this is a companion item to the ordinance previously approved regarding the bonds. The Interlocal Agreements are just being amended to cover this borrowing. The interest rate is for the taxable portion is 1.11% and 1.54% for the non-taxable portion. Both mature in 2030. 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

b Appointment of Candidate to Fill City Council Vacancy

Councilman Davis thanked each of the candidates who submitted their letter. He is looking forward to working with whoever is chosen. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. City Manager Manns read the names of the candidates which were Joan Nelson Hook, Mike Peters, George Romagnoli and Bob Smallwood. Mayor Marlowe stated he has known each for several years. City Attorney Driscoll stated it is the intention that the appointment will be effective as of November 17, 2020 when they are sworn in. Councilman Murphy thanked each candidate and said the decision is not going to be easy. Councilman Murphy made a motion to nominate Joan Nelson Hook to fill the vacant Council seat effective November 17, 2020. Motion failed for lack of second. Councilman Davis made a motion to nominate Mike Peters to fill the vacant Council seat effective November 17, 2020. Seconded by Councilman Altman. Councilman Altman thanked the candidates and told Ms. Nelson Hook he was sorry she did not get a second. Mr. Peters has the accounting skills that will come in handy on the economic development in the downtown. He also thanked Mr. Smallwood for his service. Councilman Murphy stated he would support the nomination of Mr. Peters. He encouraged Ms. Nelson Hook to run in April. Mayor Marlowe stated that he had made the comment with the names were released that he would be honored to serve with any of the five. They were all qualified.

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

c Request to Purchase Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Machine

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of a Computer Voice Stress Analyzer III (CVSA) at a total cost of \$9,470.80 using Equitable Sharing Funds. A CVSA is a time-proven effective tool for determining whether or not a victim or suspect is telling the truth. It is much less costly and more effective than a polygraph. 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

d Request to Purchase Police Vehicle Equipment

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase 17 vehicle console printer mounts and 7 in-car routers along with the installation in an amount not to exceed \$21,202.51 using Equitable Sharing Funds. 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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

e 2021 Grand Blvd. Bridge Water and Wastewater Utility Relocation - Engineering Services

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Task Order No. 1 from HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$59,920.00 for the design, permitting, plans preparation, and bid document services for the proposed 2021 Grand Blvd. Bridge Water and Wastewater Utility Relocation Project. She then introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then made presented the item to Council. Mr. Rivera stated that Pasco County's engineering division contacted City Public Work's staff to inform them of the Grand Blvd. Bridge failed inspection report. The City has a 16-inch potable water main and a 12-inch force main that are attached to the east and west sides of the bridge. Construction is due to begin in

October 2021. Mr. Rivera stated that conceptual drawings will be sent to the engineer in order to incorporate the Grand Blvd. Mutli Use Path. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked about the height and Mr. Rivera stated that will be looked into but no commitment is provided at this time. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

f Request to Purchase Stormwater Utility 4” Portable Pump

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a proposal from Thompson Pump and Manufacturing Co., Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$47,881 for the purchase of one 4-inch Portable Stormwater Pump and accessories. This type of equipment is used by the Stormwater Utility Division during and prior to large rain events such as hurricanes, tropical storms, and low pressure systems. We have relied on renting pumps in the past. 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 Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy

9 Communications

Mayor Marlowe congratulated Astro Cycles for moving into a shop on Main Street next to Thai Bistro. Councilman Murphy congratulated Mike Peters and thanked Joan Nelson Hook and Bob Smallwood. Councilman Altman stated he had great respect for each of the candidates and encouraged them to keep contributing. He stated there is also a salt spa moving into the same building where Astro Cycles are going. Mayor Marlowe stated that Mrs. Hackman has run into an issue with packaging her tea as it is being classified as manufacturing. He suggested looking at the downtown restrictions in the second floor of the office buildings. Councilman Davis thanked each of the candidates for stepping up. He appreciates all they have done. He asked what the procedure is to open up Massachusetts from Grand to Adams for golf carts. City Manager Manns stated they would look into the matter. Mayor Marlowe stated it will be almost mandatory if we are thinking about moving up to the bridge. Councilman Altman suggested looking at Washington. Chief Bogart stated Washington is already open for golf cart use.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____