



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

May 4, 2021
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 Chopper Davis, Councilman Peter Altman, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilman Mike Peters.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. 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 Kevin Adams, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran and Assistant City Manager Rodd Hale.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Approval of April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5 Presentation of Years of Service Award to Lt. Mike Anderson

Chief Bogart and City Manager Manns presented the retirement plaque to Lt. Mike Anderson for his twenty-four years of service to the City of New Port Richey and its residents.

6 Proclamation - Gulf High School Class of 2021

Principal Jeff Morgenstein accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

7 Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week

City Clerk Judy Meyers accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

8 Proclamation - Older Americans Month (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

Mayor Marlowe then read a walk-on proclamation declaring May 9-15, 2021 as Paint the Town Blue Week. Chief Bogart accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

9 Greater Pasco Chamber of Commerce Update

West Pasco Chamber of Commerce President, Tim McClain, presented the Chamber's first Heart of Pasco Award to Mayor Marlowe and then presented the Chamber's update to Council.

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

Mayor Marlowe passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Davis who then opened the floor for public comment. Tammy Deloy, 6027 Illinois Ave., NPR, came forward to ask about masks and temperature checks. Brian Perras, 7401 Allyson Street, Port Richey came forward to thank the police department and first responders for the work they are doing. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Deputy Mayor Davis closed Vox Pop.

- a Speakers must identify themselves prior to speaking by stating their name and full address for the record. Speakers shall address the City Council as a whole and refrain from addressing individual members of the City Council or the City staff. Speakers shall afford the utmost courtesy to the City Council, to City employees, and to the public, and shall refrain at all times, from rude and derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.

11 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, Peters

- a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - March 2021
- b Library Advisory Board Minutes - November 2020-February 2021
- c Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

12 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a First Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2231: Amendments to Golf Cart Ordinance

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns requested this agenda item be tabled until the next Council meeting.

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

13 Business Items

- a Board Appointment: Lexi Lombardi, 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 Lexi Lombardi as member to the Environmental Committee. If

approved, Ms. Lombardi's term will be for two years and will be up for renewal on May 4, 2023. 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

b Request for In-Kind Support RE: Chasco Fiesta Car Show

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a request from the Chasco Fiesta in the amount of \$3,000 for in-kind support for the organization's car show on May 29, 2021. 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 Mike Peters and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

c Renewal of Contract for Medical Director

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the renewal of the contract between the City of New Port Richey and Dr. Charles M. Boothby to continue to serve as the City of New Port Richey Fire and Emergency Services Medical Director. Dr. Boothby has served as director since 1997. The contract renewal will be for two years. 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, Peters

d Consideration of Disposal of Surplus Property for Auction

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 approve 29 vehicles/equipment and declare the vehicles/equipment "Surplus Equipment" and authorize staff to process the vehicles/equipment for auction using the services of The Public Group, LLC. The age range of the vehicles are from nine to twenty-four years. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Mr. Rivera then gave an update on the City's leasing program. Cycles one and two have been completed. There are a total of 38 vehicles with 32 of those already on the road. 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, Peters

e ITB No. 21-005 WWTP Aerator Gear Drive Bid Award and Purchase

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 approve the low bid in the amount not to exceed \$79,898.21 from Power & Pumps, Incorporated and approve the purchase of one Aerator Gear Drive. This will be in use at the WWTP. There are a total of four that will be replaced at one each year for the next four years. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman suggested purchasing all four now since we have bond proceeds. City Manager Manns stated staff would look into it and a possible change order. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

f Interlocal Agreement b/t the City of NPR and Pasco County RE: Grand Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Pasco County for engineering design services for the construction of the Grand Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project. The bridge is due to be reconstructed in 2022/2023 after a fail report by the FDOT. Mr. Rivera stated the County did a survey to raise the bridge and it can be increased up to five feet. He stated the cost for this Interlocal is \$100k with \$50k due by August and the remainder due the following year. Funding is available in Penny for Pasco funds. Upon opening the floor to public comment no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked the reference point between this bridge and the one on Madison. Mr. Rivera stated we are not comparing to the Madison Street. He stated if you can get under Main Street Bridge you will be able to get under the Grand. Blvd. Bridge. Councilman Altman stated he has talked to some of those who are opposed but he is in support of the project. He is open to the idea of non-motorized if needed in the future. Councilman Murphy stated this will be a huge benefit for those who live east of the bridge. Councilman Peters stated he is in support of the project. He stated he talked to some who were concerned it would be more boat traffic. He stated the benefit of the project is that people east of the bridge will be able to get out to the gulf. Deputy Mayor Davis asked if there are weight limits on the bridge and Mr. Rivera stated the County did not reduce them. Mayor Marlowe stated the bridge is extraordinarily low. He stated if there are no trees down it is possible to get to Rowan Road. Councilman Altman suggested talking to the County about sharing any monies received. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

g Resolution No. 2021-38: Opioid Litigation Settlement

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 adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memo of Understanding with the State of Florida for the purpose of creating an allocation agreement for the distribution of settlement proceeds obtained from in the National Prescription Opiate litigation. She stated the City joined in this litigation some time ago with other entities. The City is estimated to receive \$25k. The funds will be used for programming and treatment for substance abuse disorders. 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, Peters

h Reallocation of Penny for Pasco Funds

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the change in allocation of the second “bucket” of Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pasco) proceeds. The City began receiving funds from this bucket in 2015. Finance Director Feast then presented the new allocation being recommended as follows:

Category	Percentage Allocation
Utilities	0%
Transportation	20%
Public Safety	13%
Public Facilities	22%
Economic Development	18%
Community Re-Development	5%
Urban Forestry	2%
Parks & Recreation Facilities	20%

Funds from this bucket expire on December 31, 2024. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no

one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated drainage projects could be included under utilities. Councilman Altman stated he wished this would have been brought forward for more discussion. Finance Director Feast stated the categories were adopted by Resolution. Mayor Marlowe stated that we need to make sure they fit into the appropriate categories. Deputy Mayor Davis stated the percentages can be changed at any time. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

14 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the mask mandates have been invalidated. He stated he does not agree that it is a good idea. He carries his mask with him mostly for pollen. Masks have protected against other things besides just COVID. He encouraged everyone to get a vaccination. Councilman Murphy stated people are out and about and if you look back a year ago it was a ghost town so it is nice to see things returning to normal. He looks forward to events returning. Councilman Peters stated he spent some time on the river with Sgt. Chase and thanked Chief Bogart for the opportunity. Deputy Mayor Davis reminded everyone to wear blue May 9-15, 2021. City Manager Manns stated this was Mr. Hale's last meeting.

15 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____



Office of the Mayor
City Of New Port Richey
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the week of May 9th-15th is "National Police Week"; and

WHEREAS, this is a celebration of law enforcement officers across the country for the sacrifices they make and the risks they take to protect their communities; and

WHEREAS, a non-profit group called the FBI Tampa Citizens' Academy Alumni Association has created a "Paint the Town Blue" campaign to honor law enforcement everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the FBI Tampa Citizens' Academy Alumni Association has asked each community to participate in this endeavor by lighting up your house or business in blue, by wearing blue and by sharing your support on social media.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rob Marlowe, Mayor of the City of New Port Richey, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 2021 as

*Paint the Town Blue
Week*

and encourage all residents to take part in this event in support of our local law enforcement agencies.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

ATTEST: _____

DATE: _____