



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

July 8, 2021
6:00 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 6:02 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 Clerk Judy Meyers, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Presentation by Wannemacher Jensen Architects, Inc. RE: Meadows Dog Park

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to review the proposed improvements for the Meadows Dog Park. City Manager Manns stated many of the amenities need to be replaced. The City has worked with Wannemacher Jensen Architects on several projects. She then introduced Hannah Ambrose from Wannemacher Jensen Architects who then presented the design to Council. Ms. Ambrose began her presentation by highlighting the current conditions of the park. Ms. Ambrose then highlighted the new design. There would be an expanded play area to include a ninja court that could be used for fitness classes. The current basketball courts would be transformed into pickleball courts. The dog areas would be sod and mulch. There would be a nature trail that encompasses the park. Deputy Mayor Davis asked if this was a sunrise to sunset park or would there be lights for the pickleball court. Ms. Ambrose stated a sunrise to sunset park. Deputy Mayor Davis asked to look into lights for the pickleball courts. He also asked about a kayak launch and City Manager Manns stated staff could look into it. Councilman Peters asked how big the picnic area would be and Ms. Ambrose stated there is room for five. Councilman Peters asked if they were covered and Ms. Ambrose stated it would be covered under the trees. Councilman Peters stated he would like to see the picnic pavilion such as Sims Park. Councilman Peters stated the new park design appeals to dog owners, seniors, families and nature lovers. He stated the park serves the south part of the city well. Councilman Murphy stated he liked the idea of a kayak launch and more shade structures. Councilman Peters asked

how it would be maintained. Deputy Mayor Davis stated the County has done a great job at the park they have in Land O'Lakes. Councilman Altman suggested a dock for the kayaks to create a destination park instead of a launch park. Mayor Marlowe suggested an artificial beach for the kayaks to land. He stated it is a long walk to launch one. He suggested renaming it Meadows Family & Dog Park or something similar. Mayor Marlowe also suggested a suspended pedestrian bridge that could be tied into the boardwalk at the Grey Preserve.

3 Presentation of Budget Process

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to review the budget processes for the upcoming fiscal year. She stated the budget workbooks were given to staff in April. The departments made their presentations to the City Manager in May. The preliminary taxable values were received in June and work began on the CIP. The final taxable values were received in early July. The first budget work session is on July 13th and will be the CIP and a review of the expected revenues and tentative millage. Department presentations to Council will be in succession over the next few weeks. The CIP will have a second budget work session on August 3rd. The first public hearing will be on September 9th and the second public hearing on September 23rd.

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, CMC, City Clerk