



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 13, 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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City Manager Manns introduced Finance Director Crystal Feast who then made a presentation to Council. Mrs. Feast began her presentation by highlighting the positives of the budget picture which included an increase in property values of 8.33%, State revenues will rebound from COVID-19, and overall reduced pension costs. She then highlighted challenges which included the FRS employer contribution rates, anticipated increase in general liability, property and flood insurance, and anticipated 5% increase in health insurance premiums. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the millage rate over the past 9 years. She stated the proposed millage rate is 8.5000 mills down from 8.7500 from last year. Proposed revenue from the proposed millage rate is estimated at \$5,844,570. She then highlighted the sources of State revenues which totaled just over \$2m. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the Stormwater Utility Fund which is estimated at \$1,103,980. She then highlighted the Street Lighting Fund which is estimated at \$417,036. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the Penny for Pasco revenue which is estimated at \$2,478,720 to fund CIP projects. She then highlighted the LOGT which is estimated at \$1,189,014. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the paving assessment which is estimated at \$768,149. She then highlighted the Ad Valorem for the CRA TIF which is estimated at \$2,160,372. Mrs. Feast stated the transfer from

the GF to the CRA is estimated at \$2.4m. Water and Sewer services were estimated at \$16,981,753.

City Manager Manns then introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the projects to Council. Mr. Rivera began his presentation by stating he will highlight projects they want to do next year. General Fund projects included the RAC Restroom and Lock Room Project which is estimated at \$210k. Councilman Altman stated he is against using P4P funds for maintenance projects. City Manager Manns stated she understands the point but she would like to suggest that use of American Rescue Funds may not be eligible for these projects. Councilman Altman stated he believes there is flexibility with the ARF if revenue was decreased due to the pandemic. Other RAC projects included Senior Center HVAC Unit replacement, painting of the interior gym walls, gym divider wall replacement, and pool resurfacing.

Mr. Rivera then moved to the Stormwater Utility Fund. Proposed projects included misc. flood control/water quality projects and the Beach St. stormwater resiliency improvements.

Mr. Rivera then began presenting projects for the CIP. The projects included James E. Grey Preserve Improvements - Phase 1, Meadows Dog Park upgrades, Frances Avenue Park Improvements - Phase 1, Russ Park upgrades, Skate Park Project, Grand Blvd. Park Improvements, Fire Station No. 2 Relocation Project, City Hall HVAC Deficiency Analysis, Library Facility Improvements, Fire Station No. 1 Renovation Project, Sims Park Boat Ramp Improvements, City Hall facility renovations, Grand Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project, Grand Blvd. Multi-Use Path (South) - Phases 1-3, Grand Blvd. Multi-Use Path (North), and the Marine Parkway Pedestrian Bridge.

Mr. Rivera then highlighted the projects for the Water & Sewer Construction Fund which included the Fleet and Utility Purchasing Warehouse, misc. ROW and facility irrigation, potable and reclaimed water system, NPR and Pasco County interconnect upgrades - phase 5, Orangewood Lakes Water System Improvements, Water Utility System improvements, sewer main and manhole rehabilitation/lining project, Sewer Utility System improvements, and misc. Sewer System extensions.

Mr. Rivera then highlighted the redevelopment projects which included the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, US19/Main Street entryway, and Railroad Square Improvements - Phase 1.

Mr. Rivera then highlighted the projects for the Street Improvement Fund which included traffic sign upgrades, Neighborhood Improvements Project, LED crosswalk signage and lighting, West Main Street Sidewalk Project, roadway striping program, Neighborhood Alley Improvements, Safe Route to School, Madison St. sidewalk relocation, and street improvement projects.

City Council then had a brief discussion regarding the current Paving Management Plan and how well it is working. Councilman Altman also asked about intersection improvements especially at Madison and Cecelia. Mr. Rivera stated the County would need to participate in the conversation as Cecelia is theirs. Mayor Marlowe also mentioned improvements to US19 and Main Street and having it become a right hand yield.

3 Communications

Councilman Altman spoke about items referenced in the audit report.

4 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk