



**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 20, 2021**  
**5:00 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 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Chopper Davis, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilman Mike Peters. Councilman Peter Altman arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, 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 Finance Director Crystal Dunn.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2 Review of Proposed Departmental Budgets for FY21-22 - Page 2

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review the proposed budgets for City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, Administrative Services, Economic Development and Human Resources for the upcoming fiscal year. City Manager Manns began with the City Council budget. She highlighted the changes which included a decrease in professional services and an increase in special events. WPHS also received an allotment again. City Manager Manns then presented the City Manager's proposed budget. The changes included an increase in travel and training. City Clerk Meyers presented the City Clerk's proposed budget. Increases were highlighted in travel and training and office supplies. City Manager Manns then presented the Administrative Services proposed budget. There were no significant changes. Economic Development Director Charles Rudd then presented the economic development proposed budget. There was an increase in salary due to the new administrative assistant that was hired. Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran and City Manager Manns then presented the human resources proposed budget. Changes included an increase in unemployment claims, an increase in labor attorney services, a decrease in professional services, an increase in employee support, an increase in travel and training, an increase in building and contents due to increased insurance rates, other insurance

line items were increased and a decrease in the automobile insurance due to vehicles going to auction. Computer operating supplies were increased. Ms. Wharran stated the final rates for the health insurance renewal have not been established. City Manager Manns stated the City is expecting a 5% increase.

3            Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated he has received several emails over the last few weeks from outside organizations to provide links on our website such as the United Way's 211 campaign and Alzheimer's support. Councilman Peters suggested linking to a state or county resource page. City Manager Manns stated she would work on a policy. Councilman Murphy stated United Way vets the organizations they post. Councilman Altman asked to provide commentary for Thursday's budget work session since he will be out. He spoke regarding the grounds maintenance line item. He stated there was \$132k spent less than the previous year. He stated he appreciated that it was reinstated. Councilman Altman then spoke regarding CDD's and Code Enforcement. He then spoke regarding his former home on Delaware and the alley.

4            Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk