



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

July 20, 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, 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, Assistant Finance Director Crystal Dunn.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of July 6, 2021 Special 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. Approval of July 8, 2021 Work Session and 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

6. Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Don House, 2104 Beach Trail, Indian Rocks Beach came forward to speak about the meeting being postponed from July 6th. George Romagnoli,

6235 Florida Ave., NPR came forward to speak about CDBG funds, the County's HUD numbers and creating a revolving loan fund to homeowners and landlords. Tim McLain, 5443 Main Street, NPR came forward to speak about the traffic light at Main and Grand. Sal Stazzone, 4933 Elkner St., NPR came forward to speak regarding the recent Juneteenth event, the 4th of July and the possibility of Columbus Day and Thanksgiving events. He also spoke about President Biden's infrastructure bill. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe 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.

7 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2233: Design Guidelines for Multi-Family Projects

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced Brad Cornelius who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance to adopt and implement design guidelines for the construction of new multi-family projects containing 10 dwelling units or more, or located on a property of one acre or greater in size. Mr. Cornelius then highlighted the previous timeline for this agenda item. He stated it will provide a guideline for multi-family developments. He stated the DRC and LDRB both recommended approval of the ordinance. 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 Mike Peters and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

- b Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2231: 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 ordinance to amend the current golf cart ordinance. She stated that there were six streets where golf carts were asked to be prohibited. There was interest expressed by Council to allow golf carts to operate on Marine Parkway. It was staff's determination that there are alternate routes available to move about the city and that Marine Parkway should remain prohibited from use. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Don House, 2104 Beach Trail, Indian Rocks Beach came forward to voice his opposition of the ordinance. He stated he understands there are safety concerns. He suggested all way stop signs at Azalea and Marine Parkway and Tangelo and Marine Parkway. He stated there would be minimal cost to do this. George Romagnoli, 6235 Florida Ave., NPR came forward and stated golf carts are not allowed on US 19 and carts can go up Allamanda. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Davis asked what statistics were compiled between first reading and second. City Manager Manns stated the traffic analysis was included in the agenda packet. Councilman Peters stated golf carts are a great asset and most city streets are low speed streets. Councilman Altman stated the only affected parties are the residents who live on those streets. He would like an amendment for those residents to be able to use the street to get to the nearest street where carts are allowed. City Attorney Driscoll stated we would

be allowing carts on prohibited streets and would have to open it up whether someone lives there or not. Councilman Altman asked what the penalty would be and Chief Bogart stated he was not sure what it would be. City Attorney Driscoll stated it would be a civil infraction. City Attorney Driscoll stated it could be stated as allowing access to prohibited streets and a provision to cross prohibited streets for the purpose of accessing available properties with no other access to an authorized street. Mayor Marlowe stated he would like to see more enforcement for speed. Deputy Mayor Davis stated he is opposed to this amendment. He stated there is a speeding problem between River Road and US 19 on Main Street. Councilman Peters stated crossing US19 is prohibited. He stated residents should approach the State about crossing US19. Mayor Marlowe stated ultimately we need to make Marine Parkway safer so golf carts can use it. He stated we need to hold FDOT's feet to the fire to allow for safe crossing of US19. Councilman Murphy stated we will be revisiting this issue in the future and those things will need to be addressed. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading with the amendment to Section 23-205 (b) as stated above.

Motion made by Mike Peters and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters Nays: Davis

9 Business Items

a Board Appointment: George Romagnoli, Cultural Affairs Committee

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 Cleaning and Painting of the Elevated Water Tower Reservoir

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 a proposal from Razorback LLC., of Tarpon Springs, Florida in the amount not to exceed \$239,150 for the sandblasting, cleaning and painting of the City owned Elevated Water Tower Reservoir. This is a piggyback contract from the City of Jupiter. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated he wanted to have the "Classic. Florida. Current." tagline added. Motion was made to approve the item as well as the additional cost for the tagline as requested.

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

c RFP21-010 Yard Debris Grinding Services Award

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 enter into a contract with Payne's Environmental Services, LLC for yard debris grinding services. Payne's bid was for \$1,200 per hour and with no minimum grinding hours. The initial term would be for three 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 2020 NPR Pasco Potable Water Interconnect Upgrades Project – Engineering Services

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 a task order in the not to exceed amount of \$52,500 from Stroud Engineering Consultants, Inc. for the 2021 NPR Pasco Potable Water Interconnect Upgrades. The interconnect is located at Massachusetts and Little Road.

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. Councilman Peter Altman left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. so he was not present to vote on this item.

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

e Compensation Study by Cody & Associates, Inc. RE: Fire Department

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to adopt the Compensation Study in respect to the Fire Department which was conducted by Cody and Associates Inc. and additionally to authorize the implementation of the recommended pay plan. Staff also requests that City Council approve the accompanying budget amendment for this agenda item. She stated that the City contracted with Cody and Associates, Inc., a management firm specializing in public sector Wage, Salary, and Classification studies, earlier this year to conduct a review of the Fire Department Pay Plan for the positions of firefighter/paramedic, firefighter/EMT and district chief. As part of their work to determine if the pay plan was representative of current market wages, a compensation comparison study was conducted with five comparable communities. At the conclusion of the study it was determined that all of the positions studied were under market and therefore in need of adjustment in order to reflect the present market. The amount needed to cover this expenditure is \$46,171.65. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Tim Mclain, 5443 Main Street, NPR came forward stated good people deserve to be paid fairly. He stated our police and fire cannot get paid enough. The men and women of these two departments do a great job. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented. Motion made by Councilman Mike Peters and seconded by Councilman Matt Murphy. Motion passed 4-0. Motion was made to implement the wage changes. Motion made by Councilman Mike Peters and seconded by Councilman Matt Murphy. Motion passed 4-0. Motion was made to approve the proposed budget amendment. Motion made by Councilman Mike Peters and seconded by Deputy Chopper Davis. Motion passed 4-0. Councilman Peter Altman left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. so he was not present to vote on this item.

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

f Three Minute Report: Economic Development

10 Communications

Councilman Peters stated there was a lengthy conversation at the last Council meeting regarding the sidewalks in the North River neighborhood. He would like to see the project kept on the front burner and have more community involvement. Councilman Murphy stated no update on the Underpass Project meeting. In regards to Mr. Rudd's report, he stated we have done a lot on US 19. We are moving in the right direction. Councilman Peters asked when the last time was when we looked at our sign ordinance and City Manager Manns stated it was in 2014. Mayor Marlowe stated TB Water is still working on getting a new executive director. He stated the red tide has not contributed to any issues with the water supply. He stated that a billion gallons are being added to the reservoir each week. He stated the sign-up for the Drive Electric is going well. Councilman Murphy stated the Main Street Conference is this week and the Secretary of State will be here Thursday.

11 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____