



**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**  
**August 3, 2021**  
**7:00 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 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, 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 Deputy Police Chief Lauren Letona.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. 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 regarding golf carts on Marine Parkway and his suggestions made at a previous meeting regarding safety issues. 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.

6 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 Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - June 2021
- b Environmental Committee Minutes - April - June 2021
- c Police Pension Board Minutes - May 2021
- d Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Business Items

- a Board Re-Appointment: Richard Melton, Cultural Affairs Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the re-appointment of Richard Melton to the Cultural Affairs Committee. Mr. Melton has been a member of the Cultural Affairs Committee since 2017 and currently serves as chairman for the committee. Mr. Melton's term is due to expire on August 5, 2021 therefore he has submitted his application for re-appointment. If approved, Mr. Melton's term will be for two years and will be up for renewal on August 5, 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

- b Resolution No. 2021-47: Establish Tentative Millage for TRIM

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 establish a tentative millage rate and the date, time, and place of the first public hearing on the levy of the proposed FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget for purposes of public notification under the Florida TRIM Statutes. Finance Director Feast then highlighted the process of establishing millage. She stated that staff recommends setting the tentative millage at 8.5000, which accomplishes the City Council's goal of a guaranteed lower millage rate. The proposed millage rate will still generate revenue. The first public hearing on the tentative budget and millage rate has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and the final public hearing on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. 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 Matt Murphy and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

- c Resolution No. 2021-46: Authorizing City Council to Participate in the Municipal Association of Pasco Quarterly Meetings

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. City Manager Manns stated this item was a bookkeeping matter. This resolution would approve Council meeting this Thursday, August 5, 2021 and all subsequent meetings. 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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

d 2021 Water System Improvements Task Order No. 9 – Engineering Services

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve Task Order No. 9 submitted by Stroud Engineering Consultants, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$82,190 for design, bid, and construction services associated with the 2021 Water System Improvements Project. She then introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then made a presentation to Council. Mr. Rivera stated the proposed scope includes the installation of approximately 7,800 feet of 6” and 8” diameter water mains, valves, fittings, service connections, and the installation of ten (10) fire hydrant assemblies.

The areas of construction include:

1. The replacement of a 6” Asbestos Cement (AC), water main on Madison St. from Massachusetts Ave. to Pennsylvania Ave.
2. The replacement of a 2” galvanized metal water main on Florida Ave. from Madison St. to Main St.
3. The replacement of a 2” galvanized metal water main on Nebraska Ave. from Madison St. to Adams St.
4. The replacement of a 6” AC water main on Missouri Ave. from Lafayette St. to Grand Blvd. continuing to Madison St. to create a loop tie-in.
5. The replacement of a 2” water main on Delaware Ave. from Lafayette St. to Grand Blvd.

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

e Rejection of Bids for ITB21-009 Fire Station No. 2 Relocation Project

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to reject the bids received for ITB21-009 Fire Station No. 2 Relocation Project. A total of six bids were received for the project. The bids ranged from \$3,387,170 to \$4,280,340 which exceeded the City’s allocated funding in the amount of \$2.4 million. Therefore staff is requesting that Council reject all of the bids to allow staff to perform value engineering and proceed with the architect’s recommendation rebid the project at a later date once the market for materials has stabilized. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to reject all six bids received for ITB21-009 Fire Station No. 2 Relocation Project as requested by staff.

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

8 Communications

Deputy Mayor Davis thanked the members of Main Street that were in attendance for the recent conference. Councilman Peters agreed and stated there were excellent programs that were involved. He stated he would like to look at qualifications and vetting process for boards and committees. Some committee operate at higher levels. Councilman Murphy stated he was able to give some river tours during the conference. There was nothing but positive feedback. Councilman Altman stated the company he works for was a vendor at the conference. He stated they were very impressed with the city. He stated he is looking forward to the new trolley arriving. Mayor Marlowe agreed the conference was excellent. Mayor Marlowe talked about a recent experience at the emergency room and was a failure on the part of those who are not vaccinated and it is having an adverse impact. He stated there is no political excuse to not get vaccinated. He encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. City Manager Manns stated this was Mr. Rudd's last meeting and wished him well in his new position.

9 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

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

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