



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

August 17, 2021
5:00 PM

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 Peter Altman, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilman Mike Peters.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Discussion Regarding Legislative Priorities for the Pasco County Legislative Delegation Meeting - Page 2

City Manager Manns presented the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to finalize the legislative priorities to be presented at the Pasco County Legislative Delegation meeting on September 1, 2021 at the City of Zephyrhills City Hall. She stated the FLC has not released an action agenda at this time. However issues from last session more than likely will be debated during the next session. City Manager Manns then presented proposed legislative topics which included protecting sovereign immunity, annexation, cybersecurity, resiliency and sustainability, the Florida Retirement System and reducing the digital divide. Council then had a brief discussion related to broadband and the internet. Legislative projects included Fire Station No. 2 and the Marine Parkway/Grand Blvd. Path Project. Mayor Marlowe stated that annexation, cybersecurity and a net zero carbon footprint are his top priorities. Councilman Altman then spoke briefly about solar panels and refuse. Mayor Marlowe suggested that staff look at the possibility of adding solar panels to city buildings. Councilman Peters stated when we talk to legislators we need to remind them what works in one place may not work in another.

3 Final Review of FY21-22 Proposed Budget - Page 3

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to review the final draft of the FY21/22 Budget. She then introduced Finance Director Crystal Feast who then presented the overview to Council. Mrs. Feast began her presentation by highlighting the different revenue sources. Councilman Altman stated he would like to see Cavalaire Square used for revenue opportunities. City Manager Manns then highlighted the changes to departmental budgets. Changes were made to the Human Resources, Technology Solutions, Administrative Services, and Accounting & Budgeting. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the changes in the Library, Police divisions, Fire, Development Department and Recreation & Aquatics. Mrs. Feast began to highlight the changes in the Public Works budget however the meeting recessed at 6:36 p.m. for a dinner break with Mayor Marlowe stating that the work session would resume after the regular meeting. The work session reconvened at 8:00 p.m. at which time Mrs. Feast highlighted the remaining changes to the Public Works budget.

4 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk