



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 17, 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, 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.

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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

5. Proclamation - Volunteer Recognition Day (By Title Only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Deputy Mayor Davis stated that Bill Maytum passed away over the weekend. He then spoke regarding some of the highlights of his life including his many years of service on City Council. Mayor Marlowe and Councilman Altman also shared memories of Mr. Maytum.

Amanda Murphy, 4529 Heron Landing, NPR came forward to thank Council and staff for everything during the recent POMS Conference. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

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 Business Items

a Board Re-Appointment: Anna Mae McNally, 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 Anna Mae McNally to the Cultural Affairs Committee. City Manager Manns stated that Ms. McNally has been a member of the Cultural Affairs Committee since 2019. Her term is due to expire on September 3, 2021. If approved, Ms. McNally's term will be for two years and will be up for renewal on September 3, 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 2020 Orangewood Lakes Water System Improvements – ITB 21-007 Bid 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 approve the bid from Harbor Contracting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$460,800 for the 2020 Orangewood Lakes Water System Improvements Project. The proposed water system improvements for this project include:

1. 3,100 linear feet of 12-inch diameter water main pipe.
2. Approximately 930 linear feet of 6-inch diameter water main pipe.
3. Approximately 150 linear feet of 4-inch diameter water main pipe.
4. Five (5) Hydrant assemblies.
5. Numerous valves, valve boxes, fittings, and services connections.

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

c Quarterly Cash & Investment Performance Report

City Manager Manns introduced Finance Director Crystal Feast who then presented the report to Council. Mrs. Feast stated the total income earned this quarter was \$10,726. The changes this quarter were due to funds used to cover the pay applications for the parking structure and library renovation projects.

d Resolution No. 2021-58: American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan

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 approve the proposed spending

plan for the ARPA funds the City is due to receive in the amount of \$8,382,786. She then introduced Finance Director Crystal Feast who then highlighted the proposed projects. Mrs. Feast began her presentation by providing an overview of the ARPA, the process for receiving funds and the eligible uses for the funds. The spending plan is comprised of five categories including revenue loss, staffing/payroll, programs, projects and purchases/preventative measures. Mrs. Feast then highlighted the proposed amounts for each category for each of the two funding years. Upon opening the floor to public comment, George Romagnoli, 6235 Florida Ave., NPR came forward and stated that staff should check with the County as they are providing utility assistance so that may not be a needed expenditure. He stated the proposed funding for housing rehabilitation would over cover one and a half homes. He stated there is a way to make the homes permanently affordable to low income families. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked how do we identify if the steel allocation meets the provisions of the act. City Manager Manns stated that they have spoke to many contractors over the last few weeks and are using the information received as the basis. The elevated costs are due to COVID-19. They will sign a statement to attest to such. Mayor Marlowe stated the speakers at the FLC were making the point that we are not necessarily wed to the items submitted. Deputy Mayor Davis asked are we approving set numbers or can we move the money at some point. City Manager Manns stated we will proceed with caution and continue to monitor any rule changes. Councilman Altman stated his sense at looking at the stormwater projects that are partially funded he suggests shifting some funds over for planning. He suggested having quarterly updates on the projects. Mrs. Feast stated the funds are subject to audit and compliance regulations. Councilman Murphy asked if there is any preliminary approval for the projects submitted and City Manager Manns stated no. Mayor Marlowe stated there was a good session at the FLC Conference and the IRS is still developing guidelines. Councilman Peters stated we do have some leeway and he thinks what he has seen so far the City has done a great job at planning. He stated these are general allocations. Mayor Marlowe stated he would like to explore more regarding housing rehabilitation. 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

9 Communications

Councilman Murphy stated there was a new process about prioritizing projects at the MPO meeting last week. He stated there were no updates on transit or the underpass. Deputy Mayor Davis stated City Government Week is in October and he would like to have some activities planned. Councilman Peters stated he has had some discussions with the City Manager regarding implementing a Citizen's Academy. He envisions something similar to Leadership Pasco. He would like to see us pursue it. Deputy Mayor Davis stated he has talked to the City Manager regarding involving students from Gulf High School. Mayor Marlowe stated we need to increase social media presence since Jacob left. There were multiple messages a day. City Manager Manns stated a new marketing person has been hired. Mayor Marlowe stated he would like to schedule an unstructured work session to share ideas where they would like to see the city go over the next few years. Councilman Altman stated there was an appeal at the MAP meeting for ideas for Penny for Pasco projects.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____