



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

September 21, 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 September 7, 2021 Work Session and Regular Meeting and September 9, 2021 Special 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. Presentation - West Pasco Historical Society Annual Report

Bob Langford presented the WPHS Annual Report.

6. Presentation - Preservation on Main Street Conference Final Report

Melissa Smith presented the Preservation on Main Street Conference final report.

7. Proclamation - National Drive Electric Week

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

8 Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Rick Somer, 5500 Main Street, NPR and Brad Jurgens, 5424 Main Street, NPR came forward to speak about boat trailer parking in front of Stonehaven. Mr. Somer also asked about Stonehaven being a stop on the new shuttle route. Mr. Jurgens stated he just wanted to make sure their area is not bypassed.

Gail Swedberg, 4917 Largo Terrace, NPR, came forward to speak about Green Key flooding being added to a joint meeting agenda with the County. City Manager Manns stated Commissioner Mariano has not reached out to set up any kind of meeting. Councilman Peters stated he did speak to Commissioner Mariano after his comments in the Suncoast News. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

9 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 Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

b Library Advisory Board Minutes - May-July 2021

10 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2236: Conditional Use Application for 5761 Nebraska Avenue (Ricky Williams)

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance to approve a conditional use for an indoor recreational axe throwing business at 5761 Nebraska Avenue within the City's Downtown Zoning District. The DRC approved the request in July. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

b Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2234: Amendments to the Library Ordinance

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced Library Director Andi Figart who then presented the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article VII, Sections 2-211 through 2-223, of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the City's public library. The Library Advisory Board reviewed and suggested edits to the current ordinance which include reordering the sections for greater clarity and ease of understanding; updating the terminology to include current formats; and allowing for volunteer hours with prevailing minimum wage to be substituted for fees owed. The Library Advisory Board's recommendations also include replacing the two alternate positions with regular positions that include full voting privileges and responsibilities, adjusting the quorum from four to five board members in attendance. 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 Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

c Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2241: Property Lease Agreement w/CJBJ Ventures LLC

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns stated the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading for a proposed lease agreement between the City of New Port Richey and CJBJ Ventures, LLC (The Social) for a dumpster. She stated that part of the Nebraska Ave. Parking Lot Improvements Project included the addition of a twenty eight (28') foot by ten (10') foot concrete pad, fencing around the pad, and an apron leading up to the pad for the purposes of housing trash dumpsters for adjacent restaurants and businesses. The total cost of the dumpster would be \$31.20 per month. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

d Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2240: Property Lease Agreement w/Kazu's Sushi LLC

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns stated the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading for a proposed lease agreement between the City of New Port Richey and Kazu's Sushi, LLC for a dumpster. This agenda item is for the other 1/3 of the pad from the previous agenda item. The total cost of the dumpster would be \$31.20 per month. 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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

11 Business Items

a Request For Funding For Cultural Affairs Committee Re: Monufest Event

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a request for funding from the Cultural Affairs Committee to offset costs associated with the Monufest Music and Art Festival Event to be held on October 23, 2021. There will also be a portion of Railroad Square used for this event due to the increase in the number of bands participating. Most of the funding will go towards in-kind support. 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 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 as presented.

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

12 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated Mr. Ottaway contacted him about getting a dumpster placed in the alley near the Swanson Lot. City Manager Manns will be meeting with him. He stated he left some materials from TB Water for Mr. Rivera. The acting director was appointed as the new official director. Mayor Marlowe stated the liquid oxygen shortage is still an issue. TB Water is using more groundwater than surface water. He stated once COVID recedes they can go back to using the liquid oxygen to disinfect. He stated the concert Saturday night was very good. Deputy Mayor Davis stated he went to the Elks dinner last weekend and presented them with the proclamation. He spoke about the recent events under the bridge at the border in Texas. He stated if any refugees arrive in our area we should extend our welcome. Councilman Peters stated he attended the Cotee River Cleanup and thanked Mr. Adams, his staff, the P&R Advisory Board and all of the volunteers. He stated that he sympathized with Mr. Somer's comments regarding boat trailer parking and we can do a better job at directing them to park down River Road. The extra spaces in the Nebraska Parking Lot are being well utilized. He stated the golf carts parking on the outer circle was a good idea. Councilman Altman stated that the TBRPC will hold a resiliency symposium on January 7th. He stated that the City joined the consortium a few years

back. He spoke regarding a report he received from the McGurn's earlier this week. He highlighted several elements included in the report. Councilman Altman stated the final report should be coming in sometime in October. Councilman Altman stated the City will need to do a vulnerability assessment for upcoming grant opportunities. Councilman Murphy stated the signs are a great tool for businesses. He stated that he had a friend back here visiting and he was just amazed at what had changed since he lived here.

13 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____