



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

September 23, 2021

6:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Chopper Davis, Councilman Peter Altman, and Councilman Matt Murphy. Councilman Mike Peters arrived at 6:01 p.m..

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, 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 Business Items

a. Final Public Hearing - Resolution No. 2021-55 & Resolution No. 2021-56 - Page 3

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolutions by title only. City Manager Manns read the following into the record:

Florida Statute 200.065(2)(C)1 prescribes that Council adopt the millage rate prior to adopting the 2021-2022 budget. A notification regarding the Public Hearing has been provided to every property owner in the City by the Pasco County Property Appraiser's Office. This notification in the form of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice was mailed the week of August 13th. Action requested is to adopt Resolution 2021-55. The name of the taxing authority is the City of New Port Richey. The tentative millage rate of 8.5000 mills is 4.88% less than the roll-back rate of 8.9148 mills. Total ad valorem revenues that will be generated are estimated to be \$5,844,570; that is approximately \$312,000 more than what was generated in ad valorem in FY20-21, due to the increase of property values. The millage rate is 8.5000 and is .25000 mills less than the prior year's millage. Although the statute requires discussion regarding the percent increase over the rolled back rate and specific purposes for which ad valorem is being increased, for the record, in our case, neither apply. At this time, the City's Finance Director, Crystal Feast, will provide an overview of the proposed budget. After the close of the

presentation, it is requested that the Mayor invite public comment on the millage.

Finance Director Crystal Feast began her presentation by highlighting the city-wide budget by fund. There were no changes in the proposed budget from the first public hearing. The total budget is \$73,356,890. The largest fund is the General Fund then followed by the Water & Sewer, Capital Improvement, CRA and Street Improvement. Finance Director Feast then highlighted the personnel changes requested and Capital Improvement Fund. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. City Attorney Driscoll then read again the proposed resolutions by title only.

Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2021-55 as presented. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Davis and seconded by Councilman Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:09 p.m.

Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2021-56 as presented. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Davis and seconded by Councilman Peters. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:14 p.m.

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

b. Resolution No. 2021-50: Annual Review of Comprehensive Fee Schedule - Page 180

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 amend the Comprehensive Fee Schedule for FY2021-2022. The fee schedule is reviewed annually. 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

5 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated he talked to the Executive Director of the Richey Suncoast Theatre and gave her a standing invitation to come and make a presentation at an upcoming Council meeting to share what they are doing. Mayor Marlowe stated the country of Norway has resolved that they will eliminate the sale of gas powered automobiles by 2025. Councilman Altman stated he would like discuss the progress of the entities the City supports as a collective body. He would like to have presentations done in person by each of the entities. Councilman Altman also discussed the idea once more of raising Council salaries. City Attorney Driscoll stated a consensus would be needed in order to move forward in regards to scheduling any special meetings.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____