



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 30, 2021

5:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 5:01 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilman Peter Altman, and Councilman Matt Murphy. Deputy Mayor Chopper Davis and Councilman Mike Peters were excused. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers and Finance Director Crystal Feast and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Public Reading of Ordinances

a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2244: City Council Salary Increase - Page 3

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-2244 which shall effect a salary increase for councilmembers and which shall become effective following the next regular election of the city. The current salary of \$350/month for the Mayor and \$300/month for Council was set back in 1988. The proposed increase would be \$800/month for the Mayor and \$625/month for Council. The increase is needed in order to attract qualified candidates to the role of public service. A salary study from comparable communities was completed. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated the calculations are fair based on the rate of inflation. He agreed it will be important to attract future Council candidates. Councilman Murphy stated we are at the mid-range and it is fair. City Attorney Driscoll then highlighted the process regarding when the ordinance will become effective. He stated this will go into effect with the terms after the next election. Mayor Marlowe stated he was proud at everything we have accomplished moving the city forward. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 3-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy Absent: Davis, Peters

5 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the Hunger Walk and the EV Cruise In events are this weekend. Councilman Altman read a statement from the owner of the bakery at Stonehaven about attracting people from the downtown to the west side of the bridge. Councilman Murphy stated there is a Carts and Coffee event on Saturday as well.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____