



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

October 19, 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 30, 2021 Special Meeting and October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Recognition of Gulf Middle School Florida City Government Week Poster Contest Winners

City Clerk Meyers congratulated the GMS poster contest winners, Contrell Williams, Ardita Paleuic and Nyaliece Bradshaw. Mr. Williams was named Honorary Mayor and was in attendance and received a gift card for his submission.

6. Presentation by Jefferson Barracks POW/MIA for Designation of POW/MIA City

Noel Fresh from the POW MIA Museum presented a proclamation and new sign designating the City of NPR as a POW/MIA City.

7 Presentation of Check by the Pasco Florida Kennel Club for New K9 Unit

Jeannie St. John from the Pasco Florida Kennel Club presented a check to Mayor Marlowe and Chief Bogart in the amount of \$9,500 for the purchase of a new K9. Motion made to accept the check and authorize the purchase of the dog.

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

8 Proclamation - Friends of the New Port Richey Public Library Week

Bonnie Martin accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe on behalf of the Friends of the Library. She also read a letter received from the Librarian of Congress.

9 Proclamation - Medical Assistants Recognition Week

Kanitha Wooten from Keiser University accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Reyna Giler, 5500 Main Street, NPR came forward to speak about establishing a carousel and ferris wheel west of the bridge in order to attract more business to the area. Melissa Smith, NPRMS, came forward to speak about their meeting this week at Peace Hall. Tickets are still available for the Wine Stroll. Brad Jurgens, Astro Cycles, 5425 Main Street, NPR came forward to announce the ribbon cutting for his new shop this Saturday. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

11 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

a Budget Amendment

b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

c Library Advisory Board Minutes - August 2021

12 Business Items

a Second Public Hearing - Small Cities CDBG-CV Application (Resolution No. 2022-01)

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 conduct a second and final public hearing for the Small Cities CDBG-CV Application Cycle and to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01 which authorizes the City to submit the application. City Manager Manns stated a total of \$42M is available through the State. The grant amount ranges from \$200k-\$5M. There is no matching requirement. The proposed project calls for the establishment of 14,000 linear feet of a six foot wide sidewalk system in areas of the city that are not currently serviced by a sidewalk network. The construction of these sidewalks will provide residents with safe pedestrian walkways within the city and will facilitate necessary social distancing, while creating safe spaces for residents. The estimated total cost of the project is \$1,605,478.00.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, George Romagnoli, 6325 Florida Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding the City's eligibility for the sidewalk project. He stated Rio Drive is not a low income area and detracts from the CDBG mission. Brad Jurgens, Astro Cycles, 5425 Main Street, NPR, came forward to ask about expanding the width however City Manager Manns stated it is within the ROW. Dan Bolster, 5321 Bowline Bend, NPR came forward to ask about eight feet. City

Manager Manns stated this is a sidewalk path project however there are some streets will be linked to a multi-use path. Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR came forward to speak about Frances Avenue Park. Markesha Ellerby, 6910 Indiana Ave., NPR came forward to speak about speeding and the lack of lighting across Congress. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman stated that there is a deadline to fulfill and hold the public hearings as required. It has been his desire to have more strategic planning sessions. He is an advocate of the sidewalk program. Councilman Peters stated this is a follow up to our initial grant application and hopefully it will be a better outcome. He stated in regards to the waterfront property, the linkage leads to a mobile home park. People tend to walk toward the water. The sidewalks are for the entire neighborhoods. Mayor Marlowe stated one of the ideas is tying together paths by possibly navigating down Montana by narrowing the street down. He showed a picture of Montana. He stated that other funds beside CDBG could be used to expand the sidewalk and path. Deputy Mayor Davis asked if the streets listed are locked in for the project and City Manager Manns stated yes. Councilman Murphy stated in that section the sidewalks are definitely needed. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

b Resolution No. 2022-02: Adopting the Language Access Plan for Limited English Proficiency Persons

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 a Language Access Plan (LAP) for the Spanish speaking population as it relates to the Community Development Block Grant Program and to pass a resolution in support of the adoption of the LAP. In order to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 the city must ensure that persons with Limited English Proficiency are able to effectively participate in, or benefit from, federally assisted programs such as the Community Development Block Grant Program. A recent review of the city's demographic information revealed a threshold of over 5% of persons speaking the Spanish language. 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 Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

c 2020 Tennis Court Repairs/Improvements – Project Close Out

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 final pay request in the amount not to exceed \$89,846.85 to Augustine Construction, Inc. for the completion of the 2020 Tennis Courts Repairs/Improvements Project. The final cost for the project is \$520,705. Genesis Half conducted a sufficiency study back in 2017. 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 Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

d Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Elevated Storage Tank Pump Station – Design Services

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 Task Order No. 3 submitted by CHA Consulting, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$59,837 for engineering services to construct and connect a pump station to the WTP's Elevated Storage Tank. The attached task order will fund the design and construction documents for the installation of high service pumps to control water pressure with more flexibility. Once constructed, the high service pumps will be able to deal with pressure fluctuation due to demand or when the water treatment plant experiences partial or full power failure. 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 Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

e Three Minute Report: Police Department

13 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated he attended a meeting for the business school at Keiser University and they are interested in getting integrated into the community. He went to the TB Water meeting on Monday and brought back materials for the other Council members. He stated there is now enough liquid oxygen to treat the water as needed. The Zombie Fun Run is October 23rd. He agreed with the comments regarding Frances Avenue Park and City Manager Manns stated grant funding is secured and the other improvements are slated for next year. He stated he went to the Railroad Museum in Plant City and there was a brochure from their Main Street to help find trains around town and he suggested we could do something similar. Councilman Murphy stated he attended the MPO last Thursday and the project list was adopted. PCPT is about to begin the study on microtransit. Councilman Altman stated the FRA Conference is coming up and that is a good place to find ideas how to make our city better. He went and visited the new salt room and there were already days that were completely booked. He also stopped in at the bait shop. The owner stated he wished he could do more to attract business. He referenced comments from Mr. Kent regarding relaxing some rules especially in regards to signs. He stated there are ways to support our shop owners success. Deputy Mayor Davis stated he also met with the west side business owners and they are really working together to make the west side be more recognized. Councilman Peters stated he ran into a student from Keiser and they were looking at venues to hold their graduation ceremonies. He stated that he had some conversations this week with residents and dark spots and he located some streetlights that are out. He stated you can report the streetlight outage to Duke Energy through the City's app. He stated he spent about 7 hours last Friday on a ride along with Cpl. Hazime. He commended the for their professionalism and patience. Councilman Peters then discussed some of the calls that they ran. He thanked Chief Bogart for the opportunity.

14 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____