



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

January 4, 2022

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 and Councilman Matt Murphy. Councilman Mike Peters participated via electronically.

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, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran and Economic Development Director Chuck Valdez.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of December 21, 2021 Regular 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. Introduction of New Police Officers: Timothy Dowd, Jarrod Frederickson, Joseph Martarana, Damien Koscinski, John Parker, Francis Richie and Jose Berrios-Collazo

6. Proclamation - National Hot Tea Month

Kelly Hackman accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe for National Hot Tea Month.

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. George Romagnoli, 6235 Florida Ave., NPR

came forward to speak about the Waldon Pond property and the previous CRA discussion regarding subsidies. He suggested a portion of the housing project should be dedicated to affordable housing. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

8 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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - October 2021
- b Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - November 2021
- c Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - October 2021
- d Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a First Reading, Ordinance No. 2022-2253 RE: Property Exchange w/Pasco County

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 to consider the approval of Ordinance No. 2022-2253 in regard to the exchange of real property with Pasco County specifically related to property located at 5640 Main Street and providing for the conveyance to the County of property generally located at 6220 Pine Hill Park as well as two lots located across the street from the northeast corner of the park. The Pine Hill property and residential lots total 9.93 acres and was appraised at \$1,140,000. The value for the Pasco County property which consists of two properties located generally at the southeast corner of Main and Bank Street and the second being located at the south of Nebraska Street, east of Lincoln Street and North of Missouri Street is \$1,050,000. The appraisal was based on the conjectural assumption that the city would allow an economic use of the property in the future rather than the continued use of the property as open recreational space. Staff is also requesting that City Council approve the attached Extended Occupancy Agreement. The Department of Health has secured another location which is now under renovations. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Davis asked about maintenance responsibilities for the next year and City Manager Manns stated the County will be responsible. He stated it has been an asset to have the County perform all the maintenance at the ball fields and it has been a great partnership. Councilman Altman stated he does not believe the Health Dept. uses the entire building and asked if it would remain empty. City Manager Manns stated once the closing occurs, the City can use the building. He stated we improved the parking lot at the ball field before we took ownership of it. He stated it has served a lot of people in the county. Councilman Murphy stated the building is a prime spot and he is excited to see what will become of that corner. Councilman Peters commended the City Manager for putting this deal together. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

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

10 Business Items

- a Request to Purchase Five In-Car Stalker Radar Systems

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of five Stalker 2X radar systems and accessories from Applied Concepts, Inc., for a total cost of \$9,677.00. This purchase would be made as a sole source purchase. 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

b Request to Purchase Ten Harris Mobile Radios

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of ten Harris XG25M mobile radios and accessories from Harris Corporation for a total cost of \$34,350.90. 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

11 Communications

Councilman Peters stated he elected to quarantine and appreciated the patience from the other members of Council. He spoke regarding the Railroad Square being underutilized and asked if the road still needs to be closed. Councilman Murphy asked when the plans for Railroad Square will be presented and City Manager Manns stated within the next few months. Councilman Altman stated he fell on the side of abandoning the road closure a while back. He stated the ultimate plan will be important for us to see and talk about. He stated there is excitement to come. Councilman Altman encouraged the rest of Council to go look at the Red Cross building on Montana. He stated the County has talked about building additional buildings in the space. He stated that there is potential to have Railroad Square be an actual square you can walk around in and not just a linear route. Deputy Mayor Davis stated there are a lot of moving parts downtown. He stated there are other opportunities in other places in town. He stated that MPNBH has postponed their Hoop De Doo event due to the surge of COVID cases. Mayor Marlowe stated the ice cream at the Cotee River Creamery is good and Melt'd has a new breakfast sandwich that was really good. He stated Mr. Ottaway is looking at creating art on the sidewalk. Mayor Marlowe noticed there is a new mural being worked on at Fitzgerald's. He asked when it will be coming to Council for approval. City Manager Manns stated she would look into it. Mayor Marlowe stated he is looking forward to the Hacienda being completed. City Manager Manns stated they are close to being complete and it should be late February. She stated she has toured the inside recently and it is definitely worth the wait. He stated Council will need to discuss parking once they open. Deputy Mayor Davis asked City Manager Manns for staff to review the hours that Railroad Square is closed and report back.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____