



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

June 7, 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 Councilman Altman, Councilman Murphy and Councilwoman Mothershead. Deputy Mayor Mike Peters was excused.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie 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, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Economic Development Director Barbara Carr, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams and Human Resources & Organizational Development Director Karl Fuchs.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

5. Proclamation - Juneteenth Day of Observance

Ephraim Livingston accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

6. Proclamation - World Oceans Day

Dell deChant and Kristen King accepted the parchment from Mayor Marlowe.

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

Before Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment he extended an apology to Kimberly Cox. He then opened the floor for public comment. Kimberly Cox, 6609 Rainbow Spring Lane, NPR came forward to speak regarding the opioid epidemic, housing crisis, crime statistics and city sponsored social programs. John Kane, 6041 Florida Ave., NPR came forward to speak regarding stop signs along various streets in the city and feral cats. Carol Kinnard, 6828 River Rd., NPR came forward to speak regarding the proposed underground poles on River Road by Duke Energy. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop. Councilman Altman then spoke regarding an incident at The Social over the weekend regarding a drag queen show. Councilman Murphy also spoke regarding the incident as well. He also addressed Mr. Kane's concerns. Councilwoman Mothershead agreed there should be a stop sign as well. She was also present for the incident at The Social. Mayor Marlowe stated he has had conversations with people regarding roads and why people speed.

8 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

- a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - April 2022
- b Library Advisory Board Minutes - April 2022
- c Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

9 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2022-2262: TDR Amendment

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 second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the City's TDR ordinance. The amendment will allow for calculations to be easier. The ordinance proposes to use a State Certified General Appraiser to determine the fair market value for development credits that will reflect the current market conditions. Upon opening the floor to public comment, John Kane, 6041 Florida Ave., NPR came forward to ask if the language could be clarified. Mayor Marlowe then explained the TDR process. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked if the covenant was removed and City Attorney Driscoll stated those provisions have been removed. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

10 Business Items

- a Recommendation of Firm for RFQ22-013, Professional Consultant Services for Library Strategic Planning

City Manager Manns introduced Library Director Andi Figart who then presented the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve staff's recommendation of Library IQ in the amount of up to \$18,000 for RFQ No22-013, Professional Consultant Services for Library Strategic Planning. Library Director Figart stated a strategic plan will help to identify services and is required when applying for grants. She stated that four firms submitted proposals. Based on the criteria set forth in the RFQ, Library IQ scored the highest and is also part of the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. The TBLC has pledged \$5k towards the cost of this project. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

b 2019 Library Renovations 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 a deductive change order in the amount of \$316,021.86 and the final pay request in the amount not to exceed \$134,097.18 to Hennessy Construction for the 2019 Library Renovations Project. The improvements included:

- Re-construction of restrooms
- Replacement of doors and door hardware
- Security and technology improvements
- Replacement of carpet and the installation of terrazzo flooring at the main entrance lobby
- Stairway renovations
- Room relocations and renovations
- Interior painting
- Solar power system installation

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. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

c ITB22-012 Skate Park Design Project Bid Award

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to award ITB22-012 Skate Park Update Design to the Platform Group of Tampa, Florida in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. The Platform Group had a shorter delivery window than the other bidder that submitted which is why staff was recommending the firm instead of the the lowest bidder for this project. 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 Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

d Request to Amend FRS Senior Management Services Class Designation

City Manager Manns introduced the new Technology and Innovations Director, Robert Greene. She stated the title is not currently included in the FRS system. City Manager Manns then introduced HR Director Karl Fuchs who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the addition of the Technology and Innovations Director position to the Senior Management Service Class in the Florida Retirement System. 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

e City Hall HVAC Replacement Project Award/Budget Amendment Approval

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 a proposal in the amount of \$602,174.18 from Air Mechanical and Service Corporation (AMSCO), for the replacement of one HVAC system including controls and subsequent budget amendment for \$250,000. The proposal contains the same pricing, terms, and conditions as the City's existing HVAC Maintenance Contract

with AMSCO ITB No. 17-012.

The scope of work includes:

1. The upgrade of the existing direct digital controls system. This system upgrade would convert the HVAC system into a total automated system where one central computer would control system operations of components, collect data for trend implementation, monitor system for failures, and submitting automated notifications of the failures for the appropriate remediation to the system.
2. The replacement of the existing 76 ton air cooled chiller including piping, valves, and support systems.
3. Pump replacements to include variable speed pumps with the addition variable frequency devices or VFDs.
4. The replacement of AHU one, two, and three including ductwork in the mechanical room.

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 and budget amendment as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

f Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of New Port Richey and the West Central Florida Police Benevolent Association

City Manager Manns stated back in November 2021 Council ratified the agreement with the West Central PBA. She then introduced HR Director Karl Fuchs who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to ratify the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City of New Port Richey and the West Central Florida Police Benevolent Association clarifying the 3% Step Amounts in Article 14 (Pay Provisions). 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 Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

g Request to Participate in the Florida Settlement with Walgreens Pertaining to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio)

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a request to participate in the Florida Settlement with Walgreens pertaining to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form and any other documents as necessary for this settlement. She stated that the City was notified that the Florida Attorney General has settled with Walgreens for an estimated \$683 million. The funds will be distributed over an 18 year period. The estimated payment amount that the City will receive has not been released as of yet. The first payment should be received this summer. 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 Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

11 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated he was contacted by an out of state reporter regarding US 19 and then took the reporter out for a drive along the road. They discussed where appropriate crossings could be placed safely. He also took her for a drive along River Road. Mayor Marlowe stated he was encouraging everyone to attend the AAC's Juneteenth event on June 18th. He stated he was happy that EV's have been added to the City's fleet as gas prices are rapidly rising. He stated the police department did a good job at pulling people over who were not wearing their seat belts during the recent Click-It-or-

Ticket. Councilman Altman stated that the Mayor is authorized under the Charter to create an ad hoc committee regarding the underground utilities. Mayor Marlowe asked City Manager Manns to look into the matter. He also stated that the TBRPC is holding a Resilient Ready Symposium on June 23rd in Tampa. Councilman Altman asked about the parking along Lemon Street and City Manager Manns stated she would speak to Mr. Rivera about it. Councilman Murphy stated he will be attending the MPO meeting this Thursday. He stated that he has not only heard concerns about speeding on Madison but Grand Blvd. as well. He stated he also received several a calls about the police activity. Councilwoman Mothershead stated she received several calls regarding the police boat out on the river for Memorial Day weekend. She stated she did receive several emails about the incident at The Social.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____