



**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 21, 2022  
7:00 PM

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**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 Mike Peters, Councilman Peter Altman, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, Deputy City Clerk Joyce Haasnoot, 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, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Terri Moore and Human Resources & Organizational Development Director Karl Fuchs.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of June 7, 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

5. Presentation of Check by the Friends of the Hacienda RE: Sims Park/Hacienda Hotel Landscape Perimeter Project

6. Presentation by the Chasco Fiesta Steering Committee RE: Post Event Report

7 Proclamation - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (by title only)

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation by title only.

8 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 Avenue came forward regarding the U.S. 19 Pedestrian Overpass project and concerns regarding golf cart usage at the overpass. He stated that we should pursue the topic of allowing golf carts to cross US 19 in our next legislative platform via hiring a lobbyist. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

9 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda. Councilman Peters inquired about the significant cost increase for animal control. Councilman Peters wanted additional information in regards to the city usage of animal control. Chief Bogart stated he has tried to get a specific number of calls that animal control responds to in our city, however, they do not keep accurate records and for the city to take on our own animal control, it will consume too much staff time. City Manager Manns will be meeting with the County administrator and will ask how they account for our calls.

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

a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

10 Business Items

a Board Re-Appointment: Kelly Smallwood, Cultural Affairs Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the re-appointment of Kelly Smallwood to the Cultural Affairs Committee. She stated that Mrs. Smallwood has been a member of the Cultural Affairs Committee since June 7, 2016. Mrs. Smallwood's current term expired on June 7, 2022 therefore she has submitted her application seeking re-appointment to the Cultural Affairs Committee for Council's consideration. If approved, Mrs. Smallwood's term will be for two years and will be up for renewal on June 7, 2024. 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 Mike Peters and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

b Resolution No. 2022-09: Access Easement Agmt. w/Grand Missouri, LLC

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 grant an easement of public property on property adjacent to the property at 6220 Grand Boulevard to Grand Missouri, LLC in relationship to the proposed reuse of the former Dulcet Restaurant. The applicant is requesting to use a 10x53 parcel of property immediately adjacent to the most easterly side of the building for emergency egress, cleaning equipment, refuse containers and mechanical facilities. City Manager Manns stated it is staff's recommendation to approve the non-exclusive access easement for use in conjunction with their property. The easement is intended to run with the land and will terminate if the building is razed or the property is substantially redeveloped so that the required setbacks for the property have been met. As a condition of their use of the property the city will be listed as additional insured on the business's liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. Mayor Marlowe clarified it is the immediate parcel behind the building and before Cavaliere Square. The small space between the building and Cavalier Square. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Peters asked if it would be an open space or covered. Frank Starkey, 5939 Grand Blvd, owner of the property indicated his plans for the space. Due to a gas meter, he may not be able to fence off the area.

Additionally, as it is a non-exclusive space, they cannot keep public from the space. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

c Resolution No. 2022-10: Penny for Pasco Interlocal Agreement

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 enter into an Interlocal Agreement among Pasco County, City of Dade City, City of New Port Richey, City of Port Richey, City of San Antonio, Town of St. Leo, City of Zephyrhills and the District School Board for the proposed 2025 distribution of Infrastructure Surtax Proceeds (Penny for Pasco) program funds and to adopt Resolution No. 2022-10 which outlines the projects that will be funded from the surtax proceeds for the period of the tax through December 31, 2039.

City Manager Manns stated that the current Penny for Pasco is a ten-year surtax the term of which shall end on December 3, 2024. In addition, the governmental entities involved in the Interlocal Agreement seek to ask the Pasco County electorate for their consideration at a referendum election for a fifteen-year Penny for Pasco which if approved would commence on January 1, 2025 and continue until December 31, 2039.

In compliance with Section 212.555(2), Florida Statutes, the entities levying the surtax must consent via an Interlocal Agreement to consent via a school district to share in the distribution of surtax proceeds. Secondly, the Florida Statutes set forth a requirement that the distribution of proceeds between the participating units of government must be set by Interlocal Agreement. That being said Section 218.62, Florida Statutes, sets forth a formula by which the distribution shall occur. The distribution formula largely reflects the population of the governmental entity.

The Interlocal Agreement consents to the School District of Pasco County receiving the proceeds from the Penny for Pasco proceeds and specifies that the distribution will occur as noted below.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Share of Proceeds</u>
Pasco County	45.00%
City of Dade City	1.52%
City of New Port Richey	3.49%
City of Port Richey	.64%
City of San Antonio	.27%
City of St. Leo	.49%
City of Zephyrhills	3.59%

Pasco District School Board	45.00%
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Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman discussed the allocations from the Penny for Pasco funds. The County has seen from several studies that the City of New Port Richey is important to the overall county economy and would like to see the City and County work together on a project, possibly something with the former Schwettman School building and quality of life projects via the boards that Council are members of such as tourism and transportation. Councilwoman Mothershead stated she agrees that partnerships are necessary to grow the economy. Deputy Mayor Peters asked if the percentages are locked in for 15 years. City Manager Manns stated that these are the proposed terms for 15 years however, it could be amended by an interlocal agreement that both parties agree to. Councilman Murphy also agreed that partnerships would be beneficial to the city. Mayor Marlowe stated that the money previously received has made a huge impact in the city. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

d Request For Funding For Cultural Affairs Committee Re: Monufest Event

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the recommendation from the Cultural Affairs Committee to provide assistance with funding in the amount of \$5,000 to offset costs associated with the Monufest Music and Art Festival Event to be held on October 22, 2022. The event is planned to be held in Railroad Square again this year with proceeds going to support Mullins Music to help promote Music and Arts in the City of New Port Richey. City Manager Manns then summarized last year's event. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Murphy stated this is a unique event. Councilwoman Mothershead stated we need to have diversity in all of our events. Deputy Mayor Peters asked that for clarification on the funding request. Mr. McDonald, 5931 Tennessee Avenue, came forward and stated this request is for costs that they were not prepared for last year. Mullins Music is a 501c3 organization and they do not make any profit off the festival. The funding goes towards scholarships and financial aid for the students to pay instructor fees. Deputy Mayor Peters asked how much money goes specifically to the school, and Mr. McDonald stated that 100% of the profits advertised on behalf of Mullins will go directly to the school. City Manager Manns stated that the \$5,000 is not in cash only but also in-kind services. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy Nays: Peters

e Request for Extension of Professional Services Agmt. w/Verra Mobility RE: Automated Traffic Enforcement System

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to enter into a sixty (60) day extension of the three-year contract with Verra Mobility related to the operation of the automated traffic enforcement system. The current contract with American Traffic solutions, Inc., doing business as Verra Mobility relating to the city's intersection safety program is due to lapse on June 21, 2022. A fifth amendment to the contract would be presented August 6, 2022 meeting. 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 Mike Peters and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

11 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the next budget for Tampa Bay Water includes an increase in the rate and wanted to make Mr. Rivera and Mrs. Feast aware. He addressed golf carts crossing US19. Councilwoman Mothershead complimented the work done by Chasco Fiesta. Deputy Mayor Peters thanked the North River neighborhood residents who attended the neighborhood meeting and provided comments regarding improvements in the neighborhood. Councilman Altman commented on the dumping of landscape materials he saw and that the city should discuss solutions. He also discussed the City of Bradenton's Resolution 22-9 regarding trash hauling and recycling. He stated he would like to have a discussion regarding the same. He stated he will be speaking at the TBRPC event on Thursday regarding resiliency. Councilman Altman stated that there is a lot of money coming for infrastructure. He will be bringing back some recommendations to discuss at the next Council meeting. Councilman Murphy stated that FDOT controls the rules for golf carts and the issue has been discussed by the MPO. He stated that FDOT is working on the issue. He stated as far as the overpass the golf carts were part of it but it is also for the bicycle trail. He stated funds cannot be used right now because of the golf carts. City Manager Manns introduced interim Parks and Recreation Director Terri Moore.

12 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce Haasnoot, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_