



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

August 16, 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 Peter Altman, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead. Deputy Mayor Mike Peters was excused.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Deputy Police Chief Lauren Letona, 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 Terri Moore and Human Resources & Organizational Development Director Karl Fuchs.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of July 26, 2022 Budget Work Session 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. Approval of August 2, 2022 Work Sessions and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. Jessica Jecusko, 3535 Tour Trace, LOL came

forward to speak about code enforcement and community outreach. Kimberly Cox, 7336 Ashmore Drive, NPR and Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR, came forward to speak about the police department. Greg Smithwick, 9305 Sterling Lane, PR came forward to speak about low-income housing and anti-semitism. Michelle Wojciechowski, 5445 Gulf Drive, NPR came forward to speak about her property. Jennifer Eichenberger, 5842 Illinois Ave., NPR came forward to speak about diversity. George Romagnoli, 6235 Florida Ave., NPR came forward to speak about code enforcement. Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR came forward to speak about safety. Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR came forward to speak regarding statutes. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

7 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 Library Advisory Board Minutes - June 2022

b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

8 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2022-2261: Amending FLUM for TDR Sending Sites

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 for a Future Land Use Amendment and revised Sending Sites Map. The first reading was held in May and has been approved by the State. Mr. Hall stated this also updates the entitlement bank. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Jessica Jecusco, 3535 Tour Trace, LOL came forward and asked about multi-family housing. Mr. Driscoll explained the process for density rights and the property bank. Michelle Wojciechowski, 5445 Gulf Drive, NPR came forward and asked about the transfer of credits and Mr. Driscoll stated they will come back to City Council for approval. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman spoke regarding high hazard properties and entitlements. Mayor Marlowe stated this will provide for the ability to move development rights for potential affordable housing opportunities. Mayor Marlowe stated the parks will remain protected and open greenspaces for families to enjoy. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

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

9 Business Items

a CAC Funding Request RE: 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit

City Manager Manns began by commending Heather Fiorentino for her work on the annual remembrance ceremony that is held each year. She then introduced the item to Council by stating that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a funding request from the Cultural Affairs Committee in the amount of \$4,710.00 to offset costs associated with the 9/11 Memorial and Remembrance event and a Tunnel to Towers traveling exhibit. City Manager Manns also thanked John Gilliss for his contribution to sponsor this exhibit. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Heather Fiorentino, 5534 Wyoming Ave., NPR came forward to thank Council for their support over the last twenty years for the ceremony and keep out promise that we shall never forget. With no one else coming forward 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

b Fifth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between Verra Mobility and the City of New Port Richey

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to enter into a three-year contract with two-year optional renewal periods with Verra Mobility related to the City's Intersection Safety Program. The program has been in place since 2010. The City currently has four cameras along U.S. Highway 19 and one camera westbound on Main Street. The camera fee will be reduced to \$3,800 and Verra Mobility will make a one-time payment of \$10,000 to be used by the City to purchase two portable speed detection devices. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR came forward to ask about a feeding program. With no one else coming forward 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

c Re-Appointment of Timothy P. Driscoll, Esq. as City Attorney

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to enter into an agreement with Timothy P. Driscoll, Esq. to provide the services of City Attorney with an effective date of September 6, 2022. Mr. Driscoll has served as City Attorney since 20016. The term of the amendment will be for one year. All of the original provisions will remain unchanged. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Kimberly Cox, 7336 Ashmore Dr., NPR, came forward to speak regarding the police department. Michelle Wojciechowski, 5445 Gulf Drive, NPR, George Romagnoli, 6235 Florida Ave., NPR and Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR came forward to state their opposition for this item. Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR came forward to speak about her arrest. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the item as presented. Motion failed for lack of a second. Councilman Altman made a motion to table this item until the next regular meeting in order to get a report regarding litigation matters.

10 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated that the other members attending the FLC Annual Conference and stated he would provide information regarding some of the feeding initiatives that were presented. Other items of interest from the conference were a cell phone post for automatically making emergency calls and vendors who had speed trailers. Mayor Marlowe encouraged everyone to attend the next Talk About Town hosted by People Places. He then spoke about form-based code and ADU's. Councilman Altman stated his mission is that we reinvigorate ourselves. He stated he is proud to be in a city that is non-partisan where people can work together to expose and solve issues. The things we can work on is workforce, training and education. He then spoke about his past CDD experience. Councilman Altman stated there was some great inspiration that came out of the FLC Annual Conference. He stated we have to figure out how to run the city the best way we can. Councilman Murphy stated that the FLC Annual Conference was a good chance for leaders across the state to get together to discuss issues. He stated for our city diversity is key for it to be successful. He stated we have to be versatile. Councilwoman Mothershead stated that she has lived in the city since 1970 and has seen many changes. She said we need to create affordable housing. She stated we all share the same end goal. City Attorney Driscoll stated he would make himself available to discuss any issues.

11 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: _____