



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 6, 2024
6:00 PM

Please note the meeting times for regular city council meetings has been changed to 6:00 p.m. effective for all meetings after April 1, 2024.

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Kelly Mothershead, Councilwoman Matt Murphy, Councilman Peter Altman and Councilman Bertell Butler, IV.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology Solutions Director Mike Miller, Assistant City Manager Gregory Oravec and Human Resources Director Arnel Wetzel.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of July 16, 2024 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Kelly Mothershead and seconded by Bertell Butler. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

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

City Attorney Driscoll read aloud the rules governing Vox Pop. Mayor Davis then opened the floor for public comment. The following people came forward to speak:

- Nancy Cote and Joan Nelson Hook, 4845 Rainbow Race, NPR presented the City with a check for \$50k on behalf of the Friends of the Library for the bookmobile.
- Beva Stevenson Karay, 5719 Lafayette St., NPR spoke regarding SOS GHS 1922 video played at the CRA meeting on August 1st and the Schwettman property.
- Rita King, 10926 Bounty St., NPR spoke regarding the Schwettman property.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Davis closed Vox Pop.

- a Speakers must identify themselves prior to speaking by stating their name and full address for the record. Speakers shall address the City Council as a whole and refrain from addressing individual members of the City Council or the City staff. Speakers shall afford the utmost courtesy to the City Council, to City employees, and to the public, and shall refrain at all times, from rude and derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.

6 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Public Reading of Ordinances

- a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2024-2303: Amendments to Chapter 22, Code of Ordinances RE: Flood Damage Prevention

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 which amends Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances regarding flood damage prevention. She stated that the City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS). The City is currently a class 7 and residents receive at 15% discount. The two main changes being requested are that all manufactured homes installed or replaced in special flood hazard areas must be elevated to or above at least the base flood elevation plus 1 foot, which necessitates modification of the existing requirements and changes to foundations for one-family and two-family dwellings in flood hazard areas. City Manager Manns then highlighted the other changes found in the ordinance block. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

Motion made by Bertell Butler and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

- b First Reading, Ordinance No. 2024-2292: Amendments to TDR Ordinance

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 of an ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the Land Development Code related to the Transfer of Development Rights Program. She stated that the City's Transfer of Development Rights Program is for the coastal high hazard area and allows a developer to reduce density through a form of a restrictive agreement on the deed.

The purpose of the revisions being proposed to Chapter 20 of the Land Development Code relate to:

- To clarify the potential land uses of sending sites.
- To advance the requirement that the designation of property as either a sending or receiving site shall set forth in the PDD zoning approval and shall constitute a modification to an existing PDD approval .
- To eliminate the requirement that a future land use map amendment is required to accept land into the city entitlement bank.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked for the City Attorney to give more detail about the procedure and program. City Attorney Driscoll then gave an overview of the City's program and a TDR

program in general. He then gave an overview of the proposed amendments. He stated this is a cleanup to make the process more friendly. City Attorney Driscoll stated this is a voluntary program. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

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

8 Business Items

a Transfer of Development Rights Density Credit Agreement w/Port Richey Leased Housing Associates III, LLLP

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Transfer of Development Rights Density Credit Agreement with Port Richey Leased Housing Associates III, LLLP, in respect to the Anchor at Gulf Harbors project/Dominium Senior Apartment Project. She stated that the apartments will be built on 27.7 acres of property located at the northeast corner of Marine Parkway and Sea Forest Drive. The property has a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation which would allow a maximum of 667 multifamily units on the property. The owner of the property has indicated that they plan to restrict the allowable density on the property to 388 in perpetuity through a covenant. Therefore, they would like to place 279 multifamily units with an appraised value of \$24,146,900.00 which is \$86,548.00 per unit in accordance with an appraisal conducted by J.D. Wallace & Associates, Inc. and dated May 25, 2023, in the City's transfer of development rights (TDR) bank.

She stated due to a funding gap, the County provided \$3M and asked that the City waive \$2,011,674.78 of development fees. A summary of the request(s) are as follows:

- The calculation of value for the density credits will be based on the appraised value of the TDR's
- The owner of the property would convey to the city its 279 density credits
- Density credits in the amount of 23.2 would be applied to pay the city fees in full
- The remaining density credits (255.8) would be donated to the city in the form of a charitable contribution in the sum of \$22,135,225.22

City Manager Manns stated this is contingent upon the update of the Comp Plan before construction begins. City Attorney Driscoll stated that final terms are still being negotiated and would suggest authorizing the City Manager to execute documents.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked if this was non-revokable and if this fell to the CRA then the credits would stay with the CRA and City Attorney Driscoll stated that this all rests upon the amendment to the plan and public hearings and that in order for the developer to move forward they need assurance they will not have to pay the fees. Councilman Altman asked if a good faith provision could be added to the agreement. City Manager Manns stated this is an economic incentive in order to bring much needed housing to our community. Motion was made to approve the item and to authorize the City Manager to execute the modified documents after the negotiations have been finalized subject to the City Attorney's review as long as they are non-substantial changes.

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

b Development Fee Agreement w/Port Richey Leased Housing Associates III, LLLP

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Development Fee Agreement with Port Richey Leased Housing Associates III, LLLP in relationship to the Anchor at Gulf Harbors project. She stated the Transfer of Development Rights Density Credit Agreement in respect to the project to establish a 388-unit multi-family housing project for low/mod income senior residents aged 62 and

over is contingent upon amendments being made to the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. To address the circumstance that the City's Comprehensive Plan is not amended and finalized in a manner to provide the density credits as contemplated in the density credit agreement a contingent plan is being proposed.

She stated that if the City is unable to finalize the Comprehensive Plan Amendments necessary to effectuate the density credits the plan involves employing one of two methods to address the permitting, development and impact fees in the sum of \$2,011,674.78 which shall be due. The first involves a waiver of the city fees in their entirety. The second method involves the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and the owner of the property would submit a grant application to the CRA and if approved enter into a development agreement to compensate the City for the fees. If the CRA does not approve the grant agreement for the full amount the City or the owner of the property will need to agree to pay the remaining balance.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item and to authorize the City Manager to execute the modified documents after the negotiations have been finalized subject to the City Attorney's review as long as they are non-substantial changes.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Nays: Butler

c Request for Donation of Artificial Turf by The Runaways Animal Rescue

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

d Board Appointment: Margaret Carswell, Environmental Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointment of Margaret Carswell as member of the Environmental Committee. If approved, Ms. Carswell's term will be for two years and will be up for renewal on August 6, 2026. With this appointment, that leaves one member and two alternate member positions open on this committee. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Margaret Carswell came forward to state that she is very happy to serve on this committee. With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bertell Butler and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

e Board Appointments: Bonnie Martin, Beva Stevenson Karay and John Kane, Historic Preservation Board

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointments of Bonnie Martin, Beva Stevenson Karay as members and John Kane as an alternate member to the Historic Preservation Board. If approved, their terms would be for three years and would be up for renewal on August 6, 2027. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bertell Butler and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

f Request for Funding for Cultural Affairs Committee Re: Florida Humanities Cultural Speaker Series

City Manager Manns introduced Library Director Andi Figart who presented 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 funding support in the amount of \$2,000.00 dollars for the purpose of a Cultural Speakers Series featuring engaging scholars and experts from the Florida Humanities Speakers' Bureau. The proposed list of speakers include:

- David Morton, Film Historian, UCF Professor, and author of A Motion Picture Paradise! A History of Florida's Film and Television Industry
- Chris Kahl, a Florida Folk Singer and Storyteller that presents a "Musical Journey through Florida"
- Eliot Kleinberg, Journalist and author of well-known books: Weird Florida, War in Paradise: World War II in Florida, and Hurricane.

In attempt to find funding, the Cultural Affairs Committee did apply for a Florida Humanities Grant but did not receive it. Additionally, In-kind support has been provided by the Library as well as the Hacienda Hotel. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bertell Butler and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

g Resolution No. 2024-12: Designation of Open Spaces

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 adopt a resolution which would designate certain properties as open space for purposes of the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program and to adopt the Floodplain Species Assessment Plan and Natural Functions Report. She stated that the City owns properties and additionally certain private developments have designated areas that are used as open space. She stated the request is for 184.57 acres to be designated as open space. She stated this can be changed in the future. The Floodplain Species Assessment Plan and Natural Functions Report defines the City's ecological presence, affirms the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan relating to consumption and the protection of natural resources and advances recommended action regarding specific habitat i.e. bald eagle, tricolored heron. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

h Addendum to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement w/City of Tarpon Springs

City Manager Manns introduced Police Chief Robert Kochen who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the addendum to the City's existing Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) with the City of Tarpon Springs. He stated that this is in response to State vs. Repple, which held that a law enforcement officer has no jurisdiction or authority to take "police action" or collect evidence outside of their jurisdiction, even when the crime occurred within their jurisdiction. Chief Kochen stated this addendum with strengthen language. He stated it will be up to the Supreme Court to decide should they decide at all to hear this case.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- David Wallis, 12131 Lacey Drive, NPR, asked if there is language for notification and Chief Kochen stated yes.
- Kimberly Cox, 7336 Ashmore Drive, NPR stated the Florida Supreme Court should be making this decision and not City Council.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR, asked for clarification on the changing of the language.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bertell Butler and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

i Amended and Restated Pasco County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

City Manager Manns introduced Police Chief Robert Kochen who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the amended and restated Pasco County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA), which expires on June 30, 2029. He stated that this is a new agreement and will strengthen language as well as to be provided prisoner transport by the PCSO.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR asked about the process before mutual aid agreements. He asked for clarification that this is for Pasco. Deputy Mayor Mothershead stated yes.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. City Attorney Driscoll stated this agreement is with the Sheriff and the other 5 Pasco County municipalities. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bertell Butler and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

j 2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining 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 final pay request in the amount not to exceed \$192,345.00 and a deductive change order in the amount of \$79,607.00 from Granite Inliner, LLC for the completion of the 2024 sanitary sewer gravity main and stormwater pipe rehabilitation. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

k ITB24-021 Little Road Water System Interconnect Project Bid Award

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 low bid in the amount not to exceed \$995,868.50 and award the contract to QRC, Inc. for the construction of the Little Road Water System Interconnect project. The area is located at Little Road and Massachusetts Avenue. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Bertell Butler. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

l Interlocal Agreement with Pasco County for the Annexation of an Enclave and the Transfer of Public Roads Jurisdiction in the Town and Country Villas Area

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Pasco County for the Annexation of an Enclave and the Transfer of Public Roads Jurisdiction in the Town and Country Villas Area. She stated that this agreement was approved by Council in the past but the County requested changes by requesting a sentence regarding the zoning of mobile homes. She stated we have now developed an R4 District and once this is annexed we will designate it as R4 therefore the County's request will not

apply. The property will be annexed as of October 1, 2024 and the boundaries of the CRA will be revised. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. City Manager Manns stated a Finding of Necessity will have to be completed for the CRA. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

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

m Interlocal Agreement with Pasco County for the Neighborhood Improvements in the Town and Country Villas Area

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Pasco County for the Neighborhood Improvements in the Town and Country Villas Area. She stated the terms and conditions are as follows:

- The City shall expend \$1,538,990.50 within two years of the execution of this agreement for various improvements i.e.- sidewalk and streetlight installation, road repair, establishment of a neighborhood park and impact fee credits.
- The County and the City agree to work collaboratively to identify and secure grant funding opportunities to support the installation of sewer infrastructure.
- The County agrees to pay the City a sum of \$2,000,000 for the construction of sewer infrastructure within and serving the area.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Councilman Altman asked about funding sources and City Manager Manns stated there are various ones. He asked about a timeframe and City Manager Manns stated improvements should begin within two years but the City could always ask for an extension. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Kelly Mothershead and seconded by Bertell Butler. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

n Re-Approval of Resolution No. 2024-13: Establish Tentative Millage for TRIM

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 re-approve a resolution which would establish a tentative millage rate and the date, time, and place of the first public hearing on the levy of the proposed FY2024-2025 Operating Budget for purposes of public notification under the Florida TRIM Statutes. She stated the proposed millage is 8.400 but staff will continue to work on lowering it before final hearing. She stated that the first public hearing on the budget to September 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis 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. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

9 Communications

Councilman Murphy stated he has an MPO Board meeting on Thursday and will report back next meeting. He stated we were well prepared for the tropical storm. He asked if there were any reports of residential flooding and City Manager Manns stated no reports. Deputy Mayor Mothershead stated she has seen neighbors helping other neighbors cleaning up from the storm. Councilman Butler stated that he saw some people picking up parking passes and also went by the EOC. He then proceeded to introduce a motion regarding screened porches (see attached.) Councilman Altman stated a motion is not needed to place something on the agenda. He stated he agrees with it and would like to see if on the agenda. City Attorney Driscoll stated that if there is a consensus it can be directed to be placed on the agenda but it would have to go to LDRB for review first. Councilman Altman stated that people would use the porch more if it was screened. He stated there have been items asked to be placed on agendas

that did not happen. He spoke about the Schwettman property and the removal of residential. He stated he is all for a cultural center to be there which would be operated by the City. Mayor Davis spoke about the fire inspection letter and he stated this is another tax on our businesses. He would like to discuss this at the first meeting in September. City Manager Manns stated this was part of the fee schedule that was adopted by Council with their full knowledge. She stated there has been no pushback from businesses that she is aware of. City Manager Manns thanked Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Police Chief Robert Kochen, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Parks & Recreation Director Andre Julien, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Asst. Fire Chief Adam Darling, Asst. Public Works Director Colin Eichenmuller, Code Enforcement Supervisor Erik Jay, Technology Solutions Manager Mike Miller and GIS Technician Chris Bowman for their hard work during the recent storm event. Public Works Director provided an overview of staff's activities which included sandbags, pumping down Orange Lake, removing debris from catch basins, pumped down reclaimed tanks, lift station inspections, secured city facilities and parks. He stated 57 residents were served at the sandbag location. He stated four intersections were closed due to flooding. Debris cleaning took place on Monday. Mr. Rivera stated the major debris removal will begin tomorrow. Yard debris pickup will be extended to ten hours a day for six days. He spoke about the water & sewer division's efforts. He also spoke about operations at the WTP and the WWTP. He stated they reached a flow of 17 million at the peak whereas on a normal day it is typically 5 million.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____



NEW PORT RICHEY

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TO: City of New Port Richey City Council
FROM: Crystal M. Dunn, Finance Director
DATE: 8/6/2024
RE: Re-Approval of Resolution No. 2024-13: Establish Tentative Millage for TRIM

REQUEST:

The attached Resolution will establish a tentative millage rate and the date, time, and place of the first public hearing on the levy of the proposed FY2024-2025 Operating Budget for purposes of public notification under the Florida TRIM Statutes. The Pasco County Property Appraiser must be provided this information on or before August 4, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Under the TRIM (Truth in Millage) Statute, all property owners are to be notified of this proposed levy by a mailing from the Pasco County Property Appraiser. The City Council may subsequently reduce this millage but cannot increase the levy without an additional public notification to all city property owners. Practically, this resolution establishes the maximum property tax levy for the next tax year.

Staff recommends setting the tentative millage at 8.4000, which matches the City’s current millage rate. At this time, it is still staff’s intention to include a lower millage rate as part of the Preliminary FY24-25 Operating Budget. However, setting the tentative millage at 8.4000 is a conservative approach and will allow for more flexibility as city staff work through final budget reviews.

The first public hearing on the tentative budget and millage rate has been re-scheduled for **Thursday, September 12, 2024** at 6 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, FL 34652, which will not conflict with School Board and County public hearing dates.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the tentative millage rate of 8.4000 mills and establish the first public hearing on **September 12, 2024** at 6 p.m., as proposed by way of ratification of Resolution No. 2024-13.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

No effect at this time. Once a final millage rate is adopted, the determined rate will have a fiscal impact on the FY24-25 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
☐ Resolution No. 2024-13: Establish Tentative Millage for TRIM	Backup Material

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR INCLUSION ON THE PASCO COUNTY TRIM NOTICE

The City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, in a meeting held August 6, 2024, resolves as follows:

1. **WHEREAS**, the City Council of New Port Richey, Florida, wishes to comply with the legal requirements of the Truth In Millage notification to property owners; and

2. **WHEREAS**, such millage rate for the City of New Port Richey, Florida is computed to be 8.4000 mills; and

3. **WHEREAS**, the public hearing on establishment of the final millage rate will be held on **Thursday, September 12, 2024** at 6 pm in the City Council Chambers at 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, FL 34652.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA DOES RESOLVE:

The City Council authorizes the notification of the Pasco County Property Appraiser of the tentative millage rate of 8.4000 mills and for use in the Truth in Millage Notices.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida on the 6th day of August, 2024.

(ATTEST)

Judy Meyers, CMC
City Clerk

Alfred C. Davis
Mayor-Councilmember

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CONTENT

By _____
Timothy P. Driscoll
City Attorney



MOTION:

Councilman Butler moves to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare an agenda item, with an attached memorandum and necessary legal instruments, by the end of September for council to consider revising the Code to allow for screened porches.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Relevant instances in code:

- 7.01.00 - R-1 Residential District.
- 7.02.00 - R-2 Residential District
- 7.03.00 - R-3 Residential District

Example language strike:

“Minimum setback of front building line from a main artery and/or thoroughfare right-of-way shall be twenty-five (25) feet, measured to the permanent part of projection of the dwelling. Front porches may extend into the required front yard setback, but not closer than 10 feet to the front property line and may not be altered to form enclosed or air-conditioned living spaces. ~~Porches must maintain at least 80 percent openness and may not be screened.~~”
(7.03.00 - R-3 Residential District)



NEW PORT RICHEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida 34652

Chris Fitch, Fire Chief
727-853-1032
Fax: 727-853-1034

Business Name
Address
City, State Zip

Date

Dear Business Owner,

Each year as part of the annual budgeting process, the City conducts a review of the fees that are charged for services. This year was the first year that a determination was made to impose a fee for fire inspection services.

This new fee, which is included in the comprehensive fee schedule for fiscal year 2023-2024, became effective on October 1, 2023. The fee schedule, which is supported by state statute, allows the Fire Department to collect fees associated with conducting required annual fire safety inspections, and for providing designated community risk reduction duties if needed. The schedule of fees for fire safety inspections and community risk reduction duties, a copy of which is attached to this communication for your reference, are the same as the fees being charged to businesses in Pasco County and the City of Port Richey.

The new fees that have been implemented, will allow the City of New Port Richey Fire Department to remain steadfast in ensuring the safety of all businesses in the city through the compliance of fire codes, while responding to an increasing number of emergency calls for service. Your understanding and continued support is appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my office at (727) 853-1032.

Yours in service,

Chris Fitch
Fire Chief

**City of New Port Richey
Comprehensive Fee Schedule**

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES, Cont.

		Current Fee
FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS (Existing Commercial Occupancies):		
Annual / Periodic Inspection (Based on occupancy Square Footage)		
	0-15000 Sq Ft	\$100.00
	15001-25000 Sq Ft	\$125.00
	25001-35000 Sq Ft	\$150.00
	35001-45000 Sq Ft	\$175.00
	45001-55000 Sq Ft	\$200.00
	55001-65000 Sq Ft	\$225.00
	65001-75000 Sq Ft	\$250.00
	75001-85000 Sq Ft	\$275.00
	85001-95000 Sq Ft	\$300.00
	>95000 Sq Ft (\$300 Base Plus \$15 per 5000 Sq Ft)	\$15/5000 Sq Ft
Re-Inspections:		
	Initial Re-inspection	\$0.00
	2nd Re-inspection	\$75.00
	3rd Re-inspection	\$90.00
	4th Re-inspection	\$200.00
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COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION:		
	Fire and Life Safety Inspector	\$50.00/hr
	Fire Watch	\$50.00/hr
	Crowd Manager	\$50.00/hr
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**City of New Port Richey
Comprehensive Fee Schedule**

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES, Cont.

		Current Fee
FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS (Existing Commercial Occupancies):		
Annual / Periodic Inspection (Based on occupancy Square Footage)		
	0-15000 Sq Ft	\$100.00
	15001-25000 Sq Ft	\$125.00
	25001-35000 Sq Ft	\$150.00
	35001-45000 Sq Ft	\$175.00
	45001-55000 Sq Ft	\$200.00
	55001-65000 Sq Ft	\$225.00
	65001-75000 Sq Ft	\$250.00
	75001-85000 Sq Ft	\$275.00
	85001-95000 Sq Ft	\$300.00
	>95000 Sq Ft (\$300 Base Plus \$15 per 5000 Sq Ft)	\$15/5000 Sq Ft
Re-Inspections:		
	Initial Re-inspection	\$0.00
	2nd Re-inspection	\$75.00
	3rd Re-inspection	\$90.00
	4th Re-inspection	\$200.00
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS (New Businesses):		
	Certificate of Occupancy	\$50.00
	Certificate of Completion (renovations, additions)	\$50.00
	Change of Occupancy	\$50.00
	Red tag (failed inspection)	\$50.00
Temporary Construction	Field inspection (per temp. structure >120 ft ²)	\$25.00
Construction Miscellaneous	Certificate of completion / Final Inspection	\$50.00
	Fire alarm and / or detection system acceptance test	\$50.00 each
Performance Acceptance Test	2-hour hydrostatic test (fire line, sprinkler, standpipe)	\$50.00 each
	Pre-engineered fire suppression fixed systems acceptance test	\$50.00 each
	Elevator - Firefighter recall system test	\$50.00 each
	ALFs	\$50.00 / floor + \$0.002 ft ²
	Nursing Homes	\$50.00 / floor + \$0.002 ft ²
	Hospitals	\$50.00 / floor + \$0.002 ft ²
Licensed Facilities	Group Homes	\$50.00 / floor + \$0.002 ft ²
	Foster Care	\$50.00 / floor + \$0.002 ft ²
	Day Care	\$50.00 / floor + \$0.002 ft ²
	Private Schools	\$50.00 / floor + \$0.002 ft ²
Other Requests for Inspection:		\$50.00

Per structure, building, site, H.R.S., etc (rezoning, occupancy changes, anticipated purchase of property, etc.)