



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

September 17, 2024

4:45 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 4:45 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Kelly Mothershead, Councilwoman Matt Murphy, and Councilman Bertell Butler, IV. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, and Police Chief Bob Kochen. Councilman Peter Altman arrived at 4:53 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Discussion Regarding Food Trucks - Page 2

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this work session was to conduct a discussion regarding food trucks and is being conducted at the request of Councilman Butler. He is proposing amendments to allow the storage of food trucks on private property that are owned by the business who has the truck. Councilman Butler stated our current ordinance prohibits the storage. He stated if a business has a mobile unit as an asset and is part of their LLC they should be allowed to park it on their property. Councilman Butler stated the food truck compliments the business. Mayor Davis stated the limits on the food trucks was to allow support for the brick and mortar businesses. Councilman Butler asked if it was possible to make a provision that they have to be a partner in the business and City Manager Manns stated it could be possible however enforcing it would be difficult. City Manager Manns stated the City Attorney would be able to draft anything the Council gives direction to. Councilman Altman then read some state provisions regarding mobile food vending. He stated we cannot regulate or license food trucks. We can establish locations where food trucks can be. Councilman Murphy stated we will need to be strategic as this would open the door for trucks to be used as mobile billboards. Councilman Altman spoke regarding timed parking on Main Street. He would like to see the food trucks be moved to side streets. Councilman Altman stated the three day provision doesn't really apply anymore. Mayor Davis stated he likes the three day provision on public property. Deputy Mayor Mothershead stated we don't want to see food trucks take away from our businesses who pay taxes. Chief Kochen stated that state law has pre-empted us on some provisions but there are some provisions we can still regulate such as cones and cords. The discussion then moved to timed parking. Deputy Mayor Mothershead stated

some businesses do not have any spots except the close ones and taking those away may impeded their business. Councilman Altman stated he would like to see it tested between River Road and Adams Street. City Manager Manns stated it could impede economic activity by regulating they move along. She stated a lot of our traffic is pedestrian. Mayor Davis suggested changing the current no trailer parking signs to two hour parking. Deputy Mayor Mothershead suggested extending it to Bank Street. Councilman Butler suggested extending it to Grand.

3 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____ (signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk