



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

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

December 23, 2024

4:00 PM

New Port Richey City Hall Council Chambers

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 4:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Chopper Davis, Deputy Mayor Kelly Mothershead, and Councilman Matt Murphy. Councilman Bertell Butler, IV arrived at 4:32 p.m. Councilman Peter Altman was excused.

Also in attendance were, City Manager Debbie L. Manns, Deputy City Clerk Nadine Ward, Deputy Police Chief Lauren Latona, Deputy Fire Chief Adam Darling, Assistant Public Works Director Colin Eichenmuller

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Request to establish a wet zone on Railroad Square on New Year's Eve

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the request is to establish a "Wet Zone" on Railroad Square for the evening of New Years Eve beginning at 5:00pm and ending at 2:00 am. Ms. Manns explained the process of the Ball Drop and the need for the crane to be positioned in the roadway. Ms. Manns informed Council that as of right now the organizer has not turned in a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of New Port Richey additionally insured. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Council approved the "wet zone" and extended the deadline for the organizer to turn in the COI to Friday, Dec 27, 2024. If the COI is not turned in the crane cannot be used. Councilman Butler inquired about cleanup tasks and if there was a fee that is issued. Ms. Manns explained that the cleanup fee as well as overtime wages for Police and Fire has been built into the event budget and had not been waived. Ms. Manns informed Council that all surrounding business had been informed of the event and none had any objections.

Motion made by Bertell Butler and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Altman

5 Communications

None.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

(signed) _____
Nadine Ward, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____