



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

May 13, 2025

6:00 PM

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 Matt Murphy, Councilman Bertell Butler, IV, and Councilman Brian Jonas. Councilman Peter Altman was excused. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Bob Kochen, and Community and Development Director Dale Hall.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Second Public Hearing - Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final public hearing to solicit comments on the city's application for \$2,000,000 in Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds. She then introduced David Fox from Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. who then made a presentation to Council. Mr. Fox began his presentation by speaking about the service area for the application, housing rehab/demolition replacement, temporary relocation and administration. 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 Matt Murphy and seconded by Brian Jonas. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Butler, Davis, Jonas, Murphy Absent: Altman

b. Resolution No. 2025-17: Authorizing the Implementation of the Community Development Plan's Long-Term and Short-Term Objectives

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 authorizes the implementation of the long- and short-term objectives of the Community Development Plan in specific regard to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. She stated

in 2020 the City adopted six long-term objectives, and 2 short-term objectives related to the Community Development Plan and specifically the Community Development Block Grant Program, and they were as follows:

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES:

1. To improve the physical environment of the community to make it more functional, safe, and efficient and to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood.
2. To promote the public interest.
3. To inject long range considerations into the determination of short range decisions.
4. To bring professional and technical knowledge to bear on issues concerning social, economical, or physical development.
5. To facilitate effective cooperation and coordination between all concerned with community development.
6. To identify all available resources for major opportunities and to improve the way of life for all in the community.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES:

1. To apply for FFY 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant funds in the Housing Rehabilitation category to address homes in the City of New Port Richey that do not meet current building code standards.
2. To explore other possible resources for the purpose of improving the way of life for all citizen's, especially those who live in deteriorated housing and neighborhoods.

The purpose of this agenda item is to affirm through resolution the objectives as set forth originally in 2020 and as updated in accordance with current CDBG requirements.

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 Brian Jonas. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Butler, Davis, Jonas, Murphy Absent: Altman

c. Resolution No. 2025-19: Adopting Small Cities CDBG Housing Assistance Plan

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 in supporting the City's Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) in conjunction with the submission of an application to participate in the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program for FFY 2023-2024. She stated the City adopted a HAP in September of 2020 and implemented a few amendments to the plan in 2024 relating to program eligibility and a condition of the program related to homeowners insurance. She stated the attached version of the HAP that is being advanced for consideration does not contain either of the amendments that were effectuated to the original plan in 2024. 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. 4-0. Ayes: Butler, Davis, Jonas, Murphy Absent: Altman

d. Resolution No. 2025-18: Authorizing the Submission of the Small Cities CDBG Application

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 authorizing the submission of an application to Florida Commerce of a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any

documents necessary for the program. 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 Brian Jonas. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Butler, Davis, Jonas, Murphy Absent: Altman

5 Communications

None.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____