



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

May 20, 2025

5:00 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilman Bertell Butler, IV, and Councilman Brian Jonas. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, and Police Chief Bob Kochen. Deputy Mayor Matt Murphy arrived at 5:02 p.m. and Councilman Peter Altman arrived at 5:26 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Downtown Grand Blvd. Streetscape Concept

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of the work session was to advance a discussion related to the City's Downtown Grand Blvd. Streetscape Concept identified in the City's current Capital Improvement Program. This project involves an assessment of the existing conditions of the city's streetscape elements in the downtown area along Grand Blvd. from Orange Lake south to Montana Ave. She then introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who stated this meeting provides the opportunity for Council to review and provide input while the consultant is present. He stated this project is in the CIP so it is budgeted to begin the design process. He then introduced David Fleeman and Rob Rosner from Florida Design Consultants. Mr. Rivera stated there will be an additional public meeting to include a 3D model. City Manager Manns stated we wanted to slow down travel speeds in the downtown area and increase pedestrian experience with expanded sidewalks. David Fleeman and Rob Rosner from Florida Design Consultants then presented the streetscape concept to Council. Mr. Rosner began the presentation by highlighting the site plan from Illinois to Porpoise Alley. He stated there would be on-street parking and green space. Mr. Rosner stated there would be a designated drop off/pick up space located outside of the theatre. Mr. Rosner then highlighted the street view for the concept. Mr. Rivera stated we are presenting the conceptual concept as a whole but moving forward with the CIP process it may be in stages. Mr. Rosner and Mr. Fleeman then answered various questions by Council.

3 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

_____(signed)

Initialed: _____

Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk