



**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 15, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

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**ORDER OF**  
**BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order – Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were, Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey, Councilman Bill Phillips and Councilman Chopper Davis. Councilwoman Judy DeBella Thomas participated via telephonically.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Chief of Police Kim Bogart, Development Director Lisa Fierce, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran and Assistant to the City Manager Martin Murphy.

**2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 Moment of Silence**

**4 Approval of July 24th and July 31st Work Session Minutes and August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Councilman Phillips stated that he wanted to address the vote that was taken on the Pavement Management Plan item from the meeting on August 1st. He stated that he had talked to the City Attorney and City Manager regarding the motion and friendly amendment. He wanted to make sure that there was clear intent. Mayor Marlowe stated it was his understanding that there was an initial motion to accept the Pavement Management Plan and that Councilman Davis brought up concern about monies and wanted to make sure that 100% of the funds collected were put towards paving and both the maker and second agreed and then the vote proceeded. Councilman Phillips stated that he understood the intent but since it is a large assessment fee he would hate to see someone come back and look up the vote and say that it violated Robert's Rules. He just wanted to make sure it was restated at this meeting that this was the intent and it was voted on and accepted by the four Council members that were present. City Attorney Driscoll stated he reviewed the meeting and was satisfied and the record is clear.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Bill Phillips. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

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

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward to speak therefore Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

6 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

a Library Advisory Board Minutes - March-July 2017

b Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2017-2116: Medical Cannabis Dispensaries

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

8 Business Items

a 2017 City Hall Northside Exterior Wall Renovations - Consideration for Approval

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to enter into a professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$30,150 for planning and engineering services to replace the north side glass wall in City Hall. She stated that the wall has deteriorated to a condition where the Florida Building Code specifies it needs to be replaced. The overall project estimate is \$200,000 to complete.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Phillips asked if we were looking at something similar or will it be removed completely and come back with a different architectural [aesthetic](#). He also asked if it covered the Development Department and second floor. City Manager Manns stated that replacement will be in all locations. She stated that the glass block has velocity issues. City Manager Manns stated that staff will present design options once a plan has been made. Councilman Davis asked if this was sent out for bid. City Manager Manns stated it is a professional services agreement and that is not normally put out to bid. He asked if the actual work will be sent out for bid and City Manager Manns replied yes. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that the glass block was state of the art at the time. She stated that she will be curious to see the architectural features. Mayor Marlowe stated that this style was popular back in 1989 but not today. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

b Voice Over IP System for the Recreation and Aquatic Center

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that currently the city is transferring over the phone system to a VOIP system. The request is for consideration to do so for the Rec Center in an amount not to exceed \$29,416. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

c Alcoholic Beverage Special Event - Rock the Park

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an ABSEP for the Rock the Park event. The event will be held September 8-10, 2017. Event organizers are requesting approval to sell beer and wine on Friday, September 8th from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., Saturday, September 9th from noon until 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 10th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, Bob Langford came forward and stated he was speaking on behalf of the Historical Society. It was his understanding that it is the intention to use the gazebo/bandshell. He stated that lately there have been things happening in the bandshell without the Historical Society being notified. City Manager Manns stated that they will do a better job letting the Society know. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council.

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated that on the application it shows sales from 12:00-11:00 and that it should be clarified that there should be p.m. after 12:00. She also noted that the notary stamp was missing from the application.

Councilman Phillips stated this goes back to the special events discussion last month. There are multiple events coming up in the park over the next few months. Respite for the park will not be until January and February. Pay attention to what other auxiliary vehicles that will be brought in and where they will be parked. Request that the gazebo be "X" out of the application and that will be encompassed in the motion made by Councilman Davis and Councilwoman DeBella Thomas.

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas asked for clarification with the gazebo that there is a process in place for someone to use. Bob Langford came forward and stated that the gazebo is combined with Peace Hall for weddings.

Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

d Alcoholic Beverage Special Event - Friends of the Hacienda Fundraiser

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an ABSEP for the Friends of the Hacienda fundraiser on Saturday, August 26, 2017. The event organizers will be offering complimentary beer and wine during the event.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Councilman Davis stated he was looking forward to the event. Deputy Mayor Starkey asked what kind of beer will be served. He stated he will be more selective in the year ahead. He is looking for higher events that benefit the residents and businesses. Bob Langford came forward and stated that the Friends really want to showcase what has been done so far and this fundraiser will provide encouragement for further restoration. Councilman Phillips asked if we can use an updated application as this one was dated 2009. He stated he was looking forward to the event. Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated she is looking forward to the event and the era clothing. Motion was made to

approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

e Board Appointment: Richard Melton, Cultural Affairs Committee

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the appointment of Richard Melton to the Cultural Affairs Committee. If approved, Mr. Melton's term will be for two years and will be up for renewal on August 15, 2019. Staff has verified that Mr. Melton meets the requirements set forth in the City's Code to serve on this board. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

f Three Minute Report: Human Resources

9 Communications

Councilwoman DeBella Thomas stated she attended the Pasco County Office of Emergency Management seminar and was glad to see the County on top of natural disasters but was disappointed as she thought that there was going to be an information session on terrorism and active shooters. She stated it was great to know that we had been on point discussing the generator issue.

Mayor Marlowe stated that People Places had put an article on Facebook on how to make city's vital and attract people and the key is to design what the residents want and then tourism will follow. He stated it was well worth the read. He had some sticker shock going through the budget numbers and stated that he had asked for clarification on health insurance numbers. As we see the discussion at the Federal level know that in New Port Richey 30% of every dollar is going towards health insurance. He encouraged everyone to talk to their legislators and let them know that enough is enough. He stated he was glad the City's health insurance premiums are only at a 5% increase for next year.

Deputy Mayor Starkey stated he just wanted to reiterate that he is in favor of establishing guidelines for special events.

Councilman Davis asked Mr. Rivera about the road patches on Circle Boulevard and why there were patches when the road was just paved. Mr. Rivera stated there were some paving deficiencies. Councilman Davis asked for confirmation from Mr. Rivera that when the two pieces come together that's where problems arise. Mr. Rivera stated that these patches are different as there was a whole process that was done. Councilman Davis then asked City Manager Manns what it cost to resend out the TRIM notices. City Manager Manns stated just over \$2,000. Councilman Davis stated that the buck stops here and it was embarrassing for the City to have such an error in the notices.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_