



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

July 16, 2024

3:30 PM

**ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 3:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Kelly Mothershead, Councilwoman Matt Murphy, and Councilman Bertell Butler, IV. Councilman Peter Altman participated via electronically and joined the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology Solutions Director Mike Miller, and Assistant City Manager Gregory Oravec.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2 Strategic Plan Update - Page 2

City Manager Manns presented the item to Council. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to review the remaining strategies in the Strategic Plan that were not addressed at the Council work session on June 18, 2024. The remaining strategies that will be addressed at this work session are Advance Emerging Technologies, Improve Customer Service, Optimizing the City's Emergency Preparedness Response and Recovery Service and Optimizing the Resiliency of the City. City Manager Manns began her presentation by highlighting the action items under Advance Emerging Technologies. Mr. Miller provided an update on Granicus. The discussion then moved on to cameras at various city parks. City Manager Manns and Chief Fitch then highlighted the objectives, goals and action items listed under Improve Customer Experience. City Manager Manns then highlighted the objectives, goals and action items for Optimize the City's Emergency Preparedness Response and Recovery Services. Chief Fitch spoke regarding the process of achieving the Storm Ready designation.

3 Review of the FY24-25 Proposed Capital Improvement Program - Page 29

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated the purpose of the work session

was to review the proposed projects in the Capital Improvement Program for the upcoming fiscal year. City Manager Manns then highlighted all of the different funding sources. She provided an overview of why Capital Improvement Projects are important. City Manager Manns then introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera and Assistant Public Works Director Colin Eichenmuller who then presented the projects to Council.

Mr. Rivera began his presentation by highlighting the projects in the General Fund which included artificial turf for the Recreation & Aquatic Center, shade canopies replacement at the Recreation & Aquatic Center, pool resurfacing, Recreation & Aquatic Center outdoor basketball court resurfacing, and plunge pool resurfacing.

Mr. Rivera then highlighted the projects for the Stormwater Utility Fund which included miscellaneous flood control, Beach St. Stormwater Resiliency Improvements, and 2024 Carlton Rd., Dartmouth Rd., Berkley Ave. Resiliency Improvements.

Mr. Rivera then highlighted the projects for the Capital Improvement Fund which included James E. Grey Preserve - Phase I, 2024 France Ave Park Improvements - Phase II, James E. Grey restroom upgrades, Peace Hall renovations, Recreation & Aquatic Center Skate Park, Fire Station No. 1 Hardening Project, Fire Station No. 2 Construction Project, exterior upgrades at City Hall, City Hall restroom renovations, City Hall Campus Building Resiliency, Grand Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project, Grand Blvd. Multi-Use Path (South) Project Phases I and II.

Mr. Eichenmuller then highlighted the projects in the Water & Sewer Construction Fund which included Fleet & Purchasing Warehouse Facility, Potable & Reclaimed Water System Extensions - Misc Projects, NPR & Pasco Interconnect Upgrades, Sewer & Manhole Rehabilitation/Lining Project, Sewer Utility System Improvements, Sewer System Extensions and Town & Country Leisure Lane.

Mr. Rivera then highlighted the projects for the Redevelopment Fund which included Railroad Square improvements, Grand Blvd. Streetscape enhancements, Sims Park Boat Ramp area improvements, Cotee River Boat Ramp, Floramar Terrace Streetscape improvements, and bicycle lane improvements.

Mr. Eichenmuller then highlighted the projects for the Street Improvement Fund which included traffic sign upgrades, Neighborhood Improvements Project, LED Crosswalk signage and lighting, Roadway and Parking Lot Striping Project, Neighborhood Alley Improvements Project, West/East Grand Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements Project, Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements Project, and Street Improvement Project.

4 Review of Proposed Departmental Budgets for FY24-25 - Page 98

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated it was the direction of staff to keep their budgets at 3%. She stated that yesterday some of the revenues were released. She then stated the purpose of this agenda item was to review the proposed budgets for City Council, City Manager and City Clerk for FY24/25. City Manager Manns began by presenting the proposed City Council budget. She stated there was an increase in Professional Services due to hiring a lobbyist, an increase in Travel and Training, an increase in Special Events which we provide in-kind services to, and decreases in Cultural Affairs, office supplies and computer supplies. Books and Publications was increased to cover an increase in cost of the TB Times subscription. It was the consensus of Council to keep the Cultural Affairs line item at \$12k. City Manager Manns then presented the City Manager's proposed budget. There was a decrease in Professional Services, an increase in Travel & Training, and slight decreases in Telephone and Dues and Memberships. City Manager Manns stated there was an increase in Code Books Updates and there rest of the proposed budget had no significant changes.

5 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:33

p.m.

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____

_____ (signed)

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk