



Port Authority Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19th, 2021 - 7:00 PM

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

TO THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND CITY ATTORNEY OF SAID CITY

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Port Authority Board of Port Richey, Florida will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021, at City Hall, 6333 Ridge Road, Port Richey, Florida.

Due to the City's Local State of Emergency, this meeting will be take place through the use of limited seating in the practice of social distancing. There are **twelve (12)** seats available for the general public. Seating will be on a first come/first serve basis

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Carl Roth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Carl Roth

ROLL CALL - Sal Licari, City Clerk

APPROVE MINUTES

1. 09.15.20 PAB Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA

2. Update & Review of USCG Auxiliary Educational Materials

3. Assessment of Waterway Safety Initiative Approach

4. Update and Next Steps for City Adaptive Planning & Resiliency Efforts

ADJOURN

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board or council with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call 727-816-1900 Ext. 107 or fax a written request to 727-816-1916 with a twenty-four (24) hour notice.

File Attachments for Item:

09.15.20 PAB Minutes



Port Authority Board
Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Carl Roth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Carl Roth

ROLL CALL - Sal Licari, City Clerk

PRESENT

Chairman Carl Roth
Member Ron Padova
Member Chris Leeds

APPROVE MINUTES

1. 08.20.20 PAB Minutes

Chairman Roth noted a name spelling correction in the minutes

A motion is made to approve the 08.20.20 PAB minutes with correction.

The motion is made by Member Leeds and seconded by Member Padova.
Voting Yea: Chairman Roth, Member Padova, and Member Leeds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan Rose - 10221 Hilltop Drive: He spoke to the Board about the State constitution requiring all the coastal counties to have a coastal management plan. He said that there are representatives in the State of Florida who may assist with aid.

Members Padova and Reed had no further announcements. Chairman Roth provided updates of other area's progress with seagrass studies and other water quality projects. He also collected all of Southwest Florida Management District data on the Cotee River.

1. Refine Strategy on Waterways Safety Initiative specifics like topics/duration for Training and Checklist for LEO interactions with Boaters.

The Board made this item first because of Police Chief Robinson and Captain Koch's presence at the meeting. Chairman Roth provided the Police Chief with updates from Pasco County and the Division of Motor Vehicle sources. Chairman Roth noted that there is no signage in the area for safety zones. He also explained the outreaching to commercial captains and other waterway commercial entities. Member Leeds wants to provide help to the Police Department to meet the goals for the waterways. Chairman Roth noted that many boaters are not following the "no wake" speed despite the weather.

Police Chief Robinson stated he is trying to organize a mutual schedule with New Port Richey to cover the waterways. He noted that the Police Department is also researching a new vessel and recently lost a certified officer. The Chief is hoping to work with New Port Richey, and there should be enough coverage. Member Leeds and Member Padova stated that presence alone changes the tone of boaters on the river. Member Padova noted the time between 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM is the most hectic time on the river. Chairman Roth received an email from Pasco County about the river's lighting and the new boaters' lack of information. The Board expressed that education could be just as beneficial as law enforcement. Chairman Roth recommended going back to the Council to assist the Police Department with what resources they need. Captain Koch commented that preventative education is critical, possibly approach boat sale companies and boating supply businesses to provide information as people purchase vessels. Chief Robinson provided information on community policing to the Board. Member Padova advocated that education is essential to get out to all the boaters in Pasco County because everyone uses the ramp at Nicks Park. The Board, Chief Robinson, and Captain Koch continued discussing the best way to educate boaters and begin a water policing initiative with other municipalities. The biggest hurdle is how to get boaters to seek proper education.

Captain Koch suggested having the Coast Guard Auxiliary provide the instruction because it is a consistent form of education nationwide. Alan Rose offered incentives and thinking in the signage. Chairman Roth asked if the Police Department has assumed the maintenance and replacement of signage on the waterway. Captain Koch replied that it had been an as-needed basis. Chairman Roth noted that it is in the state permit that the signage should be addressed. Captain Koch provided information on police personnel that is interested in taking the required boating patrol courses. Member Leeds noted an online safety course for people who have recently purchased a water vehicle. Chairman Roth summarized with the Chief the direction with the Board.

2. Refine Strategy on Connecting the Restoration Strategy Dots: E.G., Water Quality, Storm Water, Resiliency, Flood Insurance, Coastal barriers, Sand Disposition, Dredging, Sea Grass Stabilization, etc.

Chairman Roth provided an updated Coastal & Estuary Restoration Vision packet to the Board. The Board agreed on the packet's content and met all members' expectations for water quality restoration. Chairman Roth pointed out some critical points in the packet to the Board. A copy of the packet will be included in the minutes. Chairman asked what direction should the Board take. Member Padova stated that without participation from the Council, it does not pay to move

forward. He noted that the Council has to show interest and proceed if they wish too. The Board expressed frustration that every time an idea is presented, there is a lack of motivation from the Council. The Board discussed the difficulty of getting citizen and commercial support if meeting attendance is limited due to the COVID -19 protocols in place.

Alan Rose provided a copy of the Florida statute 342.201 that explains Waterway and Waterfront Improvement.

The Board recommended presenting the updated Coastal Restoration packet to the Council and gaining support with the City's residents.

Chairman Roth recommended waiting until the Council appoints a permanent City Manager.

Member Padova considered putting the Board on a hiatus until there is a forward direction.

Member Leeds instructed to place the Board on a break but continue to reach out to the Council

A motion was made to have a standing invitation to the Council to have a workshop and extend that invitation monthly.

The motion is made by Member Leeds and seconded by Member Padova.

Voting Yea: Chairman Roth, Member Padova, and Member Leeds

3. Describe PAB Involvement Preferences with City Projects like Boat Ramp & Dredging

No Board discussion.

5. New Waterway Topics

No Board discussion.

ADJOURN

A motion is made to adjourn the 09.15.20 Port authority Board meeting.

The motion is made by Member Leeds and seconded by Member Padova.

Voting Yea: Chairman Roth, Member Padova, and Member Leeds

Approved By:

Submitted By: