



City of North Port

4970 City Hall Blvd
North Port, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Joint Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Emrich, Mayor
Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor
Jill Luke, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner
Alice White, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, July 14, 2022

2:00 PM Charlotte County Administration Building, 18500 Murdock
Circle, Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida

County Commission of Charlotte County

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Constance called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The following officials were present: City of North Port Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioners Jill Luke, Debbie McDowell, and Alice White, and City Manager Jerome Fletcher, Assistant City Manager Julie Bellia and Jason Yarborough, City Clerk Heather Taylor, Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli, and Assistant City Attorney Margaret Roberts, Deputy Communication Manager Madison Heidi, Planner II Randy Bowling, Stormwater Manager Elizabeth Wong, Planning Manager Lori Barnes, Utilities Director Nancy Gallinaro, Business Manager Garrett Woods, and Public Works Director Chuck Speake; Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners Chairman District 3 Bill Truex (virtually), Vice Chairman District 2 Christopher Constance, District 1 Ken Doherty, District 4 Stephen R. Deutsch, District 5 Joe Tiseo, City Manager Hector Flores, Economic Development Director Dave Gammon, Water Quality Manager Brandon Moody, Public Works Director John Elias, Sports and Sales Manager Shawn Walters, and Minutes Clerk Welsh; Sarasota County Metropolitan Planning Organization David Hutchinson; City of North Port Mayor Pete Emrich was absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Constance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Savahoe: spoke to water quality

Mr. Fletcher and Ms. Roberts introduced themselves.

Tim Richards: spoke to water quality

Richard Russell: spoke to water quality

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[22-3142](#) Joint Discussion Regarding Transportation

Mr. Gammon and Mr. Fletcher provided a presentation to include most popular cities for home buyers, places people can't wait to leave, Punta Gorda relocation of business headquarters, development history and map, growth and charm, lot developers, historical newspaper articles, and Charlotte County and Sarasota County residential parcel status, Legacy Trail connection, preservation legacy, and Warm Mineral Springs Park (WMS), Port Charlotte Parkside Village, Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor, Fisherman's Village, Whiskey Joe's Restaurant, Cheney Brothers Distribution Network (C-B-I), Aviation Air frame program, airport developments, and Babcock Ranch, Wellen Park and Cool Today Park, Burnt Store growth, Economic Development Opportunity (EDO) focus, new and existing business, workers, workforce housing, ongoing projects, Permanent Change Station (PCS), affordable housing, ZenniHome models, ZenCity, global modular's, and Flamingo Crossings Village.

Commissioner comments took place to include appreciation of presentation and preparation.

[22-3143](#) Joint Discussion Regarding Tourism

Mr. Walters provided a presentation to include tourism, partnership with North Port for utilizing their venues for large or regional events, Warm Mineral Springs (WMS) and Heron Creek Golf Club, utilizing the Morgan Family Center, utilizing the Hampton Inn, and Cool Today Park.

Commissioner questions and comments took place to include County opportunities, monitoring airports, North Port representatives for Charlotte County events, marketing campaign, North Port Aquatic Center, and Legacy Trail extension into Charlotte County.

[22-3144](#) Joint Discussion Regarding Water Quality

Mr. Moody provided a presentation to include working together to protect watershed, impaired waterways, monitoring, water quality protection activities, and answered questions on impaired waterways, monitoring open areas, specific criteria of nutrient impairments, and fertilizing.

Ms. Wong provided a presentation to include One Water Florida, water quality monitoring and water/sewer expansion program, Big Slough watershed, interconnections, frequent flow points, phosphate baseline, Hydrobiological and Microplastics/National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (HBMP/NPDES), water quality monitoring and plan, use of sucralose as tracer of leakage from septic systems, water quality sampling program, water quality results sucralose, and steps to reduce pollutants.

Ms. Gallinaro provided a presentation to include Utilities Master Plan project timeline, municipal water and wastewater Master Plan, and vacuum station property acquisition and answered questions on sewer locations and completions, and community education and engagement summit.

Mr. Yarborough answered questions regarding septic to sewer connection cost.

22-3145

Joint Discussion Regarding Economic Development

Mr. Elias provided a presentation to include Interlocal Agreement, roadway maintenance and resurfacing, water control structures, signalized intersections, Cranberry/Hillsborough intersection, future interchange and location, unified approach, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and local plans, and infrastructure.

Commissioner questions and comments took place to include a joint resolution with Charlotte County and City of North Port to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and deliverables.

David Hutchinson, Sarasota MPO, spoke on interchanges, projecting future project funding, and economic development and resiliency.

Discussion took place regarding North Port projects, next steps, interchange research and study, and housing project.

Ms. Barnes spoke on property ownership, FDOT, interchange locations, collector distributor method, and request planning funds.

Discussion ensued on roundabouts and Veteran's study.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Russell: spoke to Florida trend study and pedestrian sidewalks

Lynn Savahoe: spoke to developments, road expansions, transportation studies, and water quality

4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioners comments took place to include future meetings, appreciation of joint meeting and staff, collaboration, and history of North Port.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Constance adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2022.