



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Special 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, September 22, 2022

5:01 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioner Jill Luke, Commissioner Debbie McDowell and Commissioner Alice White

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Faust, Police Chief Garrison, and Fire Chief Titus, Detective Vigel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jill Luke.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joseph Wactowski: expressed concern with budget increase for fixed income residents

Edward Placencio: expressed concern with budget increase and additional staff

Valdy Olender: spoke to eight elements of contract and expressed concern with budget increase

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**[RES. NO.
2022-R-52](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Adopting the Final Ad Valorem Millage Rate and Rolled-Back Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title, Section 2.01 and Section 2.02, and read statement of reason for ad valorem increase.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There was no Commission comments or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-52 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

**[RES. NO.
2022-R-53](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Adopting the Final Non-District Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023; Adopting the Final Capital Improvement Budget and Program; Prescribing the Terms, Conditions, and Provisions with Respect to the Items of Appropriations and their Payment; Providing for Supplemental Appropriations and Reappropriations; Providing for Findings; Providing for Posting of the Budgets; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There was no Commission comments or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-53 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner White

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

Commissioner McDowell dissented due to not reviewing line by line, not finding compromise, no plan for leaner years ahead, additional employees requiring full financial salary next year, and budget could have been reduced.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to opportunity to discuss line items.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 20__.