



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, Deputy City Attorney Golen, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Bodmer, Police Captain Fussell, Stormwater Manager Wong, Fire Chief Titus, Public Works Director Speake, Assistant Public Works Director Wisner, Development Services Director Ray, and Deputy City Manager Yarborough

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Wong.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor White requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

In person public comment:

Robin San Vicente: Spoke to stormwater management.

Chuck English: Spoke to stormwater management.

3. PRESENTATION: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES

A. [24-1338](#) Presentation on the City of North Port’s Stormwater Drainage System.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Wisner provided a presentation including hydrology, water movement in North Port, permitted stormwater system, rainfall data, estimated rainfall, commercial development, drainage system components, stormwater drainage system objectives, water control structures, routine stormwater drainage system maintenance, and projects.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding presentation time limit.

There was consensus to allow enough time for staff to finish the presentation.

Ms. Wisner continued the presentation including rehabilitation, Drainage System Improvement (DSI) map, costs, capacity options, adverse weather preparation, temporary ponding, water outflow, precipitation rates, and citizen stormwater management.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Stormwater Management Master Plan, system performance, water retention usage, park utilization for stormwater management, stormwater utility usage, funding sources, utility tax, stormwater management plan adoption and availability, Cocoplum Waterway dredge update, closed system potential, commercial development site retention, impervious surface development, weather changes versus development, swale maintenance, outfall versus gutter, sidewalk flooding, canal maintenance, water lettuce impact, WCS limits, wildlife impact, staffing requirements, flooding history, temporary ponding timeline, and swale depth impact on maintenance.

In person public comment:

Pam Tokarz: Spoke to maintenance updates and information outreach.

Robin San Vicente: Spoke to information outreach and swale maintenance.

Recess was taken from 11:38 a.m. to 11:49 a.m.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [24-1230](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Kelly Westover, Stantec, and Jason Evans, Stetson University, provided a presentation including overview, objectives, timeline, compliant vulnerability assessment requirements, process, asset classes, evaluating flood risk, sea level rise and high tide flooding, present day rainfall, present day 100-year storm surge, sensitivity analysis, recommendations, adaptation strategies, and next steps.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding infrastructure costs versus next steps, Myakka River role and impact on waterways, 100-year storm surge modeling,

alternative strategies, benefits, utility study versus vulnerability assessment, Price Boulevard versus vulnerability assessment impacts, Commission stormwater management efforts, big slew reduction study versus vulnerability assessment, funding, next steps, pending projects, timeline, and direction requested.

In person public comment:

Robin San Vicente: Spoke to transportation study.

Pam Tokarz: Spoke to community input and information outreach.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding transportation study clarification and evacuation routes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk