



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

Friday, January 29, 2016

9:00 AM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port City Commission Workshop Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Training Room 244 by Mayor Moore.

Present: Mayor Moore; Vice-Mayor DiFranco; Commissioners Cook, Jones and Yates; City Manager Lewis; City Attorney Moriarty; City Clerk Raimbeau; Deputy City Clerk Adkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

A. [16-0031](#) Complete Streets Presentation

City Manager Lewis provided an overview and introduced Planning Division Manager Norton and Planner Whittaker, Planning Division Neighborhood Development Services, who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the concept of "Complete Streets" and the benefits to the City of North Port. Staff requested direction from Commission on how to proceed with the next steps for the "Complete Streets" concept including the possibility of draft Ordinances incorporating policies and guidelines from other municipalities.

Discussion ensued regarding: (1) younger generation impacting pedestrian identity; (2) the "Complete Streets" concept supporting the North Port Pattern Books; (3) methodology for control of pedestrian traffic; (4) educating vehicle traffic and creating safety amenities for pedestrian traffic; (5) addressing golf cart and other alternative modes of transportation; (6) possible issues with street trees and addressing landscaping issues during the design phase in regards to pedestrian traffic safety; (7) purpose of the discussion regarding the "Complete Streets" concept and Commission direction as the policy making board; (8) creating a policy to enable flexibility in design of street size, lanes, and pedestrian amenities to ensure public safety; (9) the incorporation of street lighting in the "Complete Streets" concept; (10) Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) "Complete Streets" policy and North Port signage regulations; (11) congested traffic flow and pedestrian traffic safety; (12) "round-a-bouts" in other municipalities; (13) current golf cart regulations.

City Manager Lewis agreed to schedule a Commission Workshop to present a framework for an Ordinance with options regarding the "Complete Street" concept incorporating comments provided by the Commission.

B. [16-0040](#) Mobility Fee Presentation

Subsequent to providing an overview, City Manager Lewis introduced Sarasota County Planning and Development Services Director Thomas Polk and referred to Planning Division Manager Norton who introduced Jonathan Paul, NUE Urban Concepts, University of Florida and Sarasota County Impact Fee Administrator Beth Rozansky.

Planning Division Manager Norton; Mr. Paul and Sarasota County Impact Fee

Administrator Rozansky gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding an overview of Mobility Fees; pedestrian/alternative mode of transportation designs; Sarasota County Mobility Plan and Fees; and Sarasota County/North Port Interlocal Agreement regarding North Port portion of Sarasota County Road Impact Fees.

City Manager Lewis clarified that staff is requesting direction from the Commission regarding their preference to move forward with establishing Mobility Fees in lieu of Transportation Impact Fees.

Prior to discussion and questions, Mayor Moore requested that Commissioners provide their initial preference regarding Mobility Fees versus Transportation Impact Fees with Commissioners providing the following comments: (1) Commission Jones would prefer Mobility Fees without incorporating into Sarasota County Mobility Fees; (2) Commission Cook would prefer Mobility Fees without incorporating into Sarasota County Mobility Fees; (3) Commission Yates requested more information prior to offering a preference on Mobility Fees versus Transportation Impact Fees; and (4) Vice-Mayor DiFranco would prefer Mobility Fees and expressed concern if North Port should or should not incorporate in the Sarasota County Mobility Fees and how the money from North Port would be allocated.

Discussion ensued regarding: (1) clarification on the methodology for North Port being incorporated in the Sarasota County Mobility Plan; (2) North Port identified projects for possible consideration in the Sarasota County Mobility Plan and Fees; (3) options available to North Port including: a) Mobility Fees versus Transportation Fees with Mobility Fees incorporated with the Sarasota County Mobility Fees versus North Port Mobility Fees; b) consider incorporating into the Sarasota County Mobility Fee with assurances, through an Interlocal Agreement, that money collected on North Port projects gets earmarked for North Port projects; (4) history of the City of Sarasota Mobility Fee; (5) current structure of North Port Impact Fees; (6) clarification was provided on proportionate fair share/concurrency/Impact Fees versus Mobility Plan and Mobility Fee; (7) legal ramification for allocating money for projects outside of North Port's jurisdiction and the fundamental legal basis for Mobility Fees of who pays the fee receives the benefit; (8) current methodology for North Port Impact Fees and establishing a comparable North Port Mobility Fee; (9) addressing a concern, it was noted that the Sarasota County Mobility Plan did not factor in any design standards, only the types of capacity that would go into the current identified corridors; (10) addressing concerns, it was noted that any money collected by North Port would be integrated into the Interlocal Agreement to determine how the money is spent; (11) clarification was provided on the Duval County Florida Moratorium on Mobility Fees.

Recess from 10:58 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Mayor Moore summarized the discussion thus far noting that there has been Commission interest in staff working together and bringing back language which would ensue that the money collected in North Port on Mobility Fees would remain in North Port.

Discussion continued regarding: (1) the criteria for "neighborhood stores" and each municipality's ability to define a "neighborhood store"; (2) the similarities between Sarasota County and the City of North Port land use criteria; (3) Sarasota County Mobility Fee implementation date of January 1, 2016 for new permit applications and the phase out period for the County Impact Fee portion.

Commissioner Yates noted that she is in favor of keeping the current North Port Impact Fee structure which allows for a North Port Mobility Fee in combination with the collection of Sarasota County Mobility Fees to ensure local control.

Neighborhood Development Services Director Williams noted, for clarification purposes, that the city has opted to have its own schedule of fees for structures which is different from Sarasota County enabling the Commission to determine the structure criteria and fees. The Transportation Fee, which Sarasota County collects, is a percentage of the County fee and will be addressed in an Interlocal Agreement.

Commission provided staff with direction to move forward with the concept and parameters of changing the Transportation Fees to a Mobility Fee to ensure retention of Mobility Fee applications and the money collected in North Port remains in North Port.

Sarasota County Planning and Development Services Director Thomas Polk expressed gratitude to the City of North Port for working with Sarasota County to address Mobility Fees and the concept of "Complete Streets."

C. [16-0027](#) Workshop for Fire / Police Training Facility

Assistant City Manager Schult introduced Police Chief Vespia; Fire Chief Taaffe and Deputy Fire Chief Titus who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of North Port Police & Fire Training Facility and video depicting Fire training at the training facility.

Discussion ensued regarding: (1) clarification was provided regarding the money allocated for training would be included in an Interlocal Agreement with the Suncoast Technical College (STC); (2) current and future training site for firearms training; (3) clarification on the current cost estimates for completion of this project; (4) ensuring that the new facility would meet the criteria for State certification requirements; (5) the Sarasota County School Board and North Port lease for current driving training location; (6) Commissioner Cook stated that she continues not to support this item and noted that this item should be reviewed during budget meetings. This item should not have been presented at this workshop with the expectation of Commission direction and suggested Commission be given the opportunity to vote on workshop Agenda items prior to a Workshop being scheduled; (7) the implication of meeting the ISO Standard; (8) the possibility of opportunities for grant funding; (9) purpose of this item included on the Agenda .

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Moore adjourned the North Port City Commission Workshop Meeting at 11:59 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Jacqueline Moore, Mayor

Attest: _____
Helen M. Raimbeau, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2016