



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 11, 2024

5:01 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.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, Assistant City Attorney Roberts, City Clerk Faust, Board Specialist Bodmer, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy, Utilities Director Gallinaro, Parks & Recreation Director Pfundheller, and Budget Administrator Herrmann

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Valerie Sanderson.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor White requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emrich, 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:

Valdy Olender: Spoke to the 2025 budget.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**ORDINANCE - FIRST READINGS:**

- A. [ORD. NO. 2024-30](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Adopting the Ad Valorem Millage Rate and Rolled-Back Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024 and Ending September 30, 2025; Providing for Findings: Providing for Conflicts: Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor White announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title, Section 2.01, and Section 2.02.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and read the justification for increase into the record.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to continue Ordinance No. 2024-30 to second reading on September 25, 2024. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

- B. [ORD. NO. 2024-31](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Adopting the Non-District Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024 and Ending September 30, 2025; Adopting the 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 White announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding water revenue increase and Parks and Recreation Master Plan Funding.

There was consensus for staff to create a CIP sheet for Parks Master Plan including Italy Avenue using \$250,000 from Park Impact Fees.

Commission questions continued regarding budgeting of Commission salary increase and Police Department temporary space needs.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to continue Ordinance No. 2024-31 to second reading on September 25, 2024.

A motion to amend was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to include consensus given. The motion to amend carried on the following vote:

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

The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk