



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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 Taylor, City Clerk

Monday, May 9, 2022

9:00 AM

Conference Room 244

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, Assistant City Attorney Michael Golen, City Clerk Heather Taylor, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Assistant City Manager Jason Yarborough, Public Utilities Director Nancy Gallinaro, Public Utilities Assistant Director Jennifer Desrosiers, Stormwater Manager Elizabeth Wong, City Grant Writer Valerie Malingowski, Police Commander Shaun Lissow, Staff Assistant II Kaitlyn Stelzer, Utilities Engineering Division Manager Michael Acosta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager Jerome Fletcher.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner McDowell: expressed concerns with commission retreat protocol

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[22-2729](#)

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Use of Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds for Projects Including But Not Limited to the Sumter Boulevard/I-75 Water and Sewer Extension Construction, Installation of Broadband Conduit to Sumter Boulevard/I-75, Installation of Broadband Conduit to Toledo Blade Boulevard/I-75, City of North Port Website Improvements, Wellen Park General Government Building,

Purchase of Ten Acres for Three Economic Development Sites.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Malingowski spoke to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocations, project suggestions, and project completion date requirement.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding prior Surtax funding allocations, job growth grant contingency, and delaying use of funds due to cost increases.

Ms. Malingowski spoke to time frame to complete projects, suggestion to not use for reoccurring expenses, and fund use flexibility.

Discussion continued regarding projected project completion dates, funding weir maintenance, broadband conduit partnership, economic development sites, Wellen Park General Government Building funding and repayment, procurement responsibilities, timeline for property conveyance, lease back options, cost of Cranberry and Hillsborough Boulevard construction, purchase of 10 acres for development sites, ARPA funding and job growth grant requirements, and website improvements.

There was consensus to approve the below project list and to earmark remaining funds to Cranberry and Hillsborough Boulevard.

- 1. Add to fully fund Sumter Blvd (I75 water and sewer)***
- 2. Sumter Blvd (I75 Broadband Conduit)***
- 3. Toledo Blade Blvd (I75 Broadband Conduit)***
- 4. City Website Improvements***
- 5. Wellen Park General Government Building***
- 6. Purchase of 10 acres for 3 development sites***

[22-2789](#)

Discussion Regarding the Status Report of the Neighborhood Water and Wastewater Expansion Project.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Gallinaro and Utilities staff provided a presentation including Master Plan project timeline, master plan map, vacuum station property acquisition, continued timeline, recommended funding plan, and ordinance status.

Commission questions took place regarding arrangements for customer payment options, property lien, total cost to current homeowners and new homeowners, potential increases, Surtax funding subsidy, vacuum stations and sewer shed construction, Price Boulevard, vacuum station design, pipe installation, completion time frame, Parcel C location, phasing plan, and developer repayment and incentives.

Recess was taken from 10:31 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Staff continued their presentation including water quality testing of canals and creek, monitoring plan, use of sucralose as tracer of leakage from septic systems, and positive sucralose presence locations.

Discussion took place regarding accuracy of numbers based on monthly population, nitrogen test results, regulatory safety numbers, and source of pollutants.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

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