



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 25, 2024

5:01 PM

City Commission Chambers

Budget

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:

Also present are: City Manager Fletcher, Assistant City Attorney Roberts, City Clerk Faust, Police Chief Garrison, and Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor White requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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: Expressed opposition to the budget.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**ORDINANCE - SECOND 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 called on the City Clerk to read by title and Sections 2.01 and 2.02.

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title and Sections 2.01 and 2.02.

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

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 Langdon, to adopt Ordinance No 2024-30 as presented. 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 called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding millage rate and budget increases within the City.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner

Emrich, to adopt Ordinance No 2024-31 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting due to increase of fees and reallocation of funds:

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 5:14 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk