



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes Road and Drainage District Governing Body

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Alice White, Vice Mayor

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

Phil Stokes, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:01 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Langdon called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Faust, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, and Public Works Director Speake

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Langdon requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Emrich, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:

Eric Vazquez: expressed opposition of assessment increase

In person public comment:

Karin Anderson: expressed opposition of assessment increase

Valdy Olender: expressed opposition of assessment increase

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Langdon announced the item, queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Stokes, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

- A. [23-1234](#) Approval of Minutes for the July 25, 2023 Road and Drainage District Special Meeting

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

RESOLUTION:

- A. [RES. NO. 2023-R-64](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, as the Governing Body of the North Port Road and Drainage District, Adopting a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Methodology; Adopting, Certifying, and Confirming the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and Capital Improvements Assessment Rates and Adopting and Certifying the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the North Port Road and Drainage District for Fiscal 2023-2024; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Langdon announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding definition clarity, private roads and private drainage, fund balance shortfall requirements, annual increase, fund balance replenishment plan, Holiday Park drainage maintenance, time frame to bring fund balance into compliance, and replenishment plan approval process and timeline.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell to instruct the City Manager to include the Road and Drainage Fund Balance Plan at the Road and Drainage District meeting being held September 21, 2023. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

In person public comment:

Yulia Muzychenko: did not comment but expressed opposition of assessment increase

Barb Schaeffer: did not comment but expressed opposition of assessment increase

Rob Schaeffer: did not comment but expressed opposition of assessment increase

Sharon Fay Arnold: did not comment but expressed opposition of assessment increase

Greg Culy: expressed opposition of assessment increase

Dwight Woodward: spoke to transparency and authority

Mr. Fletcher spoke to prior year budgets.

Commission questions took place regarding use of road and drainage funds.

Mayor Langdon closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Vice Mayor White, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-64 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting due to there being no fund balance plan being presented to Commission prior to adoption of the Road and Drainage budget:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

B. [RES. NO. 2023-R-56](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, as the Governing Body of the North Port Road and Drainage District, Adopting the Tentative Road and Drainage District Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023, and Ending September 30, 2024; Prescribing the Terms, Conditions, and Provisions with Respect to the Items of Appropriation and their Payment; Providing for Supplemental Appropriations and Reappropriations:Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Langdon announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Langdon closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-56 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting due to there being no fund balance plan being presented to Commission prior to adoption of the Road and Drainage budget:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:

Debra Snider: expressed opposition of assessment increase

In person public comment:

Dennelle Winnan: expressed concerns regarding drainage maintenance

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Langdon adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk