



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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

Thursday, June 27, 2024

3:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

Budget Workshop Continued

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and provided required notifications regarding conducting a hybrid meeting.

Commissioner Emrich stated he will be attending the hybrid meeting via Communications Media Technology (CMT) due to experiencing a medical condition.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the use of CMT for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

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 Jerome Fletcher, Deputy City Attorney Michael Golen, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Powell, Grants Division Manager Valerie Malingowski, Utilities Director Nancy Gallinaro, Development Services Director Alaina Ray, Information Technology Manager Eric Ryan, Police Chief Todd Garrison, and Fire Chief Scott Titus.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grants Division Manager Valerie Malingowski.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

G. [24-0873](#) CIP Parks and Recreation Department

Mayor White announced the item and spoke to item status.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Mullen Center roof replacement funding, Park Maintenance Building Complex funding appropriation, and canal and creek master plan status.

There was consensus to remove Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. P25CMP - Canal and Creek Master Plan Phase II from the CIP sheets.

There was no public comment.

H. [24-0874](#) CIP Utilities Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Utilities Administration Building update and construction timeline, status of wastewater line extension for Sumter Boulevard and Toledo Blade Boulevard, status of water pipeline for Woodhaven Drive and Toledo Blade Boulevard, status of water distribution system, and commercial development potential along Ortiz Boulevard.

There was no public comment.

I. [24-0875](#) CIP Fire Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding typographical error, future fire stations capital improvement project (CIP) designations, controlled medical supply dispenser impact fee usage, public safety communication equipment replacement funding status, and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) replacement.

There was no public comment.

J. [24-0876](#) CIP Police Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding recruitment techniques and license plate readers (LPR) replacement funding status.

There was no public comment.

K. [24-0877](#) CIP All Others

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding additional funding for West Villages Development Center, Building Department online permitting budgeted funds, status of City Manager office renovation, status of network infrastructure, Mullen Center roof replacement funding, and US 41 multimodal path amenities design including parking lot.

There was consensus to remove Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. R25SHV - Spring Haven Roadway Extension from the CIP sheets and reallocate the money as Road and Drainage sees fit.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to recommendations regarding an unimproved lot growth maintenance program.

Ms. Ray spoke to hurricane impacts on unimproved lots, growth maintenance process, and funding requirements of program.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding retroactive payment for work, program utilization comparison, additional cost to property owners, registration compliance enforcement, additional information required, payment options, dangerous tree definition, previously implemented program, staffing requirements, and legal review.

There was consensus to direct City Manager to work with staff to bring back a detailed proposal on implementing an unimproved lot registration and annual fee with Commissioner McDowell dissenting.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to recommendations regarding a Suncoast Technical College (STC) funding CIP designation.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding student development, conference center contribution, additional cost to taxpayers, and placeholder status.

There was no public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk