



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Road and Drainage District Governing Body

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

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 4:00 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:

Assistant City Manager Julie Bellia, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Heather Faust, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Powell, Police Captain Joe Fussell, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Trish Sturgess, and Public Works Director Chuck Speake

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Speake.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor White requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, 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:

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor White announced the item and queried the Assistant City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

- A.** [24-0178](#) Award Request for Bid No. 2024-21 for Right of Way Mowing, Trimming, and Litter Removal with TGA Equipment Inc., at the Unit Prices Indicated for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$439,474.00 for Fiscal Year 2025, and Authorize the City Manager to Approve Renewals in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions in the Solicitation.

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

- B.** [24-1401](#) Approve the July 23, 2024 Road and Drainage District Meeting Minutes

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

RESOLUTIONS:

- A.** [RES. NO. 2024-R-25](#) 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, Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Located on Irdell Terrace and Described as Tract R, 51st Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision, Sarasota County Property Appraiser Parcel Identification Number 1141260522; Incorporating Recitals; Providing for Filing of Documents; 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 Resolution by title only.

Ms. Bellia introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding parkland designation, fund usage, maintenance, map view, land usage intent, and surrounding parkland.

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 Resolution No. 2024-R-25 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to direct the City Manager to work with Parks and Recreation and Road and Drainage to bring back an agenda item at a future Commission meeting regarding parkland and Road and Drainage relative to the Irdell Terrace property designated in Resolution 2024-R-25.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding parkland study, Parks and Recreation master plan inclusion, Commission review, and staff input.

Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon spoke to concerns regarding comprehensive staff review of Parks and Recreation master plan and parkland study prior to further discussion of individual properties.

The motion carried on the following vote with Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon dissenting due to reasons stated:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell and Mayor White

No: 2 - Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

B. [RES. NO. 2024-R-43](#)

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, Amending the North Port Road and Drainage District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Reduction in Project Budgets in the Amount of \$2,918,947; Providing for Findings; Providing for Posting; 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 Resolution by title only.

Ms. Bellia introduced the item.

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 Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-R-43 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk