



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Road and Drainage District Governing Body

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Tuesday, October 22, 2019

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanks called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Commissioner Christopher Hanks, Mayor Debbie McDowell, Vice Mayor Jill Luke and Commissioner Pete Emrich
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Vanessa Carusone

### Also Present:

Assistant City Manager Carrie Branco, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Recording Secretary Susan Hale, Administrative Services Specialist Laura Reed, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Public Works Director Julie Bellia, Engineering Division Manager Gerardo Traverso, Project Engineer Ben Newman, and Operations & Maintenance Manager Charles Speake.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Branco.**

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Branco requested to pull General Business Item 19-1148 from the agenda.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor McDowell, to approve the agenda as amended removing General Business Item 19-1148. The motion carried by the following vote:***

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Hanks, Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke and Commissioner Emrich
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor McDowell, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Hanks, Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke and Commissioner Emrich

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

- A.** [19-1204](#) Approve Minutes for the September 5, 2019 Road and Drainage District Budget Hearing Meeting, September 19, 2019 Road and Drainage District Budget Hearing Meeting, and September 24, 2019 Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting Minutes.

*This item was approved on Consent.*

- B.** [19-1124](#) Approve Contract No. 2020-15; Road Culvert Replacement to David Kuxhausen Construction, LLC in the Amount of \$288,500.00 and Contingency in the Amount of \$28,850.00 for a Total Amount of \$317,350.00.

*This item was approved on Consent.*

### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- A.** [19-0965](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Price Boulevard Widening Project between Sumter Boulevard and Toledo Blade Boulevard, Two-Way Bi-Directional (Center) Turn Lane and Dedicated Left Turn Lanes - Stamped Concrete and Posted Speed Limit

Ms. Branco introduced the item.

Ms. Bellia provided cost differences between asphalt and stamped concrete, patterns, colors and funding sources.

Mr. Traverso spoke to engineering costs and fees, maintenance of stamped concrete vs. asphalt, and yellow traffic separators.

Ms. Bellia spoke to recurring cost and road maintenance.

Mr. Traverso explained resealing concrete vs. resurfacing asphalt including cost differences, flow of traffic changing at Chamberlain Boulevard, adding north and south lanes on all three intersections, final plans with depictions will be presented later, dye costs being insignificant, all medians on Price Boulevard will be raised, stamped asphalt longevity, costs for whole length of Price Boulevard vs. of intersections only vs. all asphalt, and all color variations and costs of stamped asphalt.

Concern was expressed regarding center median used as turn lane and maintenance costs for asphalt vs. concrete.

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to*

*direct the City Manager to work up an estimated construction cost using comparison of stamped, asphalt, stamped asphalt, with a cost for each, whether for dedicated turn lane or bi-directional lanes, also with maintenance costs for each and the longevity factor for each.*

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to amend the motion for staff to come back within three months. The motion to amend carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Hanks, Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke and Commissioner Emrich

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

*The main motion as amended carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Hanks, Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke and Commissioner Emrich

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to direct staff to provide a presentation regarding the intersections of Price Boulevard in three months. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Hanks, Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke and Commissioner Emrich

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

**B. [19-1081](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Prioritized List of Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization Project Funding Applications

Ms. Branco introduced the item.

Ms. Bellia presented Road & Drainage project priorities for the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Mr. Traverso spoke to justifying interchange locations, cost of interstate connections at Raintree Boulevard vs. Yorkshire Street, and sending an updated letter favoring Raintree Boulevard.

Mr. Newman spoke to funding schedule of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Ms. Bellia spoke to scheduling the project in the 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Mr. Newman explained additional options while waiting for MPO funding.

Ms. Bellia spoke to lack of funding sources, starting dates for Price Boulevard projects west of Sumter Boulevard, and MPO funding for the Myakkahatchee Creek bridge.

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to have the Prioritized List for the MPO in the following order as denoted on the Legislative text: 1. I-75 Yorkshire Street/Raintree Boulevard Interchange; 2. Price*

***Boulevard Bridge Over Myakkahatchee Creek; 3. Price Boulevard Widening, Sumter Boulevard to North Port High School/Heron Creek Middle School; 4. Emergency Evacuation Study; and 5. Biscayne Drive Multi-Use Path, Glenallen Boulevard to Ponce de Leon Boulevard.***

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to amend the motion to reverse the ranking 1. to read: I-75 Raintree Boulevard/Yorkshire Street Interchange; and also send a new letter correcting the last one sent. The motion to amend carried by the following vote:***

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Hanks, Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke and Commissioner Emrich

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

***The main motion as amended carried by the following vote:***

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Hanks, Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke and Commissioner Emrich

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

Ms. Branco spoke to sending the letter in a timely manner and updating the information to all entities involved.

**C. [19-1181](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Infrastructure for Public Access to Canals Including Boat Launches and Ramps**

Ms. Branco provided an overview.

Ms. Bellia presented options for boat ramps with locations and recommendations with pros and cons and financial impacts.

Commissioner Luke spoke to intent of the agenda item and recommended no action be taken.

Discussion ensued regarding primary purpose of canals, negative impacts and disruption of wildlife, concern regarding gasoline from boats and other chemicals sprayed in the canals.

Mr. Speake clarified chemicals used on canals are approved by the Federal Government, and no evidence of trace elements in fish.

**D. [19-1148](#) Cedar Grove Phase 1A Roads**

***This item was removed from the agenda.***

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Hanks adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida  
As the Governing Body of the Road and Drainage District

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Taylor, Interim City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.