



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Fire Rescue District Governing Body

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Tuesday, October 24, 2017

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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**NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the October 24, 2017 Fire Rescue District Governing Body Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.**

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Fire Rescue District Governing Body Meeting was called to order in the City Chambers at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates; Vice-Mayor Carusone; Commissioners Hanks, Luke and McDowell; City Attorney Slayton; Assistant City Manager Schult; City Clerk Adkins; Deputy City Clerk Peto and Police Chief Vespia.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.**

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Hanks to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor Carusone absent:*

**Yes:** 4 - Yates, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Hanks

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A.** [17-1405](#) Ordinance No. 2017-42, first reading, amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Fire Rescue District Budget.

*A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke to read Ordinance No. 2017-42 be read by title only. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor Carusone absent:*

**Yes:** 4 - Yates, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Hanks

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2017-42 by title only into the record and Assistant City Manager Schult provided an overview. There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued and it was noted that the City of North Port will be going through the process to recover the expenditures from F.E.M.A. as a result of Hurricane Irma.

*A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to continue Ordinance No. 2017-42 to the November 28, 2017 Fire Rescue District Governing Body Meeting for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor Carusone absent:*

**Yes:** 4 - Yates, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Hanks

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve Consent Agenda Items A and D pulling Items B and C for discussion. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor Carusone absent.*

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

- A.** [17-1411](#) Approval of Minutes for the January 24, 2017 Fire Rescue District Regular Meeting; August 10, 2017 Fire Rescue District Special Meeting; September 21, 2017 Fire Rescue District Special Meeting Budget Hearing.

It was noted that Vice-Mayor Carusone arrived at 4:07 p.m.

- B.** [17-1368](#) Single-source purchase of a Pierce Manufacturing replacement ladder truck from Ten-8 Fire Equipment of Bradenton, FL in the budgeted amount of \$857,113.00.

Assistant City Manager Schult provided an overview.

Addressing concerns Deputy Fire Chief Titus clarified the following: (1) there is no analysis for refurbishing equipment versus replacing the equipment in question. In the past there have been investigations regarding refurbishing equipment, which could be a possibility in the future for the ambulances; (2) surrounding areas which were contacted found the vehicles which were refurbished were problematic; (3) The National Fire Protection Association recommends a working 10 year front line for fire vehicles and 5 - 7 years for a backup vehicle. The North Port Fire Rescue District is beyond that recommendation; (4) the two North Port ladder trucks were purchased at the same time with one replaced in the previous year; (5) it is approximately a 10 month build time after the truck has been ordered. This will require the current older truck to be in operation until the new truck is built and delivered; (6) once the new vehicle is in operation, the older vehicle will go to auction with an independent company which will either broker the vehicle or buy the vehicle out right; (7) regarding the resale value, there is a large decrease in value around the 7 year mark. The last ladder vehicle sold for a price of approximately \$20,000.00; (8) the current truck to be replaced was placed in service in 2006; (9) considerations for replacing a vehicle include; a) the National Fire Protection Association recommendation; b) the number of miles and number of calls the vehicle has been used; c) maintenance cost is higher on older vehicles; d) down time and reliability on older vehicles are an issue. There was no public comment,

*A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carusone to approve Consent Agenda Item B. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 5 - Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Hanks

- C. [17-1397](#) Utilize the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicles Contract #25100000-16-1 to purchase one (1) 2018 Ford F-150 and two (2) Ford Explorers in the budgeted amount of \$84,737.95 for the Fire Department.

Assistant City Manager Schult provided an overview.

Addressing concerns, Deputy Fire Chief Titus clarified the following: (1) It was clarified that during the budget process, a reserve vehicle vehicle was requested and denied. There are reserve vehicles which are utilized when a vehicle is being repaired, but one of those reserve vehicles is a Ford Escape and has battery issues which would cost approximately \$8,000.00 to address; (2) the other vehicle utilized as a reserve vehicle is a Ford Escape which is unsafe for highway use and is designated for use by the Fire Marshall; (3) the third vehicle is a Ford F-150 pickup truck which is in not in good shape and could not be used as a staff vehicle in emergency situations; (4) the Ford Escape to be replaced has battery issues and is a hybrid. The battery replacement for this vehicle is approximately \$10,000.00. The cost of the paint and decals on a new vehicle is approximately \$10,000.00. The replaced vehicle would also require a new paint job and is currently being used by the Fire Inspector. There has been vehicle outsourcing done on this due to some repetitive repair concerns; (5) in replacing a vehicle it has to be considered the down time for repairs, the wear and tear on a vehicle and other issues which have been considered in requesting a vehicle replacement; (6) Commissioner McDowell stated that she could not support the replacement of vehicles until a study is complete regarding the scoring of vehicle conditions. It is understood that one vehicle is in need of replacement but she is not in agreement with the replacement of all three vehicles at this time. There was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carusone to approve Item 4.C. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons stated:***

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Luke and Hanks

**No:** 1 - Commissioner McDowell

- D. [17-1399](#) Utilize City of Tallahassee Florida Contract with Dana Safety Supply to purchase and install emergency vehicle associated equipment and graphics in two Fire vehicles in the amount of \$20,198.70 with an additional \$600 contingency for a total budgeted amount of \$20,798.70

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

## **6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no Commission Communications.

## **7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:**

There were no Administrative and Legal Reports.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port Fire Rescue District Governing Body Regular Meeting at 4:22 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida  
As the Governing Body of the North Port Fire Rescue

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Yates, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Fire Rescue District Governing Body Regular Meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018