



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

8:30 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Langdon called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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 Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Deputy Fire Chief Nick Herlihy, Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann, Finance Director Kimberly Williams, Public Works Director Chuck Speake, and Recording Secretary Matthew Powell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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Discussion Regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Assumptions, Projections and Priorities.

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including three-year fund balance changes, fiscal year (FY) 2023 fund balance analysis, general fund ad valorem assumptions, local municipalities and counties millage rate, FY 2022 taxable value, per capita revenue estimates, all funds, general fund key changes FY 2023 through FY 2024,

defining Commission priorities, FY 2023 adopted all funds and general fund budget by pillar, and City Manager considerations.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding weir repair cost estimate and timeline, division versus department designation, Natural Resource Manager, taxable value comparisons, effective versus adopted millage rate, infrastructure costs estimates, general fund estimated increases, sustainability fund reimbursement, prioritization of capital improvement projects, bond referendum options, water control structures inclusion in educational campaign, Road and Drainage fund balance policy future discussion timeline, taxable values annual comparison, Surtax IV annual details, Hurricane Ian budget amendment snapshot, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement, sources of revenue, general fund millage revenue versus expenses, requesting a snapshot of all revenues, communications reorganization impact on general fund and requesting breakdown of current versus proposed communications, interdepartmental transfer process, direct versus dotted line, future budget analysis discussion timeline, encouraging community involvement in budget process, long range financial planning, fiscal responsibility, and ranking priorities timeline.

Mr. Fletcher noted he will contact Mr. Thomas to discuss the timeline for the next Commission Strategic Planning Retreat Meeting regarding ranking priorities.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Langdon adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2023.