



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Fire Rescue District Governing Body

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 02-23-2016 Fire Rescue District Regular Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Present: Mayor Moore; Vice-Mayor DiFranco; Commissioners Cook, Jones and Yates; City Manager Lewis; City Attorney Moriarty; Deputy City Clerk Adkins; Recording Secretary Hale and Police Chief Vespia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor DiFranco, seconded by Commissioner Yates, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote::

Yes: 5 - Mayor Moore, Vice-Mayor DiFranco, Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Yates

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor DiFranco, seconded by Commissioner Yates, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Moore, Vice-Mayor DiFranco, Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Yates

- A.** [16-0087](#) Approval of the January 26, 2016 Fire Rescue District Meeting Minutes.
- B.** [16-0057](#) Procurement of new/replacement vehicles for Fire Rescue through Alan Jay Ford and Don Reid Ford, Inc. utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association & Florida Association of Counties Bid #15-23-0904 and City of Tallahassee contract #1489 in the amount of \$108,339.68.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A.** [16-0077](#) Discussion and possible action regarding the Fire Assessments for FY 2015-2016 .

Finance Director Lear provided an overview of the needed changes in the Fire Rescue District Governing Body Budget, noting that when the Fire Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Not-to-Exceed Rate Resolution was adopted in July, 2015, it contained the

wrong attachment reflecting a rate increase of 3% which, should have reflected a rate increase of 1%. When the Assessment Role was prepared, the consultants prepared the assessment with a 3% rate increase resulting in approximately \$160,000.00 which was not intended to be charged. Staff is requesting direction from the Commission to resolve this issue and have provided the Commission with three options to consider: (1) to issue Certificates of Correction through the Tax Collector's office correcting the rate to 1%; (2) the same process can be accomplished internally by the City; (3) to credit everyone's tax assessment next year. There was no public comment.

Subsequent to reviewing the options provided by staff, discussion ensued regarding: (1) clarification by Mr. Lear, who noted that of the approximately 72,000 properties effected by the rate increase, approximately 44,000 properties are entitled to a refund of less than \$1.50; approximately 26,000 properties are entitled to a refund up to \$5.00; approximately 160 properties are entitled to a refund of less than \$10.00, with a majority that need a correction of \$5.00 or less; (2) a 4th option would be to do nothing and not increase rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 when the budget process commences.

A motion was made by Commissioner Yates, seconded by Vice-Mayor DiFranco to direct staff to issue the credit for the difference of the monies owed back at the same time and in conjunction with the 2017 Budget process. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Jacqueline Moore, Vice-Mayor Rhonda DiFranco, Commissioner Cheryl Cook, Commissioner Tom Jones and Commissioner Linda Yates.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Moore adjourned the Fire Rescue District Governing Body Meeting at 4:12 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida
As the governing body of the North Port Fire Rescue District.

By: _____
Linda M. Yates, Mayor

Attest: _____
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Fire Rescue District Governing Body Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2017.