



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Thursday, September 21, 2017

6:00 PM

Special Meeting/Budget Hearing

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 09-21-2017 Road & Drainage Special Meeting Budget Hearing, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Road & Drainage District Special Meeting Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:38 p.m. in City Chambers by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates; Vice-Mayor Carusone; Commissioners Hanks, Luke and McDowell; City Manager Lear; City Attorney Slayton; City Clerk Adkins; Recording Secretary Hale and Police Chief Vespia.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT 6:39 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.

Greg Culy: all increases should be in line with inflation.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. [17-1330](#)

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-27, Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Road and Drainage District Budget.

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2017-27 into the record by title only and City Manager Lear provided a brief overview, and confirmed a 7.5% increase from last year which will be an increase of \$4.1 million from last year's budget. There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued: (1) the overall increase per household will be \$9; (2) it was stated that the non-Ad Valorem Assessment is not based on the value of the house, but is a fee for service, based on the value of a single family residential property.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-27, Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Road and

Drainage District Budget.

Discussion continued: (1) Commissioner McDowell voiced disagreement regarding Service Level Adjustment (SLA) 18-5001 because pipe crew #2 is not up to full capacity. A budget amendment can be made for pipe crew #3 when the time is right; (2) budget concerns were voiced, SLA 18-5001 will not be utilized this year and so it would be better next fiscal year, because many other projects are planned for this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Mayor Yates, to amend the budget, removing SLA 18-5001 and leaving the \$610,000 in the Reserve Fund Balance. The motion failed by the following vote with no reasons stated for dissenting:

Yes: 2 - Mayor Yates and Commissioner McDowell

No: 3 - Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner Luke

Mayor Yates: (1) was not supportive of the 7.5% increase; (2) the methodology was from 2013 and projected a 20% increase by 2018; (3) projections need to be reevaluated every year; (4) the methodology projections do not justify increasing assessments by 7.5%; (5) the increase far exceeds what is needed for the next five years for the capital acquisition; (6) concern was expressed regarding the transfer of \$1,320,000 to be put toward capital acquisition, which, over the next five years, we don't need; (7) the amount can be reduced substantially.

A vote was taken on the motion and the motion carried by the following vote with Mayor Yates and Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons previously stated:

Yes: 3 - Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner Luke

No: 2 - Mayor Yates and Commissioner McDowell

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Yates: Nothing to report.

Vice-Mayor Carusone: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hanks: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Luke: Nothing to report.

Commissioner McDowell: Nothing to report.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

City Manager Lear: Nothing to report.

City Attorney Slayton: Nothing to report.

City Clerk Adkins: Nothing to report.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Yates adjourned the Road & Drainage District Special Meeting Budget Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

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

By: _____
Linda M. Yates, Mayor

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

Minutes approved at the Road & Drainage District Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2017.