



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Fire Rescue District Governing Body

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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**NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 01-23-2018 Fire Rescue District Regular Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.**

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Fire Rescue District Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. in City Chambers by Mayor Carusone.

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Clerk Adkins.**

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

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

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

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**A. [18-021](#)** Ordinance No. 2018-03, first reading, amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Fire Rescue District Budget.

*A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yates, to read Ordinance No. 2018-03 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2018-03 into the record by title only. There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that the temporary position of the Fire and Life Safety Inspector is anticipated to last between nine to twelve months; (2) subsequent to a question, it was clarified that the inspector's salary is \$44,000 and because there are no

reserve vehicles available, a vehicle will also be requested; (3) it was stated that the Braves' project encompasses more than the stadium and the Inspector position will be active until the budget expires in October, 2018. If the position is needed longer it will be renewed through the budgetary process; (4) reasons for requesting a larger vehicle were explained; (5) confirmation was provided that the \$44,000 salary is within the new classification pay range; (6) the financial responsibilities of West Villages were noted and it was stated that inspection fees will help offset personnel costs; (7) it was confirmed that the salary was for the remainder of the fiscal year, includes equipment and the person hired could start immediately; (8) it was noted that this will be the third Fire and Life/Safety Inspector; (9) following a concern, it was explained that if the City's commercial pace doesn't accelerate as planned then the position may not be needed full time, and it is easier not to continue with a temporary position than to release a full-time employee; (10) it was stated that the project is being condensed because of a late start by the new construction company that was hired and the Braves' stadium may not open at the start of spring training as first anticipated; a schedule is expected soon.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to continue Ordinance No. 2018-03 to the February 13, 2018 Fire Rescue District Special Meeting for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

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

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

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

- A. [18-033](#) Approval of minutes for the September 7, 2017 Fire Rescue District Special Meeting Budget Hearing.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

#### **6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner McDowell: expressed appreciation to Fire Chief Taaffe on his retirement.

Vice-Mayor Yates: expressed appreciation to Fire Chief Taaffe on his retirement.

Mayor Carusone: expressed appreciation to Fire Chief Taaffe on his retirement.

Fire Chef Taaffe articulated gratitude for working for the City and in the community.

Commissioner Luke: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hanks: Nothing to report.

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

There were no Administrative or Legal Reports.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Carusone adjourned the North Port Fire Rescue District Governing Body at 4:42 p.m.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

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

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