



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 11-27-2018 Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. in City Commission Chambers by Mayor Hanks.

Present: Mayor Hanks; Vice-Mayor McDowell; Commissioners Luke and Emrich, City Manager Lear; City Attorney Slayton; Recording Secretary Hale; Police Chief Garrison and Fire Chief Titus.

Absent: Commissioner Carusone.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

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

Yes: 4 - Mayor Hanks, Vice-Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Emrich

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was held 4:10 p.m. - 4:12 p.m.
Chuck English: Myakkahatchee Creek and flood plain.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [18-814](#)

City Commission Directive: South Biscayne Drive Median Landscape Project Information and Site Plans

City Manager Lear gave an overview of the item. Public Works Director Bellia provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was explained that notching has been made in the curbing to help with the drainage issues, and a Royal Palm has been planted as they are a better choice for the wet beds; (2) a weed barrier was not included in the original design and would not be effective due to the number of plantings; (3) the architect was Johnson Engineering located in Fort Myers; (4) there is approximately \$50,000 in the budget for the Biscayne restoration project; (5) a request for quotes will go out after the

Beautification Advisory Board makes recommendation; (6) an overview was provided regarding the process of addressing deficiencies with the vendor and releasing them from the Biscayne portion of their contract; (7) it was noted that the scope of services provided for mowing in L4; (8) concern was expressed that the vendor had received payment during the time that the City took over maintenance, incurring a duplicate expense from July to November, and that the area continues to be unacceptable; (9) it was explained that the vendor no longer provides any services for Biscayne Drive, and that there was a payment reduction of one-month by half a cycle; (10) it was suggested that a scaled back version of Ms. Accardi's recommendation be implemented in place of the mulch.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alicia Accardi: planting in medians versus groomed landscaping, gave reasons for plants she selected.

Discussion continued: (1) Ms. Accardi explained that the suggested native plants are perennial and are in bloom from two to eight months, it was noted that the plants selected should have low ground growth; (2) it was clarified that travel time for employees is included in the maintenance cost and lunch breaks are not; (3) Vice-Mayor McDowell expressed concern that she is reluctant to move forward with any more plantings because of what has already happened, an exorbitant amount of money, time and energy has been spent for this project, though it had good intentions it has failed, and that the cure will still result in the current status, no one can ensure that the recommendations can solve the problem; (4) it was explained that the selected plants are small, fast growing and will choke-out the weeds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to have staff follow the recommendations of Ms. Accardi and the Beautification and Tree/Scenic Highway (BTSH) Committee, as well as implementing the program for caring for it this year so that next year we can review it to see if it needs to be in-house or sourced out. The motion carried by the following vote, with Commissioner Carusone absent and Vice-Mayor McDowell dissenting for reasons stated:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Emrich

No: 1 - Vice-Mayor McDowell

Discussion continued: (1) Vice-Mayor McDowell stated she dissented because there is no plan and it will end up back to the current status, planting hundreds of plants in the exact same place that just had hundreds of plantings that need time to grow, maintenance has already been paid twice and it still isn't being maintained, it was suggested to mow it down, plant grass, put in a few pockets of flowers and be done with it.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

After a request by the Mayor, the Commission determined that they would like to pull Consent Agenda items C, D, F and G for discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, E and H. The motion carried by the following vote, with Commissioner Carusone absent:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Hanks, Vice-Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Emrich

- A. [18-847](#) Approval of Minutes for the October 23, 2018 Road & Drainage District Regular Meeting, November 5, 2018 Road & Drainage District Regular Meeting.
- B. [18-791](#) Purchase one (1) new International MV Truck from Sun State International Trucks, LLC. in the estimated amount of \$184,065.00.
- C. [18-781](#) Purchase one (1) replacement Ford F-750 Dump Truck for an estimated \$79,109.17, one (1) replacement Ford F-250 for an estimated \$31,496.53, and one (1) replacement F-150 for an estimated \$26,028.93 for an estimated grand total of \$136,634.63 from Beck Auto Sales, Inc.

Discussion ensued: (1) Vice-Mayor McDowell stated that her comments regarding items C and D are combined, and that she has met with the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager regarding her concerns of the inconsistencies of the repair history logs and the validity of the score sheets, that the City Manager appeared to agree with her concerns and assured her that her concerns will be resolved, and because she cannot be 100% sure that the vehicles need immediate replacement, she will not be voting for replacement of the vehicles. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve Consent Agenda items C and D. The motion carried by the following vote, with Commissioner Carusone absent and Vice-Mayor McDowell dissenting for reasons stated:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Emrich

No: 1 - Vice-Mayor McDowell

- D. [18-793](#) Purchase one (1) replacement Ford F-150 truck from Coggin Ford in the estimated amount of \$28,975.00.

DISCUSSED UNDER ITEM C.

- E. [18-797](#) Contract Amendment No. 1 to increase the cost of Contract No. 2018-33, 2018 Routine Road Maintenance Project with Preferred Materials, Inc. by \$300,000.00.

- F. [18-661](#) Agreement No. 2018-21, Professional Engineering Services for the Biscayne Drive Bicycle Lanes Extension, Elyton Drive to Glenallen Boulevard to Charlotte Engineering and Surveying, Inc. in the amount of \$124,244.00

Discussion ensued: (1) the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget is \$1,300,000 to construct the bike lanes and this is a conservative estimate; (2) it was clarified that the budget and construction plans include bike lanes for both sides of North Biscayne Drive; (3) quarterly reimbursement requests will be made to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the intent is they will be reimbursing 100% of the costs as noted in Exhibit B; (4) the design and construction contract will be coming to the Commission, if costs based on the design exceed the budgeted amount it would have to come before the Commission to move forward. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to

approve Consent Agenda item F. The motion carried by the following vote, with Commissioner Carusone absent:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Hanks, Vice-Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Emrich

G. [18-646](#)

Contract No.2018-61 Eldron Avenue/Crittendon Street Sidewalk Project to Marquee Development, Inc. in the amount of \$911,645.75 plus a contingency amount of \$50,000.00 for a total of \$961,645.75.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was clarified that the contract provides for liquidated damages of \$1,665 per day if the vendor does not meet the contract deadline; (2) it was explained that the contractor will provide traffic control and all necessary barricade equipment, they also assume liability; (3) the starting date for the project will be determined after the pre-construction meeting; (4) it was noted that staff will be having a neighborhood meeting with the residents before constructions starts. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to approve Consent Agenda item G. The motion carried by the following vote, with Commissioner Carusone absent:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Hanks, Vice-Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Emrich

H. [18-765](#)

Request for Bid No. 2019-15 for Concrete Catch Basins Build and Deliver to Coastal Precast of Florida, Inc. at the unit prices listed on the bid tabulation form, on an "as-required basis" per the terms and conditions in the solicitation.

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 Hanks adjourned the North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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

By: _____
Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kathryn Peto, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting this ____ day of
_____, 2018.