



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

12:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 12-11-2018 Road and Drainage District Special 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 Special Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. in City Commission Chambers by Mayor Hanks.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [18-476](#)

Price Boulevard, from East of Sumter Boulevard to West of Toledo Blade Boulevard Traffic Study and Right Turn Lane Evaluation Revised October 2018

City Manager Lear gave an overview of the item. Public Works Director Bellia and Project Engineer Newman provided a presentation.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was explained that if Price Boulevard remained a two-lane road the addition of right-hand turn lanes would be an improvement but not substantial enough to justify the cost and inconvenience; (2) it was noted that the revised copy of the professional engineering certificate is lacking a signature and staff will make sure it gets signed; (3) approval of the study is necessary because the Commission requested the study and the information can be used for future reference; (4) turn lanes will need to be constructed at the intersections of Cranberry Boulevard and Chamberlain Boulevard; (5) the plan is to start the road widening project in 2020 and it will be finished in 12 to 18 months; (6) it was explained that the year 2042 is referenced in the report because traffic

projections are based on a 20-year period; (7) a suggestion was made to change the wording in the introduction as the wording sounds as though the project won't be designed until 2042; (8) concern was expressed that the report is not self-explanatory and should have been written for the public to understand. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to approve the Price Boulevard right-turn lane evaluation.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to amend the motion making it contingent upon the engineer signing the actual document. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to amend the motion to have staff or the engineer to define what design year 2042 actually means in layman terms in the introduction section of the report. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A vote was taken on the main motion, as twice amended, to approve the Price Boulevard right-turn lane evaluation, making it contingent upon the engineer signing the actual document and to have staff or the engineer to define what design year 2042 actually means in layman terms in the introduction section of the report. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. [18-848](#)

Price Boulevard, from Biscayne Drive to Orlando Boulevard, Traffic Study and Speed Limit Evaluation, City of North Port, Florida, Revised October 2018.

City Manager Lear gave an overview of the item. Public Works Director Bellia and Project Engineer Newman provided a presentation.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that the engineer's signature is missing from the report; (2) it takes approximately one hour per sign for installation, and the cost of signs will be provided to the Commission; (3) the speed limit signs from Biscayne Boulevard to Glenallen Boulevard and from Glenallen Boulevard to Hyder Terrace will be changed, signage updates from Butler Park to Eagles Flight Way and Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard have been completed and signage from Toledo Blade Boulevard to Atwater Drive will be reviewed to see if that portion is done; (4) the Police Department is aware of the speed change, they have assigned a new traffic unit to the area and will monitoring for enforcement; (5) a suggestion was made that a memo be sent to the Commission regarding enforcement updates for that area; (6) concern was expressed that the study came back with lower numbers and kept the speed higher. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the speed study presented contingent upon the engineer's signature, and giving City Manager authorization to complete the remaining recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner McDowell: (1) concern was expressed that the study reflects that people are by far exceeding the speed limit on Price Boulevard and enforcement will be needed; (2) it was suggested that the City Manager provide a memo regarding tactics and enforcement of the speed limit on Price Boulevard; (3) it was noted that the speed trailers track statistical data and that the City Manager will work with Police Chief Garrison regarding enforcement measures and provide a memo to the Commission.

There was a consensus by majority for the City Manager to provide a memo to the Commission regarding enforcement of the speed limit on Price Boulevard.

Commissioner McDowell: (1) a suggestion was made to have the stop light at Salford Boulevard tweaked because the timing is too short; (2) concern was expressed regarding vehicles making a left-hand turn when exiting the Walmart Neighborhood Market roadway at Price Boulevard.

Discussion ensued: (1) there is signage for no left turn and traffic delineators have been placed there, staff will discuss with the Police Department to see if there is another solution to prevent left-hand turns at that location; (2) it was opined that the intersection is a cross street to City Hall and at some point it may be opened for crossover traffic.

No other reports were given.

There was a unanimous consensus to have the City Manager instruct staff to look into preventing left-hand turns from the access road on Price Boulevard.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hanks adjourned the North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting at 12:39 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 _____, 2019.