



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

The North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. in City Commission Chambers by Mayor Hanks.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Christopher Hanks, Vice-Mayor Debbie McDowell, Commissioner Jill Luke, Commissioner Pete Emrich and Commissioner Vanessa Carusone

Also present:

City Manager Peter Lear, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Katy Wong, Recording Secretary Laura Reed, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Neighborhood Development Services Director Frank Miles, Planning Division Manager Nicole Galehouse, Public Works Director Julie Bellia, Public Works Operator and Maintenance Manager Chuck Speake, Project Engineer Benjamin Newman and Engineering Division Manager Gerardo Traverso.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Emrich.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Luke, 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:

Public comment was held 4:06 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Nancy Fisher: safety concerns with Price Boulevard project and the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC)

Justin Willis: appointment to the Charter Review Advisory Board

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Consent Agenda items A and B as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- A. [19-0427](#) Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2019 Road & Drainage District Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on Consent.

- B. [19-0278](#) Acceptance of Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement Contracts Resulting from Hurricane Irma

This item was approved on Consent.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. [19-0307](#) US41 Signalized Intersections Traffic Signal Poles and Mast Arms - Painting City Center Green

Mr. Lear introduced the item.

Ms. Bellia gave an overview regarding Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirement for an interlocal agreement to paint signal poles and mast arms green at five of the U.S. 41 signalized intersections, and is seeking Commission direction regarding budgeting for fiscal year 2020 and forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the total count of 19 poles at Sumter Boulevard, Sumter Crossing, Salford Boulevard, Corradino Boulevard and Islandwalk Circle, and that interpretation of the pattern book requirement for painting City Center green excludes public infrastructure such as traffic signals and street lights.

Ms. Bellia stated that street lights installed by the City or a developer within the state right-of-way are the property and responsibility of the City, and an interlocal agreement with FDOT is required for painting the light poles.

Ms. Bellia spoke to the agreement with FDOT providing funding of \$4,876 per intersection for maintenance of signals not include painting.

Mr. Lear addressed the project time-line, costs being budgeted for next year, the 90-day procurement process, two to three months for painting, and project estimated completion being one-year from now.

Ms. Galehouse explained the West Villages has their own pattern book requiring their streetlights to be painted black, and excluding the two intersections at West Villages the cost would be \$75,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Justin Willis: spoke to the coloring of poles, aesthetics and questioned any warranties are in effect

Steve Nappi: cost versus aesthetics of painting poles, painting older versus newer galvanized poles

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to direct staff to allocate \$75,000 for a budget amendment for this year to paint only the three street light intersections within the Activity Center along U.S. 41, City Center green, and to procure as soon as that goes through, and then repaint as needed.

Discussion ensued regarding warranty being included during procurement process.

Vice-Mayor McDowell expressed concern that West Villages is within North Port and community standards should be applied all along U.S. 41, that funds could be spent on amenities and street lights where needed, aesthetics important on main corridors, not U.S. 41.

Commissioner Luke expressed concern for infrastructure needed in the City such as lighting and sidewalks, and to uphold the current interpretation regarding aesthetics.

The motion carried by the following vote, with Vice-Mayor McDowell and Commissioner Luke dissenting for reasons stated:

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

No: 2 - Vice-Mayor McDowell and Commissioner Luke

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to direct staff to require any development, from this point forward, within the U.S. 41 corridor, in this specific Activity Center, to be the same City Center green, for consistency and clarity.

Ms. Bellia suggested this requirement also be included in the pattern book rather than be left to interpretation.

Ms. Slayton explained Commission can direct staff to bring this portion back, that approving plans for pattern books, special developments and changes to the Code require Planning and Zoning Advisory Board (PZAB) review and two public hearings.

Following discussion Commissioner Emrich withdrew his second and Commissioner Carusone restated the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to have staff bring back whatever means necessary to require the street lighting within the U.S. 41 corridor and Activity Center to be City Center green, including traffic signals, intersection signals, any other signals, as well as the signs.

Ms. Bellia clarified that this will include green pedestrian crossing poles and blue signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Justin Willis: thanked the Commission, project important to citizens

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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 or Legal Reports.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hanks adjourned the North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting at 5:07 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 Wong, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2019.