



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Solid Waste District Governing Body

Thursday, June 20, 2019

5:30 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:46 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Christopher Hanks, Vice-Mayor Debbie McDowell, Commissioner Jill Luke and Commissioner Pete Emrich

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Vanessa Carusone

Also Present

City Manager Peter Lear, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Deputy City Clerk Heather Taylor, Public Works Director Julie Bellia, and Solid Waste Manager Frank Lama

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Carusone

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. [19-0586](#) Resolution No. 2019-R-12, Establishing the Solid Waste District Not-to-Exceed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate for Fiscal Year 2020 at \$249.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, for the Clerk to read the Resolution by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Carusone

Ms. Taylor read the resolution by title only.

Mr. Lear introduced the item.

Ms. Bellia provided an overview of item including providing utmost service to residents and commercial customers, expected increases in fees justifying the requested 8 percent increase equating to 36.5 cents per week and about \$19.00 year and going from \$230.00 to \$249.00 per year.

Mr. Lama replied to Commission questions regarding when to expect commercial increases and annual evaluation of commercial customers.

Mr. Lear noted there are two accounts for residential and commercial, the ability to only charge commercial for fees and charges specifically associated with commercial use, and that the opportunity to address commercial fees is during the city-wide fee ordinance hearing in July.

Mr. Lama reviewed the comparison in numbers from last year to this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to approve Resolution 2019-R-12 establishing the Solid Waste District not-to-exceed non-ad valorem assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2020 at \$249.00.

Discussion followed regarding being lowered to \$230.00 for two years, impact of no increase for recycling last year, amount being considerably lower than it was 10 years ago, acknowledgement of public works staff, and community output.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Carusone

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Luke reflected on last year's budget absorbing growth and level of service, prior years budget statistics, and benefits of minimal increase over the years.

Vice Mayor McDowell spoke to upcoming steps to the budget process.

Commissioner Luke noted there is a cost for level of service.

Commissioner Emrich spoke to future budget meetings.

Mayor Hanks acknowledged City Staff.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Mr. Lear spoke to staff's team effort in the budget process.

Ms. Slayton and Ms. Taylor did not have a report.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hanks adjourned the North Port Solid Waste District Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

City of North Port, Florida

As the Governing Body of the North Port Solid Waste District

By: _____
Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved at the _____ Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2019.