



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

12:00 PM

Special Meeting

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 02-27-2018 MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Road and Drainage District Governing Body Meeting was called to order in the City Chambers at 12:10 p.m. by Mayor Carusone.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

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

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

2 PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. [17-1528](#)

Ordinance No. 2017-47, second reading, amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Road and Drainage District Budget.

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2017-47 by title only into the record. Therafter, City Manager Lear provided an overview noting that the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has accepted the pay plan which will be included in the AFSCME negotiations.

Discussion ensued: (1) Vice-Mayor Yates stated that she is in support of fixing the job compensation classifications but cannot support the approval of Ordinance No. 2017-47 for the following reasons: (a) we are approving the budget amendment now and once the budget amendment is approved the Commission will not have the ability to express any concerns regarding some of the things that were pointed out in the draft compensation study including some over market and under market salaries; (d) would like to review the final compensation plan to discuss some concerns before approving the budget

amendment; (2) City Manager Lear clarified that the job classification appeal process has started in the past week and there are no appeals filed as of this date; (3) the Commission and the City Manager could review some of the appeal criteria; (4) approving the budget amendment at this meeting will not prevent any concerns being addressed through the City Manager and all the positions will be approved in the budget process every year; (5) job reclassification can be done at any time as necessary. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve Ordinance No. 2017-47. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor dissenting for reasons stated:

Yes: 4 - Carusone, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

No: 1 - Vice-Mayor Yates

B. [17-1524](#)

Resolution 2017-R-40 providing adoption of the Local Agency Program Agreement for the Biscayne Drive Bike Lane/Sidewalks from Elyton Drive to Glenallen Boulevard Project in the amount of \$1,342,351.00.

City Clerk Adkins read Resolution 2017-R-40 by title only into the record. Thereafter, City Manager Lear and Public Works Director Bellia provided an overview.

Discussion ensued: (1) the \$1.3 million is a re-imbursement grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); (2) the amount was determined in conjunction with FDOT reviewing certain criteria including the area of construction, the limits, etc; (3) this amount is for extending the roadway into the right-of-way extending the bike lane, drainage and other construction criteria; (4) the \$1.3 million is for the north bound side of the road only; (4) Project Engineer Newman collaborated with the FDOT engineers to determine the \$1.3 million construction estimate; (5) upon approval of Resolution 2017-R-40, which approves the agreement with FDOT, the Procurement Process and design will begin; (6) the estimated construction date for this project is Fiscal Year 2019/2020; (7) it was clarified that in Fiscal Year 2017/2018 design and permitting will occur and Fiscal Year 2019/2010 will be the actual construction; (8) according to the agreement if costs go over the \$1.3 million, the City would cover those costs; (9) prior to the actual project construction, the City could re-evaluate the situation and elect not to move forward. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yates, to approve Resolution 2017-R-40. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yates to approve Consent Agenda Item A pulling Item B for discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. [17-1488](#)

Contract No. 2018-06 between the City of North Port and V & H Construction Inc. for Water Control Structure (WCS) No. 115 Replacement Project in the amount of \$1,064,496.00 plus contingency funding of

106,449.60 for a total of \$1,170,945.60. The project was budgeted and funding is available in Fiscal Year 2018.

B. [17-1514](#)

Utilize Rightmire's Land Services, Inc. for the mowing and landscaping services on Sumter Boulevard, Toledo Blade Boulevard, and other areas on an as needed basis for the estimated amount of \$174,780 plus an additional \$30,000 in contingency ending on or before March 31, 2018. Funds are budgeted in account number 107-5000-541.46-09 of the fiscal year 2018 budget.

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was clarified that the \$174,780.00 is to enable Rightmire's Land Services, Inc. to continue mowing and landscaping services on Sumter and Toledo Blade Boulevards until March 31, 2018; (2) it was noted that the scope of work for the mowing and landscaping contract was provided; (3) it was explained that the Public Works Department has been doing abatement mowing on Panacea Boulevard and Plantation Boulevard for Neighborhood Development Services who then allocates funds to Public Works for those services. Neighborhood Development Services will send an invoice to the Woodlands CDD and Huntington National for the cost of the mowing services; (4) per Commission direction, this service will be included in the City's maintenance program for the Woodlands CDD. The portion of Panacea Boulevard which is not owned by the Woodlands CDD, will be the responsibility of the owner for the mowing and landscaping. If the private owned portion is not maintained, the City will preform the mowing and landscaping services and bill the owner for these services; (5) it was clarified that the City is maintaining areas along US41 which are City green strips and are not in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) right-of-way area. There are some of the center medians that the City has enhanced and is now responsible for maintaining; (6) Public Works Director Bellia stated she will contact FDOT regarding the mowing issues at the WalMart and Cocoplum Village Shops for which FDOT is responsible.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commission McDowell to approve the Rightmire's Land Services, Inc. amendment as listed in Consent Agenda Item B. The motion carried as follows:

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

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 Carusone adjourned the North Port Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Special Meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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

By: _____
Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

Attest: _____
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

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