



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 05-22-2018 MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Road & Drainage District Governing Body Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. in City Chambers by Mayor Carusone.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment was held 4:14 p.m. - 4:16 p.m.
Nancy Fisher: Support of the Complete Street Initiative.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. [18-103](#)

Resolution No. 2018-R-08 Transportation On System Post Project Maintenance Agreement Between Florida Department of Transportation and City of North Port, and Letter of Consent

City Clerk Adkins read Resolution No. 2018-R-08 into the record by title only and City Manager Lear provided an overview and Public Works Director Bellia provided a PowerPoint presentation and requested that the Commission authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Consent. Additionally, the title block of the Resolution states: "provides for recording" but there is no recording section in the Resolution. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) confirmed that it is not a requirement and Staff requested to delete that portion of the Resolution.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was stated that FDOT will consider the multi-use trail from Tuscola Boulevard to River Road at the time U.S. 41 is widened between those two points; (2) the last time there was a City amenity in the FDOT right-of-way the City was responsible to remove and relocate it, however, more research is needed regarding this project because the multi-use trail is not an amenity that was part of the Interlocal Agreement with FDOT; (3) if the sidewalk is reduced to 9-feet, it would no longer be

considered a multi-use path but if it is found that there are right-of-way constraints, FDOT allows it to be 8-feet wide; (4) angle parking on U.S. 41 between Espanola Avenue and North Port Boulevard can be included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and it was confirmed that there is room to accommodate the parking; (5) this grant does not include lighting but it could be included in future CIP funding; (6) annual maintenance for the multi-use trail is approximated at \$4,500 for the entire length on both sides; (7) after it was stated that FDOT has indicated that widening this length of U.S. 41 is not in its 10-year plan, Paragraph 10 in the Resolution was quoted that FDOT may remove, relocate or adjust the multi-use trail any time in the future as deemed necessary and Paragraphs 8 and 9 state when FDOT can require the City to remove the trail project; (8) although the project is time sensitive and because of the benefit and safety aspect to residents, it is improbable that FDOT will discard the pathways and not replace them when another segment of U.S. 41 is widened; (9) the project is funded 100% by an FDOT grant; (10) there is nothing binding in the Agreement that obligates the State to replace any pathways that are removed; (11) the original grant application included lighting but FDOT did not incorporate that into the project so any future funding application will be submitted to include lighting; (12) lighting cannot be done concurrently because FDOT is too far ahead of the City in its procurement process; (13) the last reference to "existing sidewalks" in the second Whereas statement will be changed to "proposed multi-use path; and"; (14) FDOT's project will not prevent the City from installing future light fixtures and other amenities; (15) it was stated that this is not connected to the Florida Sun Trail; (16) FDOT mandated that if changes are made to reduce the current spacing between the lights the grant funding for the multi-purpose paths will be lost; (17) it was stated that the City engineering plan is to use LED bulbs so that the lighting is less intense and electricity costs will decrease; (18) another option is to install the lights on City property as opposed to on FDOT property; (19) most sidewalks in the City are 10-feet wide.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Yates, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Resolution No. 2018-R-08 Transportation On System Post Project Maintenance Agreement Between Florida Department of Transportation and City of North Port, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Consent with the following changes to the second Whereas to read: "Whereas existing sidewalks within the segment of US41 described above are predominately on City property in the same alignment as the proposed multi-use path"; in addition, to remove from the title "provides for recording."

Discussion continued: (1) the change in the title will not require additional updates to the Resolution; (2) Mayor Carusone voiced concerns regarding: [a] will the grant funding outweigh the cost to bring other amenities of the trail up to City standards; [b] who is responsible if something happens to someone on the path while it is not illuminated; and [c] stated she cannot support the motion.

A vote on the motion carried by the following vote with Mayor Carusone dissenting for reasons stated:

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

No: 1 - Mayor Carusone

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Yates, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to bring back a plan for addressing the lights and other amenities on the City-side of that sidewalk project, along with cost estimates and location of where to find that funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [18-145](#)

Price Boulevard Widening Project: Typical Roadway Cross Section between Sumter Boulevard and Toledo Blade Boulevard.

City Manager Lear, Public Works Director Bellia and Engineering Division Manager Traverso provided an overview of the item including a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thomas Renner: opposed the three road proposals.

Roger Shoch: bicycle traffic on Price Boulevard.

Kevin Fitzgerald: traffic congestion on Price Boulevard.

Steve Nappi: types of curbing.

Steve Benko: opposed widening the road.

Nancy Fisher: difficulty for mail and garbage pickup.

Imad Laham: widening is a temporary solution.

Randal Prater: homeowner safety not considered.

Kishore Kanumuri: traffic noise on Price Boulevard.

Justin Willis: favored a land bank.

Recess 5:44 p.m. - 6:04 p.m.

Discussion ensued: (1) the DROP CURB option in the driveways will not be paved separately but will be included with the parent Type E Curbing between driveways; (2) it was suggested to remove the bike lane and expand the sidewalk; (3) service delivery vehicles will use the 4-foot strip comprised of a 2-foot Utility Strip B, and 2-foot curb and gutter unless the driveway or side of the driveway is available; (4) quick stop service vehicles can park in the bike lane however, long-term service vehicles must use the 5-foot Utility Strip A, and must leave a 4-foot clear opening on the sidewalk for ADA access; (5) it was confirmed that the Percentage of Build-out Map requested by Commissioner Luke was hand delivered to all Commissioners yesterday; (6) the suggested option of a 3-lane road with a center turn lane to accommodate vehicle parking in swales does not address the "over capacity" issues Price Boulevard has experienced for years; (7) the change in capacity from 2013 to 2014 was due to changing from the FDOT Capacity Tables for the Level of Service to basing it on Art Plan, which is a software program to calculate Level of Service Capacity; (8) it was suggested to modify Option 3, for a multi-modal use that will accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, and service vehicles by eliminating the Bike Lane and adding 2-feet to the Sidewalk and 3-feet to the Utility Strip; (9) concern was expressed that all three options pose the same problem with larger vehicles having to use the travel lane and bike lane to park due to inadequate space to pull off the road; (10) it was confirmed that the proposed curbing allows for wildlife concerns; (11) it was stated that the width of the access road on Sumter Boulevard is 16-feet; (12) taking Sumter Boulevard as an example, if the 5-foot Bicycle Lane, the 2-foot Curb & Gutter, the 2-foot Utility Strip B, the 5-foot Sidewalk and the 5-foot Utility Strip A were reconfigured: [a] it could leave a 3-foot Utility Strip A, and 19-feet to accommodate a side street with 3-feet left over for a vegetation barrier; [b] it could leave 11-feet for a side street plus a 5-foot sidewalk in the Utility Strip that abuts the property, plus 3-feet for Curb & Gutter/Utility Strip A; (13) adding a frontage road will impact the retention pond size because the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) does not count sidewalks or bike lanes as an impervious surface but does count travel lanes as an impervious surface; (14) it was stated that a 100-foot right-of-way will infringe on the frontage of most residential property; (15) Commissioner Hanks expressed concerns that: [a] purchasing the homes is only going to get more expensive and a land bank is something that needs

to be done in order to accomplish the Commission's direction to have an access road; [b] bringing back more options is a waste of time; [c] a financial feasibility study is essential before considering additional options; [d] decide now how much we are willing to spend, how much money does it take and then decide; (16) buying only one side of the roadway will require a feasibility study; (17) it was stated that the pattern for this segment of Price Boulevard will determine how the other segments are developed; (18) after a discussion of options, Commission considerations consist of: [a] removing the Bike Lane, so that the Curb & Gutter and Utility Strip B about the Travel Lane, add 3-feet to Utility Strip A and add to the Sidewalk; [b] removing the Bike Lane, keep the Curb & Gutter and Utility Strip B, then everything from there to the property line an access road; (19) after it was stated that the template for Price Boulevard will be used on Chamberlain, Cranberry and Salford Boulevards, clarification was provided that Price Boulevard is an arterial road and Chamberlain, Cranberry and Salford Boulevards are collector roads; (20) Commissioner McDowell stated she would never approve a 5-lane road on Price Boulevard.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Yates, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to bring back a design that will eliminate the Bicycle Lane and adjust the Sidewalk as well as the Utility Strips. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons stated.

Yes: 3 - Mayor Carusone, Vice-Mayor Yates and Commissioner Luke

No: 2 - Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

Discussion ensued: (1) it was stated that directions to Staff will be presented to the Commission by the April 24, 2018 Meeting; (2) Commissioner Luke will not support a motion that increases a five-lane road into seven lanes; (3) Commissioner Hanks supports the idea of an access road but articulated that the access road is not feasible without the consideration of having a land bank and acquiring property and Price Boulevard will look like U.S. 41.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Yates, seconded by Mayor Carusone, to direct staff to bring back an option for removing the 5-foot Bike Lane and from the Curb & Gutter to property line adjusting everything to create an access road. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner Hank and Commissioner Luke dissenting for reasons previously stated.

Yes: 3 - Mayor Carusone, Vice-Mayor Yates and Commissioner McDowell

No: 2 - Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner Luke

Commissioner McDowell stated she did not support the City purchasing property on Price Boulevard.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Yates, seconded by Mayor Carusone, to direct Staff to bring back an option with the feasibility for purchasing one side of Price Boulevard from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard with discretion for alternatives. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons stated.

Yes: 4 - Mayor Carusone, Vice-Mayor Yates, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner Luke

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

Discussion ensued: (1) it was suggested to research the feasibility of a Road Diet Option for a service lane; (2) after Staff requested that additional time be granted for this additional research, it was stated that Staff will have the data ready to present to the Commission at the first meeting in May; (3) Mayor Carusone voiced concern that a Road

Diet Option will not address the capacity issue on Price Boulevard.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yates, to direct Staff to come back with a feasibility design using the Road Diet Plan from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard, with one lane in each direction with a center turn lane, service lanes and multi-modal pathway. The motion failed by the following vote with Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner Luke dissenting for reasons stated.

Yes: 2 - Vice-Mayor Yates and Commissioner McDowell

No: 3 - Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner Luke

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

- A. [18-179](#) Approval of minutes of the November 28, 2017 Road & Drainage District Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. [18-138](#) Approve Request for Bid No. 2018-36 for Sod and Hydroseed – Supply, Deliver and/or Install to Perez Trucking and Sod, Inc. at the unit prices listed on the bid tabulation form.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no Commission communications.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

There were no Administrative or Legal reports.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Carusone adjourned the Road & Drainage District Regular Meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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

By: _____
Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

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

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