



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Thursday, March 8, 2018

3:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Road and Drainage District Special Meeting

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 04-24-2018 MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Road & Drainage District Governing Body Special Meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. in Chambers by Vice-Mayor Yates.

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

Absent: Mayor Carusone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote with Mayor Carusone absent:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [18-136](#)

Agreement No. 2018-08 with Rightmire's Land Services, Inc. for finished mowing and landscaping services based on unit pricing in an estimated annual amount of \$782,873.30 budgeted in Fiscal Year 2018.

City Manager Lear and Public Works Director Bellia provided an overview. It was noted that the benefits of utilizing alternate service providers include allowing Public Works staff to concentrate on other issues which need to be addressed. The language in the new contract has been changed to address issues which were encountered in the past with previous service providers such as project management and funding issues. Language in the new contract reflects that the City's Operations and Maintenance Manager will serve as the City's Project Manager working closely with the Project Manager for Rightmire's

Land Services, Inc. With Commissioner approval, the contract will begin March 9, 2018 and will continue until March 9, 2021 with an option to renew for an additional 2 one year terms subject to work performance through a mutual agreement and budgetary terms and conditions.

Discussion ensued; (1) it was clarified that the mulching services are done once per year. In the 5 month period for Fiscal Year 2021 if mulching services are required, the second half of Fiscal Year 2021 would not include mulching services; (2) subsequent to it being suggested to develop a schedule for mulching to be done near the same time each year, it was noted that mulching would probably be scheduled in the fall following the rainy season; (3) within the contract is the City's ability to add or remove services as necessary and the cost would reflect only those services received; (4) there will be a savings realized from the temporary contract which was awarded until a permanent contract could be approved; (5) the action requested is approval of the contract; (6) if there is a shortage of funds allocated for the services provided, a budget amendment will be requested for approval if needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve Agreement No. 2018-08 with Rightmire's Land Services for finished mowing and landscaping services through March 9, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote with Mayor Carusone absent:

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

Discussion ensued: (1) the lack of maintenance over the last 4 - 6 months on Biscayne Boulevard was noted. It was the City's responsibility and staff did not do what they were tasked to do; (2) there have been concerns expressed from citizens regarding the overgrowth in the right-of-way in neighborhood areas and more effective oversight method may be necessary.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no Commission Communications.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

There were no Administrative and Legal Reports.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Mayor Yates adjourned the Road & Drainage District Governing Body Special Meeting at 3:28 p.m.

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

By: _____

Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

Attest: _____

Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

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