



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 04-23-2019 MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

The North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:02 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, Deputy City Clerk Heather Taylor, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Public Works Director Julie Bellia, and Engineering Division Manager Gerardo Traverso.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Luke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - COMMISSION

Commissioner Carusone stepped away from the dais at 4:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried by voice vote with Commissioner Carusone not present.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was held 4:06 p.m. - 4:09 p.m.

Mark Lumpert: concern with property maintenance in the Estates

Commissioner Carusone returned to the dais at 4:09 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

- A. [19-0211](#) Approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2019 Road & Drainage District Regular Meeting.

Vice-Mayor McDowell noted corrections made to the minutes regarding verbiage of excavator hours.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Consent Agenda item A with the correction of the typo from 63,000 hours to a total of 6,300 hours. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [19-0142](#) Approve Third Amendment to Cooperative Funding Agreement No. 16CF0000171 between the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the City of North Port for City of North Port Best Management Practices Alternatives Analysis (N682) to Extend Expiration date to December 31, 2019

3. PRESENTATIONS: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES

- A. [19-0147](#) Presentation by Joshua Jester, P.E., Project Manager for the I-75 Preliminary Development and Environmental Study and Christopher Saffron, P.E., District One Interchange Reviewer prioritization of access road along U.S. 41 and utilization of such to create a new east-west route, and to create a new east-west route along I-75 corridor that would eventually hook up to Honore Avenue

Ms. Bellia introduced this item.

Joshua Jester, Project Manager with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), provided a presentation to include FDOT interstate program office organizational chart, system planning feasibility, project location, PD&E study limits, project phases, anticipated start date, small group meetings, and project contacts.

Mr. Jester responded to Commission questions regarding obtaining information on connectivity to Honore Avenue, stop lights at intersections of Sumter Boulevard, Toledo Blade Boulevard and I-75, express/toll lanes, toll cost during peak hours to maintain level of speed, systems used in other cities, service roads, and providing road priorities to Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Mr. Traverso spoke to multimodal and connectivity study to include limitations to city limits, coordination with other municipalities regarding Honore Avenue connectivity, and responded to Commission questions regarding adding specific projects.

Mr. Jester continued to respond to Commission questions regarding one on one meetings, Yorkshire Street extension from I-75, east/west corridor parallel to I-75, potential toll areas, holding public meetings, toll by plate, express lane incorporation with existing roads, whether the lanes will be reversible, and location of express lanes.

Jesten Abraham, Community Liaison for FDOT, stated he will obtain a completion date of U.S. 41 construction and why the lane is still closed near Salford Boulevard and spoke to adding Honore Avenue extension to MPO priority list.

Mr. Abraham responded to Commission questions regarding evacuation needs, access roads along U.S. 41, timeframe for widening from Tuscola Boulevard through the remainder of the city.

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:

Mayor Hanks adjourned the North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting at 4:46 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.