



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Road and Drainage District Governing Body

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

10:00 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 06-25-2019 MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

The North Port Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting was called to order at 12:06 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:

Assistant City Manager Jason Yarborough, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Katy Wong, Recording Secretary Laura Reed, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Public Works Director Julie Bellia, Engineering Division Manager Gerardo Traverso and City Project Engineer Benjamin Newman.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was held 12:09 p.m. - 12:12 p.m.
Martin Lumpert: spoke to Price Boulevard widening project and ownership of property.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [19-0515](#)

Status Update for the Price Boulevard Widening Project between Sumter Boulevard and Toledo Blade Boulevard

Ms. Bellia gave an update and spoke to the plans development status, the recommended change of the retention ponds from dry to wet, the additional time and cost for the change, placement of raised center medians, landscaping of the medians and stormwater treatment ponds, proposed center turn lane islands and mid-block crossing schemes.

Mr. Traverso answered questions regarding the estimated cost for the project, items influencing the project timeline, insufficient space for a pedestrian crossing with buffer zone over the waterways, and the requirements for a crosswalk over a five-lane road and

public safety.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of stamped concrete in the center turn lane.

Ms. Bellia explained public opposition to stamped concrete and noted cost and options will need to be reviewed.

Discussion continued regarding pavers, stamped concrete, the need to research materials, and having stamped concrete sidewalks for aesthetics.

There was a consensus for staff to research the cost difference for using stamped concrete in the center lane.

Discussion continued about the use of stamped concrete for the refuge islands at Cranberry, Salford and Chamberlain Boulevards intersecting at Price Boulevard.

Mr. Traverso spoke to signalized crossing at intersections, and the use of stamped concrete increasing cost but not delaying the project.

Discussion took place regarding the use of stamped concrete the entire length of the center lane except the existing left turn lane at intersections, and changing the roadway material making the intersection turn lanes noticeable.

Mr. Traverso explained options for road materials such as cobblestone, brick, stamp patterns and concrete staining to enhance visibility of the turn lanes.

There was a consensus for staff to get estimates to have the entire center lane in stamped concrete, with and without the turn lanes, and provide artist renderings to show the visual distinction of where the turn lanes will be.

There was a consensus that the side roads crossing over Price Boulevard will have an asphalt surface.

Mr. Traverso answered Commission questions regarding American Consulting Engineers being the engineer of record, utilization of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) safety precautions for pedestrians, and landscaping planters having an adverse effect of visibility.

Discussion ensued regarding the 35-mph speed limit for the entire length of Price Boulevard and the previous study being based on a two-lane road.

Mr. Newman explained the 35-mph speed limit is based on recommendation from the Police Department.

Discussion continued with concerns regarding the speed limit and the possibility of another road study.

Ms. Bellia spoke to the design speed versus posted speed and will research for clarification, the maintenance challenges and on-going costs for landscaping with planters.

Mr. Newman spoke to landscaping planters and safety issues created along single-family lots, keeping areas accessible for lawn maintenance and pool vendors, and the need to irrigate palm trees.

Mr. Traverso explained the area around driveway entrances will be free of signs and trees

to allow vendors access to and from the property.

Discussion ensued regarding possible use of the tree fund to plant trees along the frontage.

Mr. Newman noted when planting trees consideration should be given to not block the luminance from street lighting, that landscaping will be incorporated at the end of the project, and variance requests regarding street trees, right-of-way width and bike lanes will be presented later.

Ms. Bellia explained the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) variance requests will be presented to Planning and Zoning Advisory Board (PZAB) then to Commission for public hearing, and residents within the perimeter will be notified.

Discussion ensued regarding maintenance of trees, costs versus aesthetics, the Code providing for non-motorized use of sidewalks, concerns with sidewalks being used as a hammerhead, and public perception that it's ok to drive on a sidewalk or multi-use path.

Ms. Bellia clarified that state law prohibits motorized vehicles on sidewalks or multi-use paths, and enforcement by the Police Department.

Mr. Traverso explained there are definitions and designs for other types of paths that allow motorized vehicles such as golf cart crossings.

There was a consensus for staff to provide a memo to the Commission with information based direction provided in today's consensuses.

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 1:01 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: _____
Heather Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Road and Drainage District Regular Meeting this ____ day of

_____, 2019.