



MEMORANDUM
City Manager's Office

TO: A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, MPA, City Manager
THRU: Jason Bartolone, Communications Manager *JB*
CC: Jason Yarborough, Deputy City Manager
Juliana Bellia, Assistant City Manager
FROM: Laura Ansel, APR, CPRC, Marketing & Engagement Manager *LA*
SUBJECT: Community Budget Input update
DATE: June 14, 2024

Over the past few months, the Communications Division has been collaborating with Departments citywide to solicit input from residents and business owners through the Community Budget Input process. The following report summarizes our efforts as well as the feedback received from the public for Commission review and consideration.

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS

- April 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Growth and How to Pay for it, virtual meeting
 - 3 attendees
 - Shared to YouTube, 205 views, average view duration 3:05 minutes, 10.6 hours watch time
- April 18, 2024, at 6 p.m. Personnel & Operating Costs, virtual meeting
 - Canceled due to technical difficulties.
- April 30, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Millage Rate & Taxes, virtual meeting
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- May 7, 2024, at 9 a.m., Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Overview, in-person meeting
 - 2 attendees in person
 - Streamed live on YouTube and Facebook
 - *YouTube*: 65 unique viewers, 72 views, 5.3 hours watch time
 - *Facebook*: 1,758 reach, 808 minutes viewed, 23 minutes viewed on average
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 - *YouTube*: 54 unique viewers, 60 views, 2.6 hours watch time
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OTHER OUTREACH

- Kickoff Media Release – March 15, 2024
- Follow-up Media Release – May 6, 2024



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- Multiple social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor and Neighbors Public Safety Service
- Included in April CommUNITY newsletter
 - 4,155 recipients, 57% open rate, 15% click-through rate
- NorthPortFL.gov/BudgetInput landing page
 - 689 sessions
- Newsbreak Podcast with City Manager
 - 94 total downloads across platforms, including Spreaker, Apple podcasts, Spotify, etc.
- All meetings shared as events on NorthPortFL.gov and City social channels
- North Report/SeeClickFix push notification
- Community Budget Input Tool through OpenGov
 - 465 visitors, 100 registered budgets (a 33% increase year over year), equivalent to 9.6 hours of public comment
- Utilized BudgetInfo@NorthPortFL.gov for budget input and questions from the public.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

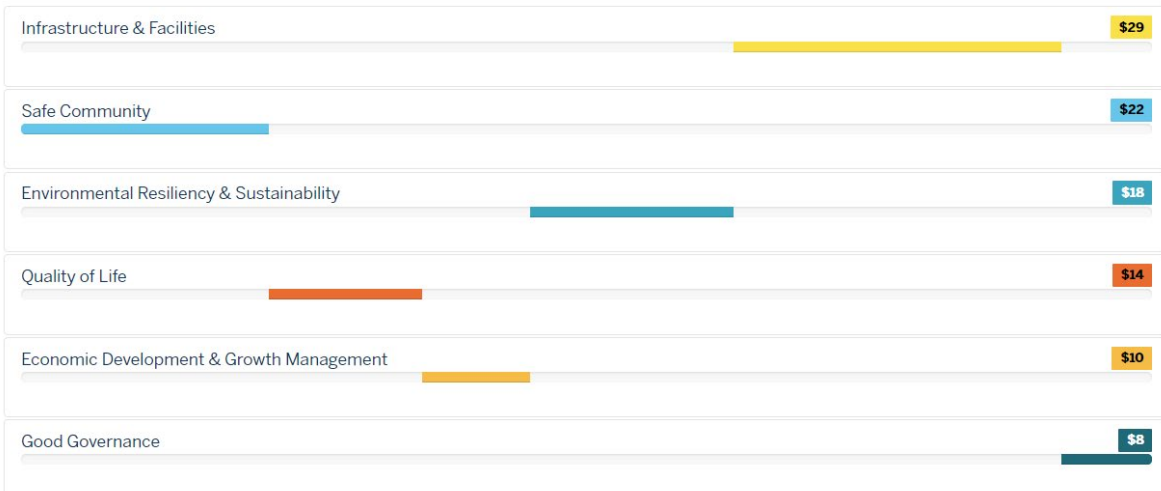
Attached is a report containing the public feedback from the Community Budget Tool Input for your review, as well as copies of citizen emails/responses and a copy of the *Closing the Loop* Community Engagement Report which will be shared with the public.

The image below shows the average allocations across all 100 responses from registered users:

Average allocations over 100 users



In priority order (highest first)



CLOSING THE LOOP

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT *Community Budget Input Process*



BACKGROUND

The Finance Department in the City of North Port prepares the budget for the City annually on behalf of the City Manager and in cooperation with all departments. The mission of the Finance Department is to achieve community outcomes by preserving the financial integrity and fiscal management of the organization, while assuring the availability of funds to accomplish the City's goals.

The final millage rate and the budgets, including non-district, three districts, and capital improvement budget, are adopted by City Commission approved resolutions (via two public hearings in September).

Gathering community input during city budgeting is crucial. It ensures residents' priorities are heard, leading to a budget that better reflects community needs. This two-way street fosters trust and transparency, while residents gain a deeper understanding of financial constraints. By incorporating resident voices, city officials can make informed decisions about allocating resources for programs and services that truly matter to the people they serve.

HOW IS THE BUDGET DEVELOPED PRIOR TO ADOPTION?

1. The City Commission establishes budget priorities and goals based on the community's needs and desires.
2. Revenues are estimated to determine the approximate amount of financial resources that will be available to fund City operations.
3. Expenditure requests and forecasts are prepared by the various City departments and submitted to the City Manager for review.
4. The City Manager submits a recommended budget that reflects the City Commission's established priorities and goals.
5. The City Commission seeks additional public input and discusses the City Manager's Recommended Budget. Changes are proposed and approved at the budget workshops.
6. Changes are made according to the City Commission's recommendations and the Commission Tentative Budget is prepared for presentation at the public hearings in September.

INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY BUDGET INPUT

The City of North Port collects feedback annually through the Community Budget Input process. Community Conversations typically begin in the Spring, with the Assumptions, Projections and Priorities workshop immediately following. Feedback collected during that time is provided to City leadership and City Commissioners prior to the Budget workshops beginning in June. For more information, please visit NorthPortFL.gov/BudgetInput.

At any time of the year, citizens can view the City's budget online or at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. The public is a critical part of the City's budget process and is encouraged to attend meetings when the budget is discussed. If unable to attend in person, citizens can watch the budget workshops live or on the archived videos located on the City's website. The public is also invited to write, call, e-mail and visit with the City Commissioners during the fiscal year to discuss the budget.



Commissioners@NorthPortFL.gov



COMMUNITY >>>> BUDGET INPUT FISCAL YEAR 2025

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

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OUTREACH EFFORTS

Format:

In-person and virtual meetings were held with City staff, allowing residents to voice concerns and provide feedback.

Promotion:

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18.5
hours of
YouTube
watch time



7
in-person
attendees



56
minutes
viewed on
average



2,740
unique
viewers



337
total views

COMMUNITY BUDGET TOOL RESULTS

We asked the community to use our online Community Budget Tool to show us how they'd spend \$100 between the City's strategic priorities. City Commission set these priorities as part of their strategic planning process. Priorities include Safe Community, Quality of Life, Economic Development & Growth Management, Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability, Infrastructure & Facilities and Good Governance.

Attendance and participation:

As of June 5, 2024, this forum had 465 visits equivalent to 9.6 hours of public comment.



465 visits



9.6 hours of public comment

The image below shows the average allocations across all 100 responses from registered users. To download a full copy of all 100 individual budgets, please visit NorthPortFL.gov/BudgetInput. Additional information about the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted General Fund Budget can be found at NorthPortFL.gov/Budget.



Safe Community - 22% Budget Tool average allocation



Quality of Life - 14% Budget Tool average allocation



Economic Development & Growth Management - 10% Budget Tool average allocation



Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability - 18% Budget Tool average allocation



Infrastructure & Facilities Integrity - 29% Budget Tool average allocation



Good Governance - 8% Budget Tool average allocation

How the City is using residents' feedback

The feedback from this budget tool assists the City in allocating funding that is aligned with the community priorities and strategic pillars, ensuring Commissioners have a better product for review during the Budget meetings. For more information about the strategic plan, visit NorthPortFL.gov/StrategicPlan.



NorthPortFL.gov/Engage

PARTICIPANT BUDGET TOOL FEEDBACK



"I believe that fostering quality of life, environmental conservancy, and infrastructure will contribute to positive development, positive safety outcomes, and prove excellent governance. Every extra dollar spent in the quality, environmental, and infrastructure areas will pay dividends to the other three areas."

Resident



"I feel Safe Community, Quality of Life, and Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability are all going well. We just need to maintain, and maybe minor improvements."

Resident



"Infrastructure has to be the most important element of the City budget. I think this year more emphasis should be paid on quality-of-life programs to help those who are struggling with exorbitant costs for housing, food and child-care. If you want people to live and work in North Port, you will have to address their needs."

Resident

More feedback from our residents

- "Thank you for all of your continued leadership and planning. Keep up the good work! Love my City!"
- "Protecting the community is the most important and should be the largest department of the city. Keeping the infrastructure current and working should be the next biggest role of the city. The growth and governance of the city should be the smallest part of the budget and should be reviewed for waste. Keeping the City a livable place is worth spending money on as long as the services are accessible for everyone and appeal to community."
- "This is a great tool because it shows you that you cannot have everything and it's so easy to go over budget."
- "Need to pivot more to economic growth and management and the infrastructure needed to support it."
- "With the growth of the city, traffic management should be one of the highest priorities. People are turned off and frustrated if traveling to and from our city streets is a constant aggravation and safety risk. Of the highest priority should be traffic-controlled intersections at the Sumter and Toledo Blade freeway ramps for the safety of the thousands who exit and enter our city via the freeway every day!"



Stay in the loop or provide your feedback online at NorthPortFL.gov/Engage



FY2025 Community Budget Tool

June 5, 2024, 12:02 PM

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FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Summary Of Registered Budgets

As of June 5, 2024, 12:02 PM, this forum had:

Attendees:	465
Registered Budgets:	100
Hours of Public Comment:	9.6

Topic Start

March 12, 2024, 2:22 PM

Topic End

June 5, 2024, 12:01 PM

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?







Individual Registered Budgets

Name not shown

within ¼ mile

March 12, 2024, 4:16 PM

Allocations







Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$10
Good Governance		\$10

Michael Broughton

more than 2 miles

March 15, 2024, 10:46 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$10
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$30
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$20

Statement

need to prioritize storm safety and resiliency, need to stop trying to expand, everyone who moved here did so for quiet peaceful place without too many people, you are ruining this place and people who have come here cannot afford to live and are leaving. just make a small safe town, stop trying to turn this into a real city. (those suck , remember?)







1 Supporter

Name not available

more than 2 miles

March 15, 2024, 10:47 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$10

Name not available

more than 2 miles

March 15, 2024, 11:02 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$5
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

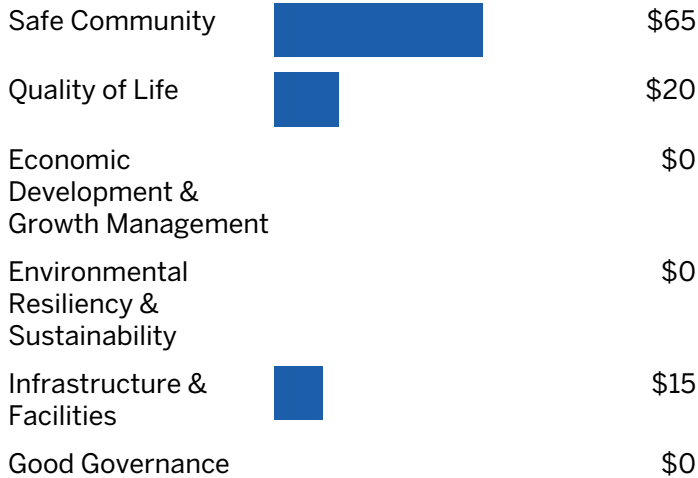
How would you spend \$100 on City Services?



Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 11:03 AM

Allocations



Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 11:09 AM

Allocations

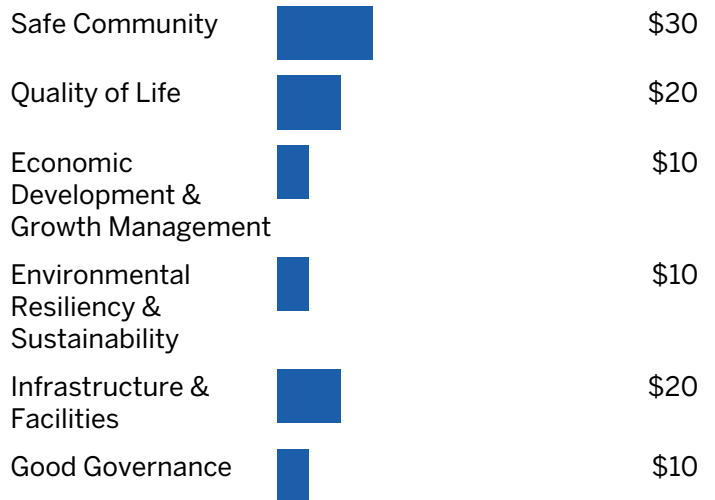


1 Supporter

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 11:23 AM

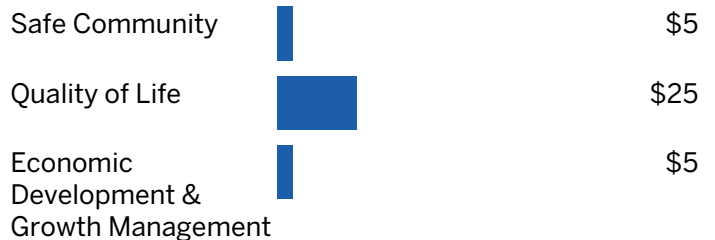
Allocations



James Burke

½ to 1 mile
March 15, 2024, 11:34 AM

Allocations



FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$30
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$10







Statement

The priorities of this city have been skewed for many years. A new focus must be placed on local conservation efforts and curtailing unchecked growth. These things done, fewer resources will be necessary for maintaining a safe community and restoring failing infrastructure - these things will settle on their own with sufficient maintenance. Far too much emphasis has been placed on expansion without any effective concern for the quality of life downturn that inevitably results.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 11:44 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$5
Quality of Life		\$35
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$25
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$5

Statement







The community needs to feel valued and to SEE their tax dollars going to use. After the storm alot of the community feels unmotivated, hence I feel as though it is crucial to the success of the town to inspire those residents and improve their daily quality of life. Especially for the east side of

North port (East of Toledo) where the residents feel as though their area is long forgotten with majority of funds being allocated to the west side of town to appeal to residents or wellen park etc (this is applicable from Sumter area and westward). It is very apparent that the closer to wellen park the more tax dollars are being allocated. I believe improving all main roads (Atwater, San Mateo, Haberland, Hillsborough etc) with not just pavement but trees (beautification) that these residents will drive by everyday and SEE their tax dollars going to use. And not the response to the residents that it will be reviewed annually, make the residents PROUD to live on their road which will motivate them to upkeep and fix up their homes which will ultimately improve the town. There is still work that needs to be done after ian, and its not catering to wellen park

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 12:00 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$10

Statement

Unfortunately, planning, zoning etc. are lumped under "Safe Community". This is WAY over regulated, people should be able to do what they want on their own property. I have not done many improvements on my property due to the strict regulation and red tape.

Name not available

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

1 to 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 1:32 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$0
Quality of Life	\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$100
Good Governance	\$0

1 Supporter

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 2:45 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$35
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$20
Good Governance	\$5

Statement

One part of the City cannot dominate City projects... Each part contribute to the whole... Which causes a balance and responsible growth.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 3:13 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$20
Quality of Life	\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$30
Good Governance	\$10

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 15, 2024, 7:26 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$35
Quality of Life	\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$35
Good Governance	\$5




Name not available

1 to 2 miles
March 16, 2024, 9:57 AM

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Allocations







Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$40
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$40
Good Governance		\$0

1 Supporter

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 16, 2024, 10:50 AM



Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$25
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$5

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 17, 2024, 6:52 AM

Allocations







Safe Community		\$50
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$50
Good Governance		\$0

1 Supporter

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
March 17, 2024, 12:29 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$5
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$50
Good Governance		\$5

Statement

With the uncontrolled rapid growth, infrastructure & facilities should be a high priority to accommodate such growth

Name not available







more than 2 miles

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

March 18, 2024, 6:58 AM







Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$10

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
March 19, 2024, 9:15 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$10

Statement







I feel Safe Community, Quality of Life, and Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability are all going well. We just need to maintain, and maybe minor improvements. Focus on attracting businesses, places to shop and places to work so that we are not just a bedroom community. We need

infrastructure. We are falling behind. Roads carry more traffic and are going to need repair and expansion. Expand water and sewer service to the whole city! Acquire land for a downtown similar to Wellen Park. Cocoa Plum plaza shouldn't be the heart of the community.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
March 19, 2024, 1:20 PM






Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$25
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$25
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$0
Good Governance		\$0

Name not available

more than 2 miles
April 9, 2024, 10:12 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Good Governance  \$10







Statement

I would like to see growth in the city slowed down if possible. Infrastructure on city, county and state roads is really needed before more growth occurs.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
April 12, 2024, 10:28 AM


Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$10

Ernie V

more than 2 miles
April 14, 2024, 12:41 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$100
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$0







Infrastructure & Facilities \$0

Good Governance \$0

Name not shown

more than 2 miles
April 15, 2024, 6:57 PM






Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$10

Name not available

more than 2 miles
April 15, 2024, 10:20 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$30
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20

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Good Governance  \$5


Name not available
more than 2 miles
April 17, 2024, 1:09 PM


Name not shown
more than 2 miles
April 16, 2024, 4:47 AM


Allocations

Safe Community  \$20

Quality of Life  \$30

Economic Development & Growth Management  \$10

Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability  \$10

Infrastructure & Facilities  \$30

Good Governance \$0


Allocations

Safe Community \$0

Quality of Life \$0

Economic Development & Growth Management \$0

Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability \$0

Infrastructure & Facilities  \$100

Good Governance \$0


Statement


Roads should be prepared for community growth before they get approved to build multi family anything. There isn't going to be a work force in north port if things continue like they are

1 Supporter


Name not available
more than 2 miles
April 16, 2024, 6:14 AM


Allocations

Safe Community  \$15

Quality of Life  \$10

Economic Development & Growth Management \$0


Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability  \$25


Infrastructure & Facilities  \$50


Good Governance \$0


Name not available
more than 2 miles
April 18, 2024, 9:19 PM

Allocations

Safe Community  \$15

Quality of Life  \$15

Economic Development & Growth Management  \$10

Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability  \$25

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Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$10





Statement

I believe more should be focused on for environmental sustainability. Too much of the natural environment is being destroyed and ruining our environment. The new police station should NOT be done. There is much more important things to be concerned about, especially where there are areas for North Port to improve in, such as road safety, environmental education, and fixing the damage that has not been fixed from the hurricane. Help the citizens of North Port instead of giving the police more new equipment.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
April 20, 2024, 4:21 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$50
Quality of Life		\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$0

Statement







Without Law and order you see what happens in any other City I'll reference New York Seattle San Francisco businesses leave and falls apart.

Paul Jackomin

1 to 2 miles

April 20, 2024, 5:09 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$5






Statement

Safety is most important

Name not available

more than 2 miles
April 21, 2024, 7:02 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$10

Name not available

more than 2 miles

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

April 21, 2024, 9:45 AM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$0
Quality of Life	\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$100
Good Governance	\$0

Peggy Burton

1 to 2 miles

April 21, 2024, 9:53 AM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$0
Quality of Life	\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$50
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$50
Good Governance	\$0

Statement

Road infrastructure and businesses that bring interest to this community. We have zero

Robin San Vicente

more than 2 miles

April 21, 2024, 1:14 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$0
Quality of Life	\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$100
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$0
Good Governance	\$0

Name not available

more than 2 miles

April 21, 2024, 2:33 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$45
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$20
Good Governance	\$10

Statement

Safe community priorities, infrastructure and maintenance with an eye on the future. Business and commercial to help pay for the progress not being on the back of residential homeowners. Tax vacant lots more to cover maintenance

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and hazards to nearby homes. (Right of way & easements)

Name not available

1 to 2 miles

April 21, 2024, 11:18 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$35
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$40
Good Governance		\$0

Statement

This city prioritizes growth too much and does not listen to the average citizen who wants very limited growth. We need to keep our city clean and free of garbage, graffiti etc. We need to preserve as many trees as possible and stop clear cutting. Safety is always a priority that needs some moderate investment. Road paving including residential streets is vital along with storm drains and bridges to make sure we are equip for rainy season.

1 Supporter

Darrin Simon

1 to 2 miles

April 22, 2024, 5:55 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$35
Quality of Life		\$10

Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$5
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$35
Good Governance		\$10

Statement




Without public safety, you have no community and no one can be governed. Infrastructure is equally as important, to support the workforce. I would also consider increasing garbage pickup to twice a week. Quality of life, is also important and maybe consider volunteering to reduce costs. Economic development, really should be a minor role. When you establish a safe community with a rock solid group of volunteers under quality of life, business will come to you, provided we do not tax them out. Environmental that's not worth the investment. Most of that can come under community services and planning board.

Name not available

more than 2 miles

April 23, 2024, 8:40 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$60
Good Governance		\$20

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Statement







The city really needs to focus on making sure this area can handle all of the rapid development before even thinking about new growth and expansion. What good is hundreds of new businesses if there is no where to park, if they get flooded every time we have a rain storm? Roadways are not large enough for our vastly growing population and citizens are being killed every day as a result. Lets start there before we worry about how to get more people to move here and more tax payer dollars in the pockets of the big guys.

Name not available

more than 2 miles

April 28, 2024, 12:33 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$5
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$20





Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 2, 2024, 6:13 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$20

Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$15
Good Governance		\$5





1 Supporter

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 3, 2024, 12:18 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$50
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$0

Statement

Thank you for all of your continued leadership and planning. Keep up the good work! Love my City!

Name not shown













more than 2 miles

May 6, 2024, 2:23 PM

Allocations

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Safe Community		\$50	Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$5	Quality of Life		\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5	Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15	Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$50
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$15	Infrastructure & Facilities		\$0
Good Governance		\$10	Good Governance		\$25







Statement

Cut budget to maintain affordable community.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 6, 2024, 5:40 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$25
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$25

Name not available







more than 2 miles
May 6, 2024, 6:10 PM

Allocations

Julian Tuza

more than 2 miles
May 6, 2024, 6:18 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$40
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$50
Good Governance		\$10

Statement

With the damages caused by hurricane Ian i feel more focus should be on the protection of the taxpayer, the damaged caused should never happen again and all efforts should be made to ensure this. Putting money where it's needed is more vital that putting it into superficial things,the residents safety should be a priority with more attention put on making sure the river banks can handle the water surge,better roads ,more

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?



affordable housing and less apartments

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 6, 2024, 8:03 PM

Allocations



Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$25
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$75
Good Governance		\$0

Cynthia Bender

more than 2 miles

May 6, 2024, 9:18 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$50
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$50
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$0
Good Governance		\$0

Statement

Preserve the natural treasures and resources - limit growth and development to ensure long term quality of life vs short term financial goals. The trees, animals and open spaces cannot be restored once destroyed by overdevelopment.





I grew up in Pinellas county and have lived through this type of dedtruction and Overdevelopment and resulting lower quality of life and higher stress that resulted.

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 7, 2024, 7:13 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$50

Statement

Stop the frivolous spending and fix the core infrastructure FIRST!
 Except for main roads, the majority of our side streets have NO lighting.
 Why did we need STAMPED CONCRETE on turn lanes?
 Why did we need to start with a "blue street sign" project which will take forever just "to be different"?
 Who approved a landscape layout for Biscayne Drive that included sight-blocking, fast growing hedges and oak trees that died anyway? Why not just grass and a few palm trees for easy, less \$\$\$ maintenance? SMH. Again.
 Why is it that I've lived here for over 18 years and I NEVER have seen a police car go by my house for patrol?
 Why is there a rusted out moldy car with no license plates allowed to stay on the driveway two doors down from my

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

property? And when I went to City Hall was told "that house has so many liens on it..." and there's NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE? Huh? So law-abiding citizens are cited for small infractions and leaving a waste can out but nothing can be done with a property that's a total S***hole?

Why do people constantly whine that there's nothing for kids? Did these people never have to drive more than five minutes growing up to see a movie or go bowling? And that Aquatic Center? Really?

City managers making exorbitant salaries? For what? To plant seeds for these kinds of decisions?

We need some sensibility. I am almost embarrassed to say I live here sometimes.







All present commissioners need to be voted out, and everyone I know agrees.

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 7, 2024, 10:29 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$10
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$10

Name not available

1 to 2 miles

May 7, 2024, 11:10 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$100
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Quality of Life	\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$0
Good Governance	\$0

Statement







Keeping the community safe and supporting law enforcement is paramount to community future sustainability.

Name not shown

more than 2 miles

May 7, 2024, 2:21 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$15

Name not available

½ to 1 mile

May 8, 2024, 8:51 AM

Allocations

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$15
Good Governance		\$15

Statement

Too much of current budget is dedicated to police department.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 9:37 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$10

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 12:26 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$30
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$0

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 12:35 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$50
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$50
Good Governance		\$0

Statement

For long term we should ensure that we are protecting natural habitats and the environment. That concept will contradict the short term and short sighted focus on economic increases which do not coexist well with environmental importance but make no mistake is extremely important to ensuring a sustainable future and world.

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 8, 2024, 4:04 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$10
Quality of Life	\$2
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$2
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$80
Good Governance	\$1

Allocations

Safe Community	\$30
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$20
Promote sustainable growth, investment, and development to achieve a vibrant and diversified econ... • Business Attraction and Recruitment Services • Local Business Retention and Expansion Services • Business Climate • Current Land Planning • Comprehensive Planning	\$10
Land Planning-Traffic Studies	\$10

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 8, 2024, 4:05 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$50
Quality of Life	\$50
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$0
Good Governance	\$0

Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$20
Good Governance	\$10

Jenna DuBose

more than 2 miles

May 8, 2024, 4:17 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$0
Quality of Life	\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$20

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 8, 2024, 4:11 PM

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Infrastructure & Facilities		\$40
Good Governance		\$20






Statement

We do not need a 100+ million dollar police station. We're already paying for the county sheriff HQ and the new jail. Use that money for officers, not offices. And where is the city water for the residents not getting a tax break to build their own town? Water Park should be free for residents. City council needs to stop being in the pocket of developers.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 4:20 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$30
Quality of Life		\$35
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$5
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$24
Good Governance		\$1

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 4:28 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$0

Economic Development & Growth Management		\$25
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$0

Infrastructure & Facilities		\$50
Good Governance		\$0

Infrastructure & Facilities		\$50
Good Governance		\$0



Statement

Need to slow down the tax increases. Taxes are getting as expensive as other high tax states. Anyone I talk to complains about the constant tax increases

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 4:58 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$75
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$0

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 6:55 PM

Allocations

Quality of Life		\$0
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FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Safe Community		\$25
Quality of Life		\$20
Protect and promote North Port's natural resources, recreational assets, cultural diversity, ethn... • Community Enrichment Services and Support (Social Services) • Community Park System • North Port Aquatic Center • Community Enrichment • Parks Maintenance • Coordination of Special Events (Public Works/Facilities)		\$15
More support of non-profits that give the city tremendous bang for the buck.		\$5
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$8
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$12

Statement

Price Blvd. No need to elaborate.

Name not shown

more than 2 miles

May 8, 2024, 7:04 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$10

Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$15
Good Governance		\$25

Statement

Police building should be renovated and updated. Because of the "Next question" non-answers during town hall discussion of the proposed new building, no monies should be provided to build a new expensive facility.

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 8, 2024, 7:46 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$15
Good Governance		\$5

Bernardo Rosello







more than 2 miles

May 8, 2024, 8:08 PM

Allocations

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Safe Community		\$40
Quality of Life		\$5
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$10







Statement

With security and safety all else falls in line and can be enjoyed.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 9:02 PM







Allocations

Safe Community		\$40
Quality of Life		\$5
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$5

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 9:13 PM







Allocations

Safe Community		\$10
Quality of Life		\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$30
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$5

Breton Tambasco

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 9:26 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$10
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$35
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$10

Statement

North Port already allocate enough funds to public Safety, and our police and fire are the envy of other cities. We need to invest mote in environmental sustainability and resilience.

Name not available

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 10:43 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$10
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$15
Good Governance		\$25

Develop and promote transparent City governance where major policy decisions are considered by th... • Community Connection Services • Community Engagement & Education • Fostering Community Values • Public Information • Support the Use of Technology • Accounting Services • Budget Development and Oversight • Payroll Services • Purchasing • Workforce Recruitment, Retention, and Support • Risk Management • Fleet Management • Quality Customer Service		\$8
under ground Drainage		\$21

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 8, 2024, 10:54 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$1
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$31
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$19
Good Governance		\$29

Statement

the city needs to focus on under ground drainage so when we do get rain and hurricanes we don't get flooded out of our homes and roads. I lan was a total disaster for a lot of us exit 182 was totally under water for days, but yet we continue to buld more condos and soon a hospital. I truly do not understand the concept of the people in charge of our city.

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 6:43 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$40
Quality of Life		\$30
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$30
Good Governance	\$0

Statement

unfortunately, you've put land planning and comprehensive planning under both Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability. Although I would budget funds in Environmental Sustainability, it appears as though funding that would be the same as funding the planning that has had the disastrous results, with no regard to the environment, we currently see in our city. I can't support that.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 7:44 AM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$0
Quality of Life	\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$100
Good Governance	\$0

Statement

This area is growing so quickly that the infrastructure is already under strain. Also NO MORE ROUNDABOUTS!! Especially in high traffic areas, which make it almost impossible to enter them. They are made *much* too small, for even the current traffic. Traffic light intersections are proven tech, and work to regulate the flow far better

than Even a low-use roundabout. Thank you!

Name not available

¼ to ½ mile
May 9, 2024, 8:21 AM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$20
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$40
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$10
Good Governance	\$20

Statement

we moved to north port because it was quiet, free and full of nature. we don't want to live in a concrete jungle. we don't want to feel like we are living in a new port ritchey ghetto or an hoa.

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 8:35 AM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$15
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$25







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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$15






Name not available
 ½ to 1 mile
 May 9, 2024, 8:51 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$5

Name not available
 1 to 2 miles
 May 9, 2024, 9:37 AM







Allocations

Safe Community		\$30
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30

Good Governance		\$5
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Name not available
 more than 2 miles
 May 9, 2024, 10:01 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$10
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$10

Statement

I believe that fostering quality of life, environmental conservancy, and infrastructure will contribute to positive development, positive safety outcomes, and prove excellent governance.

Every extra dollar spent in the quality, environmental, and infrastructure areas will pay dividends to the other three areas.









Harry Klinkhamer
 1 to 2 miles
 May 9, 2024, 11:24 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$10

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20	Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$25	Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20	Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$5	Good Governance		\$10

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 11:32 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$15
Good Governance		\$15

Name not shown

more than 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 12:20 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$20


Statement

Infrastructure has to be the most important element of the city budget. I think this year more emphasis should be paid on quality of life programs to help those who are struggling with exorbitant costs for housing, food and child care. If you want people to live and work in North Port, you will have to address their needs.

Jeannie Brooks



1 to 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 3:51 PM

Allocations







Safe Community		\$10
Quality of Life		\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$50

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

North Port seeks to be the role model in the region as a community that values environmental resi... Community Park System • Current Land Planning • Comprehensive Planning • Permitting, Plans Review and Inspections • Solid Waste Collection • City Facility and Property Maintenance • Water Treatment/Distribution • Wastewater Collection and Treatment		\$0
Athletic Parks		\$50
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$40
Good Governance		\$0







Allocations

Safe Community		\$40
Quality of Life		\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$20
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$19
Good Governance		\$1

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 6:20 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$25
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$10
Good Governance		\$10







Name not available

1 to 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 6:47 PM

Name not available

1 to 2 miles
May 9, 2024, 7:50 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$30
Good Governance		\$10

Statement

Price Blvd needs widened 1st and foremost! We need to focus on utilizing buildings already in existence. I also believe that if our tax base needs more retail establishments, then STOP allowing construction companies to build thousands of home and stick for sales up in front of them. We have an overabundance of homes less than half finished, just sitting there waiting for

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How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

what???? Some have been " under construction for close to a year! There is also a lot of damage from hurricane Ian still. Many residents got no assistance from their insurance companies or are still fighting for payouts... These people need help making sure their homes are fit for living in!!!!

Name not available

½ to 1 mile

May 9, 2024, 7:52 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$10
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$15
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$20
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$40
Good Governance	\$5

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 9, 2024, 10:31 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$30
Quality of Life	\$25
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$25
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$20

Good Governance \$0

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 10, 2024, 2:50 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$10
Quality of Life	\$30
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$30
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$30
Good Governance	\$0

Mike Hague

½ to 1 mile

May 10, 2024, 3:32 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$35
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$2
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$15
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$35
Good Governance	\$3

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

Statement





Protecting the community is the most important and should be the largest department of the city. Keeping the infrastructure current and working should be the next biggest role of the city. The growth and governance of the city should be the smallest part of the budget and should be reviewed for waste. Keeping the city a livable place is worth spending money on as long as the services are accessible for everyone and appeal to community.

Economic Development & Growth Management		\$10
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$25
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$20
Good Governance		\$5

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 10, 2024, 7:26 PM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$0
Quality of Life		\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$30
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$28
Good Governance		\$22

Statement

This is a great tool because it shows you that you cannot have everything and it's so easy to go over budget

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 11, 2024, 5:07 AM







Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
Quality of Life		\$20

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 11, 2024, 6:37 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$15
Quality of Life		\$15
Economic Development & Growth Management		\$25
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability		\$10
Infrastructure & Facilities		\$25
Good Governance		\$10

Statement

Need to pivot more to economic growth and management and the infrastructure needed to support it.

Name not shown

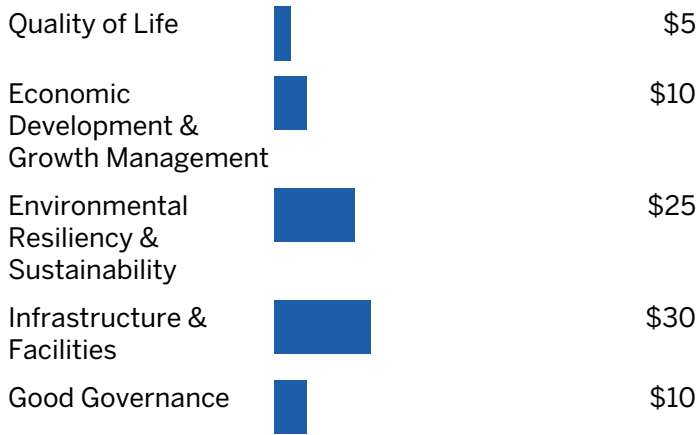
more than 2 miles
May 11, 2024, 10:13 AM

Allocations

Safe Community		\$20
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FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?



Statement

With the growth of the city, traffic management should be one of the highest priorities. People are turned off and frustrated if traveling to and from our city streets is a constant aggravation and safety risk. Of the highest priority should be traffic controlled intersections at the Sumter and Toledo Blade freeway ramps for the safety of the thousands who exit and enter our city via the freeway everyday! Without the traffic controlled intersections at these freeway ramps, exiting to our city gives the impression of a rural nondescript town that lacks the population to have good traffic management at these exit and entrance points, which isn't the impression that our residents, community leaders and public officials want to represent for our city.

Name not available

½ to 1 mile

May 11, 2024, 10:53 AM

Allocations



Statement

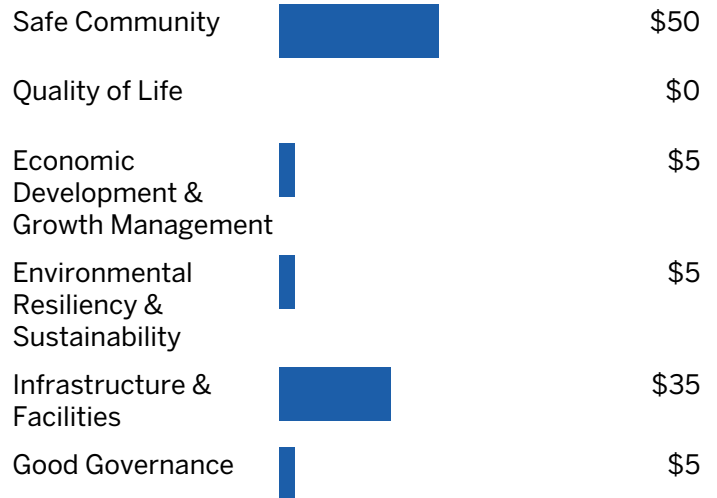
Stop building homes and work with what you have. Fix / widen the roads first. We have too much supply of homes and not enough demand!! Also start spraying for mosquitoes again we're dying at night!!!

Name not available

more than 2 miles

May 12, 2024, 1:13 PM

Allocations



Statement

I am not looking for more tourists, baseball teams, or tourist attractions. I do not want more traffic or people. We don't need a larger police building or more helicopters.

We need less spending and lower taxes. Property taxes should NEVER go up after someone purchases a house. They should be able to afford that abode for the REST of their natural life.

Jim Campbell

Name not available

FY2025 Community Budget Tool

How would you spend \$100 on City Services?

more than 2 miles
May 14, 2024, 7:37 AM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$50
Quality of Life	\$20
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$5
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$5
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$10
Good Governance	\$10

Law enforcement and to clear out homeless	\$20
Quality of Life	\$10
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$5
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$40
Good Governance	\$0

Name not available

more than 2 miles
May 15, 2024, 3:37 PM

Allocations

Safe Community	\$45
Create and sustain a safe community for residents, businesses and visitors of North Port.	\$25
Core... • Law Enforcement Patrol Services	
• Criminal Investigations	
• Community Education (Police Department)	
• Emergency Medical Services	
• Life Safety/Fire Prevention Services	
• Emergency Services (Fire Rescue)	
• Public Education (Fire Rescue)	
• Permitting, Plans Review, and Inspections	
• Code Enforcement	
• Contractor and Business Licensing	

Allocations

Safe Community	\$100
Quality of Life	\$0
Economic Development & Growth Management	\$0
Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability	\$0
Infrastructure & Facilities	\$0
Good Governance	\$0

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We appreciate the feedback and have shared it with our Public Works team.



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From: Rich M <richmaltese@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:46 AM
To: Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Bike lanes

ALERT



Thank you for your response. I do understand your reasoning on the Toledo Blade Resurfacing project, but maybe some money in the original design could have been better spent by adding a small berm on the Northbound land, it's only about 150 yards of two foot wide payment. This would finish out the piece that's missing up to Plantation Blvd that for some reason was never installed. This cost could have been achieved by not Resurfacing one or two of the areas that lead off Toledo Blade into a non developed wooded area that did not need resurfacing.

Rich

May 10, 2024, 10:39 AM Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. Please see the responses below from our Department of Public Works:

Question: "Why didn't the bike lane on Toledo Blade in front of the commercial bldgs near Plantation Blvd get added with the new pavement project."

Response: The City of North Port Toledo Blade Boulevard resurfacing was part of the annual Road Rehabilitation Project which consists of resurfacing, striping, curb repair and concrete turn lane maintenance, this was not a project to add bike lanes or additional traffic lanes.

Question: "Are there any talks about adding more bike lanes in NP?"

Response: The upcoming Price Boulevard Widening project between Toledo Blade Boulevard and Sumter Boulevard will consist of multimodal paths on both sides of the roadway, and the City of North Port also has an approved Mobility and Connectivity Plan that defines locations of future bike lanes as funding allows.



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From: Rich M <richmaltese@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:22 PM
To: Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bike lanes

ALERT



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From: [Budget Information](#)
To: [GEORGE BROOK](#)
Cc: [Budget Information](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Budget for water and sewer expansion
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 3:10:26 PM
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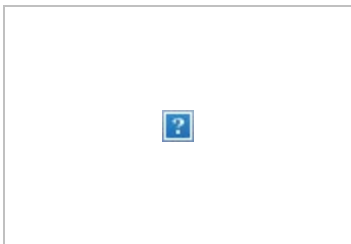
Hello,

Thank you for your question and input. Please see the responses below from our Utilities Department:

The proposed 2025 Budget includes \$3,000,000 for the Neighborhood Expansion project and the current 2024 budget includes \$1,329,400 for the Neighborhood Expansion Project.

The City has included the need to provide service to the individual lots outside of the current service area in Master Planning dating back to 1992. In 2020 the City contracted with a consulting firm to perform a study for the water and wastewater expansion to provide service to platted lots in the City. The consultant prepared “sewershed” maps, preliminary cost estimates, and a recommended phasing plan. A map showing the “sewershed” areas [is available on the City’s website](#). In December 2020 the City Commission directed staff to move forward with design of one portion of a “sewershed” area called Blue-Salford North. The design of a portion of the first “sewershed” is 90% complete with construction anticipated to begin in 2025. The City is also evaluating properties in the other “sewersheds” to select the most appropriate properties to locate vacuum stations to prepare for future expansion areas.

Thank you,



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-----Original Message-----

From: GEORGE BROOK <gb2travel@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:23 PM

To: Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Budget for water and sewer expansion

[ALERT]

What is the budget allocation for the water and sewer expansion? It was required over 50 years ago. Why are no actions being taken. Monies have been available through many sources over the years and currently.

Please let me know.

From: [Budget Information](#)
To: [Jason Ulmer](#)
Cc: [Budget Information](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Comments
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:45:32 AM

Thank you for your feedback!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jason Ulmer <jtu18@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:37 PM
To: Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments

[ALERT]

I honestly think that the city should put the budget money in a more efficient way for the public roads and current utilities infrastructure to be updated

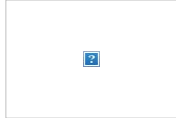
From: [Budget Information](#)
To: [Kelly Rockafellow](#)
Cc: [Budget Information](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Community Budget Input Meetings
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:42:00 AM
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Good morning,

We have concluded our Community Budget Input Meeting schedule for this budget cycle. The meeting videos and presentations can be viewed online at [NorthPortFL.gov/BudgetInput](https://northportfl.gov/BudgetInput).

There will be City Commission workshops to discuss the proposed budget, tentatively scheduled for June 24 & 25, before the Commission holds public hearings to adopt the budget in the fall. Agendas will be published as we get closer to the meetings, and the full schedule can be found on our City website, [NorthPortFL.gov](https://northportfl.gov) (click on the "View City Meetings" button in the center of the page) or directly at <https://cityofnorthport.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Thank you,



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From: Kelly Rockafellow <kellyrockafellow81@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:28 AM
To: Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Community Budget Input Meetings

ALERT



Good morning! I see there was a community budget input meeting yesterday. I didn't know about it and I am sorry I missed it. The recordings are helpful, though.

Is there a list of future meeting dates & times? I tried to find it on the website, but I am sure I am doing something wrong.

Thank you for your help!

- Kelly Rockafellow

From: [Kathy Del Sesto](#)
To: [Budget Information](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Police station
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:23:25 AM
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That is what I thought however, I hear talk that you (the City) is going to ignore this part of the Charter. Hopefully I am hearing incorrectly.

On May 10, 2024, at 9:45 AM, Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for the feedback. The City Charter currently prohibits the City from incurring any debt without voter approval.

For more information and answers to these and other Frequently Asked Questions about the proposed Police Headquarters, please visit NorthPortFL.gov/PoliceHQ.

Thank you,



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From: Kathy Del Sesto <kdelsesto12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:21 PM
To: Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police station

ALERT



There is a rumor that the City is going to incur debt to build the new police facility without Voter approval. Please clarify. If you are unable to clarify, I am against any such idea. The voters have the right to decide if \$122,000,000.00 get spent on a building. Furthermore, I see no reason the existing building cannot be repaired and upgrade for far less than a new facility.

Kathy Del Sesto

From: [Budget Information](#)
To: [Bev Toivonen](#)
Cc: [Budget Information](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Your budget allocation tool for residents.
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:48:36 AM
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Thank you for your feedback.



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From: Bev Toivonen <bevtoivonen@hotmail.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 2:38 PM
To: Budget Information <budgetinfo@northportfl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your budget allocation tool for residents.

ALERT



I have tried 5 times to allocate my \$100 to quality of life but your forum or survey takes forever to complete . The spam protection takes forever so I gave up.
Please submit my budget allocation.
Thank you,
Bev Toivonen
4555 Mckibben Drive,
North Port

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