



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Road and Drainage District Governing Body

### *CITY COMMISSIONERS*

*Alice White, Mayor*  
*Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor*  
*Pete Emrich, Commissioner*  
*Barbara Langdon, Commissioner*  
*Debbie McDowell, Commissioner*

### *APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

*Jerome Fletcher, City Manager*  
*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*  
*Heather Faust, City Clerk*

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Tuesday, January 23, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Pete Emrich, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Alice White

#### Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Faust, Deputy Police Chief Morales, Fire Chief Titus, Public Works Director Chuck Speake, Development Service Director Alaina Ray

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Mayor Stokes requested a motion to approve the agenda.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Emrich, seconded by Langdon, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor White

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Stokes announced the item and queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor White

[23-1690](#) Approve Second Amendment to Nonexclusive Agreement No. 2019-49 Disaster Debris Monitoring Services and Financial Recovery Management - Rostan Solutions, LLC

***This Item was approved on the consent agenda.***

[23-1698](#) Approve Work Assignment No. 2023-09PW with Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP in the Amount of \$196,190.00, for Professional Architectural Services - Continuing Services Contract No. 2023-16.03 for the Department of Public Works Road and Drainage District Operations Building.

***This Item was approved on the consent agenda.***

[23-1707](#) Approve the November 28, 2023 Road and Drainage District Meeting Minutes

***This Item was approved on the consent agenda.***

#### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

[24-0136](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Conducting a Traffic Study Analysis for the Area Around Talon Bay Drive.

Vice Mayor Stokes announced the item.

Ms. Faust introduced the item.

Commissioner McDowell spoke the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding responsibility for funding, burden of proof for traffic study, traffic engineer review, potential concerns, and safety issues.

Mayor White arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Mr. Speake spoke to traffic impact statement for future developments.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding traffic analysis evaluations, basis on vehicle count, potential egress area, and completed traffic impact studies.

Ms. Ray provided clarification regarding traffic impact statement process, requirements for full study by developer.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding cost of traffic study rectifications, staff expert opinion, purpose to plan for future expansion, budgeting, pros and cons of conducting study, and impact fees.

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Stokes requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Manager to include a Traffic Impact Study in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget for the collective study of Talon Bay traffic impacts.***

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding timing of study, funding, timeframe to start study, RV Park construction completion, development design approval, and transportation engineer opinion.

***The motion failed on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 1 - Commissioner McDowell

**No:** 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Mayor Stokes adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk