



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided required notifications regarding conducting a hybrid meeting.

Commissioner Emrich stated he will be attending the hybrid meeting via Communications Media Technology (CMT) due to experiencing a medical condition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to approve the use of CMT for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon
- No:** 1 - Commissioner McDowell

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Pete Emrich, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, Assistant City Attorney Hillary Ryan, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Powell, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Public Works Director Chuck Speake, Information Technology Manager Eric Ryan, Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann, and Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. [24-0959](#) Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 City Manager's Proposed Budget.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including overview, proposed all funds budget by strategic pillar, total general fund budget, proposed general fund budget, proposals by department, and projections.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding total fund amount.

There was no public comment.

- B. [24-1111](#) Fire Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, changes, fund balance, and capital improvement programs (CIP).

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding collective bargaining agreement (CBA) funding and contract ratification status.

There was no public comment.

- C. [24-1112](#) Development Services Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, changes, fund balance, and capital improvement programs (CIP).

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding microforest site location and suggested parcel usage, tree canopy restoration root barriers, City-wide tree planting project, project review timeline, and mosquito control update.

There was no public comment.

- D. [24-1113](#) Parks and Recreation Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, changes, fund balance, and capital improvement programs (CIP).

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Circle of Honor update and Veterans Park Advisory Committee membership.

There was no public comment.

E. [24-1114](#) Finance Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, and changes.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding departmental funding requirements.

There was no public comment.

F. [24-1115](#) Human Resource Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, changes, and fund balance.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

G. [24-1116](#) Police Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, changes, and fund balance.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding reallocating excess funds from the healthcare center to police trailers and funding needs.

There was no public comment.

H. [24-1117](#) Public Works Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, changes, fund balance, and capital improvement programs (CIP).

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement, Hillsborough Boulevard/Cranberry Boulevard intersection improvements American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund reallocation to transportation impact fees, multimodal path amenities and parking CIP combination, amount of parking spaces, and future discussion of parking options.

There was no public comment.

I. [24-1118](#) Information Technology Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, and changes.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Mitel phone system funding utilization.

There was no public comment.

J. [24-1119](#) City Manager's Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, and changes.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

K. [24-1120](#) Social Services Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, and changes.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

L. [24-1121](#) City Attorney's Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, and changes.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

M. [24-1122](#) City Clerk's Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, and changes.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Paymentus funding amount.

There was no public comment.

N. [24-1123](#) City Commission

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, and changes.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

O. [24-1124](#) Utilities Department

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, proposals, changes, and capital improvement programs (CIP).

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding infrastructure needs.

There was no public comment.

P. [24-1125](#) Non Departmental

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including total budget, proposed budget, and changes.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding worker's compensation expense.

There was no public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk