



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, REVISING THE LIST OF PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH SARASOTA COUNTY'S COLLECTION OF THE ONE PERCENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX PROCEEDS FOR YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2039; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 212.055(2) authorizes the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners (the "County") to levy a local government infrastructure sales surtax of one percent throughout the county, subject to referendum approval (the "Sales Tax"); and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1989, the County adopted Ordinance No. 89-40 (the "1989 Surtax Ordinance") authorizing the referendum held on June 27, 1989, when Sarasota County voters approved the levy of the Sales Tax for a period of ten years, effective September 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 1997, the County adopted Ordinance No. 97-083 (the "1997 Surtax Ordinance") authorizing the referendum held on November 4, 1997, when Sarasota County voters approved continuation of the Sales Tax levy for an additional ten years, effective September 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2007, the County adopted Ordinance No. 2007-087 (the "2007 Surtax Ordinance") authorizing the referendum held on November 6, 2007, when Sarasota County voters approved continuation of the Sales Tax levy for an additional fifteen years, through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2022, the County adopted Ordinance No. 2022-001 (the "2022 Surtax Ordinance"), authorizing the referendum held on November 8, 2022, when Sarasota County voters approved continuation of the Sales Tax Levy for an additional fifteen years, through December 31, 2039; and

WHEREAS, the 1987 Surtax Ordinance, 1997 Surtax Ordinance, 2007 Surtax Ordinance, and 2022 Surtax Ordinance (collectively, the "Surtax Ordinances") provided for distribution of Sales Tax proceeds between Sarasota County, the municipalities of Sarasota County, and the Manatee County School Board (collectively, the "Local Governing Bodies") and provided for continuing the Citizen Tax Oversight Committees as established by each of the Local Governing Bodies; and

WHEREAS, for each of the Local Governing Bodies, the Surtax Ordinances include a list of proposed projects to be funded by proceeds of the Sales Tax, with allocation of funds and implementation time frames for each project; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Surtax Ordinance codified Sarasota County Code Section 114-4(5)H. This section authorizes each Local Governing Body, after a public hearing, to adopt a resolution changing the infrastructure projects proposed for funding and to reallocate its share of the Sales Tax proceeds. The code further requires that the local government's Citizen Tax Oversight Committee review any changes made by the Local Governing Body to ensure all procedural requirements have been followed; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2022-R-12, expressing support for continuing the Sales Tax and approving a list of proposed projects that became Exhibit C to the 2022 Surtax Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-R-12, Section 3.04, the City Commission may alter or amend the project list if the City Commission finds that the change is in the public interest and provided that all projects are consistent with the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 212.055(2); and

WHEREAS, the City's Project List for Infrastructure Surtax FY25 - FY39, attached as Exhibit C to the 2022 Surtax Ordinance, includes various categories of public infrastructure projects including the categories of General Government, Parks, Transportation, Stormwater, and Public Safety, and includes a general description of various proposed projects under each infrastructure category as well as the projected surtax funding for each proposed project and the planned implementation period; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2024, the City Commission conducted the public hearing required by the 2022 Surtax Ordinance, Section (5)H, in order to revise the proposed infrastructure projects that may be funded by the City's share of the Sales Tax in order to include the Emergency Operations Center and remove the Police Training Center and Fire Training Center as public safety projects; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the City Commission conducted the public hearing required by the 2022 Surtax Ordinance, Section (5)H, in order to revise the proposed infrastructure projects that may be funded by the City's share of the Sales Tax in order to include the voter approved Price Boulevard Bond Debt Service, and remove the Price Boulevard Phase 1 project cost as transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has identified the need for new public safety infrastructure and in particular the design, acquisition, construction, equipping, furnishing, and funding of an Emergency Operations Center and related facilities, including together with related site work, wetland mitigation, and utility extension (collectively, the "Emergency Operations Center"), and the voter approved Price Boulevard Bond Debt Service (the "Bond Debt Service"); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has identified the need to further revise the proposed infrastructure projects that may be funded by the City's share of the Sales Tax in order to include the Warm Mineral Springs Park Building Rehabilitation project, and remove funding from the Warm Mineral Springs Park Master Plan Implementation project for FY30-34; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has further identified the need to remove the Annual Parks Amenities program from the City's proposed infrastructure projects because the program does not meet the

definition of infrastructure and/or comply with the requirements for allocation of infrastructure surtax proceeds provided in Florida Statutes Section 212.055(2); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to revise the City’s list of proposed infrastructure projects to include the Emergency Operations Center and voter approved Price Boulevard Bond Debt Service, and to remove the Price Boulevard Phase 1 project cost, Annual Parks Amenities Program, Police Training Center and Fire Training Center, reallocating the City’s share of the Sales Tax Proceeds to include funding for the Emergency Operations Center and Bond Debt Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

- 1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution by reference.
- 1.02 Pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-R-12, Section 3.04, the City Commission finds that the *City of North Port Project List for Infrastructure Surtax FY25 – FY39* attached as Exhibit A (“Revised Project List”) is in the public interest and that the projects, including the Emergency Operations Center, Bond Debt Service, and Warm Mineral Springs Park Building Rehabilitation are consistent with the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 212.055(2).
- 1.03 Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 212.055(2), the City Commission finds that the infrastructure identified on the Revised Project List, including the Emergency Operations Center, Bond Debt Service, and Warm Mineral Springs Park Building Rehabilitation meet the definition of *infrastructure* and complies with the requirements for allocation of infrastructure surtax proceeds.
- 1.04 The City Commission finds that expenditure of Sales Tax proceeds to fund the Emergency Operations Center, Bond Debt Service, and Warm Mineral Springs Park Building Rehabilitation complies with the requirements of the ballot question approved by the 2022 Surtax Ordinance and presented to Sarasota County voters on November 8, 2022, and that the expenditure will improve public safety and fund projects related to community needs as required by the ballot question.
- 1.05 All identified exhibits are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

SECTION 2 – REVISION TO PROPOSED SALES TAX PROJECTS AND ALLOCATED FUNDING

- 2.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the revised list of proposed projects to be funded by the City’s share of the Sales Tax proceeds, including the Emergency Operations Center, Bond Debt Service, and Warm Mineral Springs Park Building Rehabilitation, identified in the *City of North Port Project List for Infrastructure Surtax FY25 – FY39* (“Revised Project List”) attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.
- 2.02 The attached Exhibit A supplants and supersedes in its entirety the list of proposed projects identified as Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2022-R-12 and identified as Exhibit C to the 2022 Surtax Ordinance.

SECTION 3 – FUTURE REVISIONS TO PROPOSED SALES TAX PROJECTS

- 3.01 The City Commission is authorized to further revise, alter, or amend the project list in accordance with Sarasota County Code Section 114-4(5)H, in the event the City Commission finds that the revision, alteration, or amendment is in the public interest and provided that all proposed projects are consistent with the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 212.055(2).

SECTION 4 – CITIZEN TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- 4.02 In accordance with Section 4-136 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida and Sarasota County Code Section 114-4(6)A.2, the City Commission directs the Citizen Tax Oversight Committee to review the Revised Project List for the sole purpose of ensuring that all procedural requirements set forth in the 2022 Surtax Ordinance have been followed.
- 4.01 The City Commission directs the City Clerk to provide the City's Citizen Tax Oversight Committee with a copy of this resolution and the minutes of the City Commission meeting at which this resolution was adopted.

SECTION 5 – CONFLICTS

- 5.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this resolution will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY

- 6.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution.

SECTION 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE

- 7.01 This resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on September 9, 2025.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

PHIL STOKES
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

MICHAEL GOLEN, CPM
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

Project Title		Prioritization Rationale	Department	Surtax IV Project Category	Project Location	Description	Surtax FY25-29 (\$M)	Surtax FY30-34 (\$M)	Surtax FY35-39 (\$M)	Surtax Total (\$M)	Alternative Funding
1	New Ambulances (4)	As growth has continued, the need for future ambulances is established but there is no funding mechanism identified at this time for these vehicles. Impact fees have been insufficient for these vehicles' costs on the estimated timeframe. There may be some Impact Fee or General Fund funding available.	Fire Rescue	Public Safety - Fire Rescue	TBD	New advanced life support ambulances for future fire stations and expanded service areas.	\$0.000	\$1.460	\$1.500	\$2.960	\$0.000
2	New Engines (3 Total)	As growth has continued, the need for future fire engines is established but there is no funding mechanism identified at this time for these vehicles. Impact fees have been insufficient and will likely continue to be insufficient for these vehicles' costs on the estimated timeframe.	Fire Rescue	Public Safety - Fire Rescue	TBD	New fire engines for future fire stations.	\$0.000	\$2.200	\$3.200	\$5.400	\$0.000
3	New Fire Stations (3 Total)	As growth has continued, the need for future identified fire stations is established but there is no funding mechanism identified at this time for these projects. Impact fees have been insufficient and will likely continue to be insufficient for these projects' costs on the estimated timeframe.	Fire Rescue	Public Safety - Fire Rescue	TBD	This project for the construction of a new fire station. This includes land acquisition, construction, finishes and equipment.	\$1.848	\$10.300	\$13.200	\$25.348	\$1.452
4	Ladder Truck (Platform)	With continual growth, large apartment buildings, assisted living residences and commercial properties Fire Rescue is projecting a need for a larger aerial apparatus. There is no funding mechanism identified at this time for this project. Impact fees have been insufficient and will likely continue to be insufficient for this project cost on the estimated timeframe.	Fire Rescue	Public Safety - Fire Rescue	TBD	Fire service aerial ladder response apparatus.	\$0.000	\$3.000	\$0.000	\$3.000	\$0.000
5	Public Safety Communications	This project is essential to maintaining multi-jurisdictional communications. There is no funding mechanism identified at this time for this project. Currently there is no funding set aside by the Fire District or General Fund for this project. Funding would have to be covered by Surtax.	Fire Rescue	Public Safety - Fire Rescue	Various	Replacement of Fire Rescue and Police Department public safety communications systems to include portable radios, vehicle radios and ancillary items to support the overall update.	\$0.000	\$10.000	\$0.000	\$10.000	\$0.000
6	Replacement Ambulances (13)	As growth has continued, the need for future ambulances is established but there is no funding mechanism identified at this time for these replacement vehicles. Any portion of funding for these ambulances not covered by the General Fund, would have to be covered by Surtax.	Fire Rescue	Public Safety - Fire Rescue	TBD	Replacement of current advanced life support ambulances.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$6.400	\$6.400	\$0.000

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7	Storage Building	The current logistics and storage area has met capacity and Fire Rescue needs additional space to store spare response apparatus, equipment and materials. With the projected growth of Fire Rescue, we recognize the need for a larger facility. Impact fees will be insufficient for this estimated timeframe.	Fire Rescue	Public Safety - Fire Rescue	Station 85	This project is for expanded storage space for Fire Rescue apparatus as well as a small storage and warehouse area for our logisitics and maintenance staff.	\$0.000	\$2.400	\$0.000	\$2.400	\$0.000
						Fire Rescue Total	\$1.848	\$29.360	\$24.300	\$55.508	\$1.452
8	Emergency Operations Center	The current location for emergency operations activations for City staff mitigating natural and man-made disasters is located at City Hall in Room 244. This single room is not suitable for the required functions of operating in large scale emergency operations for City-wide emergencies.	City Manager	City Manager- Emergency Management	TBD	Design and construction of a City Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility to serve as a base of operations during large-scale City-wide emergency events.	\$11.200	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$11.200	\$0.000
						City Manager Total	\$11.200	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$11.200	\$0.000
9	Switch Replacement	Needed for proper routing of all City network and telecommunications data. Needed to ensure up to date security and vendor support.	Information Technology	General Government - IT	Various	Replacement of Network Switches City Wide.	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$0.800	\$2.000	\$0.000
						IT Total	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$0.800	\$2.000	\$0.000
10	City Hall NDS Development Management Center	The first phase of the NDS Development Management Center has been completed with the implementation of the Customer Care Call Center. NDS will continue to initiate changes in services to ultimatley complete the entire project. New appointment management systems are being put in place to assist with scheduling for the Building Division customers. Once additional funding has been secured the NDS department will complete the remodel of the 1st floor of City Hall.	Neighborhood Development Services	General Government - NDS	City Hall	Analysis and remodeling project for City Hall 1st Floor NDS Operations.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.925	\$0.925	\$1.075

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11	Land in Connection with Affordable Housing	It is becoming increasingly difficult for lower-income households to secure housing within the City of North Port and the surrounding area due to high housing costs and limited supply. Acquiring land for affordable housing can be difficult, as it must be priced appropriately and have access to infrastructure, nearby jobs, schools, and services. By acquiring property for affordable housing, the City can provide a steady development pipeline in specific areas where it is most needed. The City can also ensure the land is zoned appropriately in advance to reduce the amount of time needed to bring the project to fruition.	Neighborhood Development Service	Neighborhoods	TBD	Development and implementation of a land acquisition program to facilitate development of affordable housing within the City.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.925	\$0.925	\$0.000
						NDS Total	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$1.850	\$1.850	\$1.075
12	Additional Baseball Fields (phased project)	This expands access to community recreation, and was rated moderate on citizen interest based on feedback from the Community Interest Survey, however we have been able to accommodate most reservation requests for baseball fields at this time, so this is a low urgency need. The additional fields could support sports tourism within the region, including both Sarasota and Charlotte County.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	TBD	Add additional baseball fields.	\$0.000	\$0.200	\$0.100	\$0.300	\$0.000
13	Additional Outdoor Basketball Courts (phased project)	This expands access to community recreation, and was rated moderate on citizen interest based on feedback from the Community Interest Survey, however we have been able to meet need and this is not urgent nor necessary for sustainability.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	TBD	Add additional outdoor basketball courts.	\$0.000	\$0.200	\$0.200	\$0.400	\$0.000
14	Annual Playground Replacement Plan	This expands access to community recreation, and was rated high on citizen interest based on feedback from the Community Interest Survey, the replacement plan for playgrounds outlined within the current programed CIP adequately addresses this need. Playgrounds/parks are seen as a primarily driver of quality of life for citizens and those looking to relocate.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	Various Parks	As part of the annual playground replacement plan, one park per year is scheduled for playground structure replacement.	\$1.250	\$1.925	\$1.250	\$4.425	\$0.000
15	Bandshell / outdoor amphitheater	This amenity would provide a low return on investment, is not an urgent need but would provide a moderate impact on quality of life by providing additional community gathering spaces.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	TBD	Add an outdoor band shell / amphitheater to the park system.	\$0.000	\$0.250	\$0.000	\$0.250	\$0.000

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16	Canal Creek Master Plan implementation	This expands access to community recreation, and was rated low based on input from the community interest survey. There is not an urgent need for this amenity based on current offerings, however, this would provide a moderate impact on quality of life based on additional water based recreation opportunities.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	Various Park Locations	Construction of the elements identified in the Canal & Creek Master plan and the Blueways Greenways Master Plan.	\$0.000	\$0.750	\$0.000	\$0.750	\$0.000
17	Land purchases for future park locations	This expands access to community recreation, is rated moderate based on input from the community interest survey, has low return on investment, however additional park space would be supported to continue to meet the needs of the growing community.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	Various Locations	Purchase of vacant land for future park development.	\$0.000	\$0.500	\$0.250	\$0.750	\$0.000
18	Narramore Park Soccer Field rehabilitation	By improving the existing fields, there would be less field down time for maintenance , potentially resulting in higher revenue. This is rated moderate based on feedback from the Community Interest Survey, partial funding is programmed in the CIP, and additional field time would support sports tourism.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	Narramore Sports Complex / Soccer	Rehabilitation of the soccer fields at Narramore Park.	\$0.100	\$0.100	\$0.000	\$0.200	\$0.000
19	New Community Center	This expands access to community recreation, and would provide significant community benefit via programming and access. This was rated moderate based on the community interest survey, however has a low urgency. An additional community center on the east side of town would provide moderate impact on quality of life and increase access to services for an underserved portion of the community and would provide a varying cost recovery based on size and amenities included within the facility.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	TBD	Design and construct a new multipurpose community center.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$7.500	\$7.500	\$7.500
20	Observation deck at Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park	A new obseravtion deck would provide low support of a strategic priority, low to no return on investment, it has not been requested as a need by the community although it would potentially increase use of outdoor space. Funding for this is not urgent.	Parks & Recreation	Parks - Parks & Recreation	Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park	Add a new observation deck.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$0.000

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30	Angled Parking - Tamiami Trail North/South	It is anticipated to provide roughly 74 angled pervious concrete parking spaces.	Public Works	Transportation	North of US 41 between North Port Blvd and Espanola Drive. South of US 41 between Volander Terrace and North Port Blvd, and Landover Ter and Almonte Ter.	This project is for the construction of a series of angled linear parking spaces along the Tamiami Trail frontage road. South of US 41 between Bolander Terrace and North Port Boulevard, and Landover Terrace and Almonte Terrace, and north of US 41 between North Port Boulevard and Espanola Drive.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.925	\$0.925	\$1.405
31	US 41 Multimodal Path Amenities Design	This project will provide greater appeal for the public to utilize the multimodal path between Tuscola Boulevard and Ortiz Boulevard and added parking along the Tamiami Trail frontage road, south of US 41 between Bolander Terrace and North Port Boulevard, and along the Tamiami Trail frontage road, north of US 41 between North Port Boulevard and Espanola Drive.	Public Works	Transportation	Phase 1 will add an estimated 49 parking spaces on the south side of U.S.41 between Bolander Terrace and North Port Blvd	Construction of a series of linear parking spaces along Tamiami Trail in three phases; as well as Commission directed amenities such as benches and minor landscaping be added to the multi-modal path constructed by the Florida Department of Transportation between Tuscola Boulevard and Ortiz Boulevard.	\$0.654	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.654	\$0.000
32	Bridge Rehabilitation & Repair Program	The City of North Port Strategic Plan supports the repair and replacement of bridges within the City. To ensure integrity of critical infrastructure a safe and reliable transportation network, this project is a necessity.	Public Works	Transportation - Public Works	Various City-Wide Locations	Annual project for rehabilitation and repair of City bridges.	\$0.774	\$1.194	\$1.277	\$3.245	\$2.494
33	Drainage Improvement Program	The City of North Port Strategic Plan supports the drainage improvement program of the Road and Drainage District. In order to provide an effective flood prevention and stormwater conveyance, this project is a necessity.	Public Works	Stormwater - Public Works	Various City-Wide Locations	Annual maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of the City's stormwater drainage system infrastructure.	\$4.860	\$5.929	\$7.234	\$18.023	\$0.000
34	Price Boulevard Widening Phase I	The City of North Port Strategic Plan supports the widening of Price Boulevard within the City. Due to the continued growth of the City, in order to provide an efficient traffic flow, this project is a necessity.	Public Works	Transportation - Public Works	Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard	Some construction cost and Voter Approved Debt Service for widening Price Boulevard between Sumter Boulevard and Toledo Blade Boulevard.	\$25.516	\$26.301	\$26.297	\$78.114	\$0.000
35	Price Boulevard Widening Phase II	The City of North Port Strategic Plan supports the widening of Price Boulevard within the City. Due to the continued growth of the City, in order to provide an efficient traffic flow, this project is a necessity.	Public Works	Transportation - Public Works	Sumter Boulevard to Heron Creek Middle School and High School	Reconstruct existing road to an urban divided four lane roadway, including bridge replacement over Myakkahatchee Creek, from Sumter Boulevard to westerly terminus of North Port High School/Heron Creek Middle School.	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$32.532	\$32.532	\$0.000

