



City of North Port

4970 City Hall Blvd
North Port, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Joint Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

1:00 PM Robert L. Anderson Building 4000 S. Tamiami Trail Venice,
FL 34293

Joint Meeting with the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cutsinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Sarasota County Commissioners: District 5 Chair Ron Cutsinger, District 1 Vice Chair Michael A. Moran, District 2 Mark Smith, and District 4 Joe Neunder.

Also Present:

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, Assistant City Attorney Michael Golen, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Roberts, Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli, Deputy Fire Chief Nick Herlihy, Deputy Police Chief Chris Morales, Assistant City Manager Julie Bellia, Assistant City Manager Jason Yarborough, Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller, Public Works Director Chuck Speake, Planning and Development Services Director Matthew Osterhoudt, Sarasota County Area Transit Director Jane Grogg, Mosquito Management Manager II Wade Brennan, and County Administrator Jonathan Lewis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Cutsinger.

1. JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. [23-0859](#) 2017-2022 County Actions on Affordable Housing Update (Sarasota County)

Mr. Oysterheart, provided a presentation to include challenges, how it affects workforce talent, understanding your community, solutions and strategies, setting the foundation, affordable housing strategies, tool box implementation, surplus lands, third party analysis, surplus land examples, targeted funding, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), reduced fees/processing time, density bonus, development standards, half dwelling units, and strategic action plan.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding surplus lands and ARPA funds.

B. [23-0860](#) Growth Patterns in North Port Update (North Port)

Ms. Ray provided a presentation to include growth patterns and annual population estimate per Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR).

C. [23-0861](#) Mobility System Update (Sarasota County)

Ms. Grogg provided a presentation to include Ridership by Route 2018, cost per passenger by Route 2018, new mobility system, mobility system update, most frequent OnDemand destinations, Breeze Rider app real-time location and going forward.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding recognition for presentation, OnDemand service, Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) to Breeze, OnDemand routes, Legacy Trail bike route, Wellen Park route, tracking repeat riders, and North Port High School utilization.

D. [23-0862](#) Aquatic Center Update (North Port)

Ms. Pfundheller provided a presentation to include Aquatic Center highlights.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding enjoyable amenities, price differences from City and County rates, partnership with the county, lifeguard responsibilities, Aquatic Center promotion, new activities, revenues and expenses, advertisement, swimming sport program and participation.

Recess was taken from 2:25 p.m. until 2:35 p.m.

E. [23-0863](#) Mosquito Management Update (Sarasota County)

Mr. Brennan, provided a presentation to include mission, history, integrated pest management program, being science driven, advanced technology, environmental focus, efficiency driven, field technicians, mission planning for mosquito surveillance, precision target location, monitor contractor, county percentage of service request, ditch acres and ariel and truck treatments, new facility, and premier organization.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding tour of the facility, new employee for North Port, task force recommendations and updated study, community education, pesticide application, gambusia uses, customer satisfaction, spraying location responsibilities (Myakka and State Forest), and pesticide traps and pods distribution.

F. [23-0864](#) Southern Interchange Update (North Port)

Ms. Ray provided a presentation to include long term project and highlights and provided a map.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding support made by resolution.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Romack: septic system pollution concerns and solutions.

Andrea Doricale: growth of North Port, affordable housing, funding for public transportation, and fund uses.

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Langdon commented on the passing of Commissioner Detert.

Chair Cutsinger commented on a Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Relief received by Sarasota County.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cutsinger adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

City of Sarasota, Florida

By: _____
Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2023.