



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
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, March 26, 2024

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Pete Emrich

### Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Faust, Fire Chief Titus, and Board Specialist Bodmer

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Seal.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried on the:***

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

#### [23-1625](#)

Approve Multi-Award Continuing Services Agreement Numbers: 2023-38.001, 2023-38.002, 2023-38.003, 2023-38.004, 2023-38.005, 2023-38.006, and 2023-38.007 between the City of North Port and AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc., Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd., Inc., Dewberry Engineers Inc., DRMP, Inc., ESP Associates FL, Inc., George F. Young, Inc., and Hyatt Survey Services, Inc. for Professional Surveying Services Continuing Contracts for City of North Port and Authorize the City Manager to Approve Future Renewals of Agreements.

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

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

#### [RES. NO.](#) [2024-R-11](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, as the Governing Body of the North Port Road and Drainage District, Amending the North Port Road and Drainage District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Road Rehabilitation in the Amount of \$2,200,000; Providing for Findings; Providing for Posting; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor White announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There were no Commission questions or discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-R-11 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

[24-0474](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the North and South Tamiami Trail Access Road Projects (Requested by Commissioner McDowell).

Mayor White announced the item.

Commissioner McDowell introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding funding options, budget discussion, estimated cost, and prioritizing projects.

There was no public comment.

Mayor White requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Manager to work with staff to come back with separate estimated costs to construct both north and south Tamiami Trail Access Roads. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to direct the City Manager to work with staff to facilitate conversations with the area businesses for off street parking assessments to their business. The motion carried on the following vote:***

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to direct the City Manager to work with staff to review other potential options to include paid parking meters and other viable solutions to the parking issue.***

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding larger conversation regarding city-wide parking issues, current design plans, and staff time.

***A motion to amend was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to add financial solutions. The motion to amend carried on the following vote:***

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

***The main motion as amended carried on the following vote:***

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

***A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to direct the City Manager to work with staff to create a city-wide parking plan with funding options, date to be determined.***

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding locations, parking options and needs, targeted areas unrelated to city rezone, and timing of discussion.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

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

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