



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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, June 15, 2023

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

Attachment Added to Item No. 23-1005

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Langdon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Also Present:

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, Deputy City Attorney Michael Golen, Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jimenez, Deputy Fire Chief Nick Herlihy, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Deputy Police Chief Chris Morales, Assistant City Manager Julie Bellia, Assistant City Manager Jason Yarborough, Grant Division Manager Valerie Malingowski; Budget Administrator Lisa Herrmann, Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller, Utilities Director Nancy Gallinaro, Assistant Utility Director Michael Vuolo, Assistant Utility Director Jennifer Desrosiers, Development Services Director Alaina Ray, Public Works Director Chuck Speake, and Solid Waste Manager Frank Lama.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Phil Stokes.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. [23-0958](#) Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and spoke to process of meeting.

B. [23-1005](#)

Fire Department

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including impact of Hurricane Ian.

Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy spoke to impact of Hurricane Ian.

Mr. Fletcher continued his presentation including organizational chart, seven new positions, ranked priorities, performance measures, budget summary and proposals, and not recommended budget proposals.

Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy spoke to Cascade Trailers.

Mr. Fletcher continued his presentation including Cascade Trailers.

Deputy Fire Chief Herlihy spoke to methodology study and Tier 1 and 2.

Peter Napoli, Stantec, provided a presentation including rates and methodology study, background, rate updates, and customer impacts.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding increase residential assessment rates in the estates, vacant parcels, acreage, rates, cascade trailers, undeveloped properties, safety equipment, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) funding, and Budget Proposal 2503.

Ms. Herrmann spoke to unfunded proposals.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Tier 1 and Tier 2, rhythm generator, Budget Proposals 2495 and 2506, fire assessments, utility taxes, water rescue boats, and new positions.

There was no public comment.

C. [23-1008](#)

Utilities Department

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including impact of Hurricane Ian.

Ms. Gallinaro spoke to impact of Hurricane Ian.

Mr. Fletcher continued his presentation including organizational chart, nine new positions, ranked priorities, performance measures administration, wastewater systems, field operations, and budget summary and proposals.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding water treatment plant, potable and reclaimed water facilities, and Budget Proposal 2438.

Mr. Vuolo spoke to Budget Proposal 2438.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding budget worksheet.

Ms. Desrosiers spoke to water and waste rate adjustment.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding rate analysis, and customer service kiosk.

There was no public comment.

D. [23-1006](#)

Development Services Department

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including impact of Hurricane Ian.

Ms. Ray spoke to permit activity, impact of Hurricane Ian, and resources.

Mr. Fletcher continued his presentation including organizational chart, ranked priorities, performance measures, budget summary and proposals, and not recommended budget proposals.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding City growth, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), customer service, quality of personnel, and vehicle replacement.

Ms. Herrmann spoke to vehicle replacement.

Commission questions and discussion continued Hurricane Ian recovery, permit issuance, Budget Proposal 2600, outside legal consulting services, permit automation, affordable housing study, Lean Six Sigma training, City's large developments, and income restrictions.

There was no public comment.

Recess was taken from 10:43 a.m. until 10:53 a.m.

E. [23-1007](#)

Public Works Department

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including impact of Hurricane Ian.

Mr. Speake spoke to impact of Hurricane Ian.

Mr. Fletcher continued his presentation including organizational chart, two new positions for Fleet Management and three new positions for Solid Waste, ranked priorities, performance measures, budget summary and proposals, and not recommended budget proposals.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding parking lot maintenance, security assessment report, fuel access, landfill transfer station, and blue lid recyclables.

Mr. Lama spoke to blue lid recyclables.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding resident frustrations, Price Boulevard widening, restoring Fund Balance plan, water control structure, lot purchases and funding, Room 244 renovations, County Housing and Urban Development (HUD), chairs for Room 244, janitorial services, machinery equipment, Solid Waste vehicles and equipment, utility taxes, and collecting road funds.

There was no public comment.

F. [23-1013](#)

CIP Public Works

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including Capital Improvement Project (CIP) overview, projects by fund, surtax proposals, project by strategic pillars, proposals by department, and CIP of \$12,586,530.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding Tropicaire Boulevard pedestrian shared use bicycle path, Woodhaven Drive sidewalk pedestrian bridge, Price Boulevard previous and current budget, City wide tree planting, Biscayne Boulevard appearance, pollinator pilot program, road rehab rehabilitation, and multi-model path.

Ms. Bellia spoke to parking areas on US 41.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding tree fund allocations, trail parking areas on US 41, wildflowers, Biscayne Boulevard maintenance, water control structures, and extending Tropicaire Boulevard to Yorkshire Street.

Mr. Yarborough spoke to extending of Tropicaire Boulevard to Yorkshire Street.

Ms. Herrmann spoke to Budget Proposals R15 and U15 combined project and utility projects.

Mr. Fletcher spoke on Price Boulevard funding.

There was no public comment.

G. [23-1014](#)

CIP Parks and Recreation

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation regarding Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Project (CIP) of \$1,725,000.

Ms. Pfundheller responded to Commission questions regarding the K9 club.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan, connection of sidewalk fields, Dallas White Park campus and renovations, Atwater Park splash pad surfacing, Tiers along the Creek, Marina Park restrooms, improvements to Legacy Trail connector, and portable restrooms.

Ms. Bellia spoke to portable restroom facilities and parking lots.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Boca Chica, Dallas White Park multi-purpose room, Narramore Sports Complex, acquiring land east of Toledo Blade Boulevard, Italy Avenue, community centers, YMCA footprint, and dog parks.

There was no public comment.

Recess was taken from 12:35 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.

H. [23-1016](#)

CIP Utilities

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including Utilities Capital Improvement Project (CIP) of \$11,442,410.

Ms. Gallinaro responded to Commission questions regarding Southwest water plant expansion.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding master pump station on Toledo Blade Boulevard and Price Boulevard.

Mr. Vuolo spoke to master pump station on Toledo Blade Boulevard and Price Boulevard and wastewater plant.

Ms. Desrosiers spoke to water plant and maintenance.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding pump stations and plants capacity fees, drying beds, Price Boulevard expansion and design work, vacuum stations, and stormwater ponds.

There was no public comment.

I. [23-1015](#)

CIP Fire

Mayor Langdon announced the item

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including Public Safety - Fire Rescue Capital Improvement Project (CIP) of \$1,800,00.

Mr. Herlihy responded to Commission questions regarding the Fire Training Complex.

There was no public comment.

J. [23-1012](#)

CIP Police

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including Police Capital Improvement Project (CIP) of \$165,000.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding license plate readers, new Police Headquarters and Shoot House.

There was no public comment.

K. [23-1011](#) CIP Development Services Department

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including Development Services Capital Improvement Project (CIP) of \$1,532,260.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds.

Ms. Malingowski spoke to ARPA funds and Cranberry Boulevard round about.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding West Villages ARPA updates.

Ms. Ray responded to Commission questions regarding West Villages ARPA fund.

Mr. Yarborough spoke on land acquisitions and Cranberry Boulevard and Hillsborough Boulevard update.

There was no public comment.

L. [23-1009](#) CIP City Manager

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item and provided a presentation including City Manager Capital Improvement Project (CIP) of \$91,400.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding previous and current budget for furniture.

Mr. Fletcher spoke to furniture budget and vehicle transfer.

There was no public comment.

M. [23-1010](#) CIP Information Technology

Mayor Langdon announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Herrmann stated there are no proposed projects for Information Technology.

There was no public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

In response to Commission discussion Ms. Herrmann spoke to new positions for natural resource divisions, risk increase, losses sustained through insurances, and tax collector fees.

Ms. Pfundheller spoke to revenues for Parks and Recreation Water Center and rates and fees.

Ms. Herrmann continued to speak on tax collector fees.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Langdon adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

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