

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 14, 2022

A Joint Meeting between the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County and the City of North Port was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following Board of County Commissioners were present: Chair Bill Truex (via teleconference), Vice Chair Christopher Constance, Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, Commissioner Ken Doherty, and Commissioner Joe Tiseo. The following members were absent: None.

The following City of North Port Commissioners were present: Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioner Jill Luke, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, and Commissioner Alice White. The following members were absent: Mayor Pete Emrich.

Also in attendance were: Charlotte County Administrator Hector Flores, Charlotte County Attorney Janette Knowlton, City of North Port Attorney Margaret Roberts, City of North Port Manager Jerome Fletcher, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Jerome Fletcher commented on partnership, teamwork, and benefits.

City Attorney Margaret Roberts remarked on collaboration.

County Administrator Flores spoke to communication and partnerships.

Vice Chair Constance noted scheduling and growth.

1) Public Input – Agenda Items Only

Lynn Saboe spoke in support of Economic Development, Water Quality, and Transportation.

Tim Ritchie discussed Water Quality.

Richard Russell spoke in support of Water Quality.

2) Joint Discussion Items

a) Economic Development

Dave Gammon, Charlotte County Economic Development Director gave a brief overview of Here Are the Most Popular Cities for Homebuyers in 2022 - and the Places People Can't Wait to Leave, Where homebuyers want to live, Punta Gorda Called a Good Spot to Relocate a Business Headquarters (HQ), Development History, Charlotte and Sarasota Residential Parcel Status, Parkside Village, Sunseeker

Resort, Project Status, 24 acre site plan, Competitive set profile, Cheney Brothers Distribution Network, Babcock Ranch, Burnt Store Growth, Economic Development Office (EDO) Focus, Permanent Change of Station (PCS), ZenniHome, and ZenCity.

City Manager Fletcher gave a brief overview of Legacy Trail Connector, Warm Mineral Springs Park, Wellen Park, and North Port Ongoing Projects.

Vice Chair Constance mentioned City of Punta Gorda and data.

Vice Mayor Langdon commented on preparations, **Chair Truex**, and Florida Association of Counties (FAC). **Commissioner Luke** noted accomplishments and **Chair Truex**.

b) Tourism

Sean Walter, Charlotte County Sales and Sports Marketing Manager gave a brief overview of Tourism and Most recently the tourism department partnered with the City of North Port as follows.

Vice Chair Constance spoke to Tourist Development Council (TDC) Meetings, partnership, ideas, North Port Aquatic Center, Charles Hines, connections, Legacy and Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed Cool Today Park, Charlotte Sports Park, Florida Complex Leagues, and economic drivers.

Vice Mayor Langdon mentioned Sarasota County TDC, data, community events, and partnership. **Commissioner Luke** commented on connection, Friends of the Legacy Trail, and extension. **Commissioner McDowell** noted North Port Aquatic Center, visitors, and benefits.

John Elias, Charlotte County Public Works Director responded to SUN Trail, Community Services, and extension.

c) Water Quality

Brandon Moody, Charlotte County Water Quality Manager gave a brief overview of North Port/Port Charlotte Watershed, Impaired Waterways, North Port/Charlotte Monitoring, and Water Quality Protection Activities.

Elizabeth Wong, City of North Port Stormwater Manager gave a brief overview of Big Slough Watershed, City of North Port and Charlotte County Stormwater Drainage System, North Port Water Quality Monitoring Programs, Canal Creek Water Quality Monitoring, City of North Port Canal and Creek Water Quality Monitoring Plan, Use of Sucralose as Tracer of leakage from Septic Systems, Canal Creek Water Quality Sampling Program, Canal Creek Water Quality Results November 2021 to June 2022, and Steps City has Taken to Reduce Pollutants.

Nancy Gallinaro, City of North Port Utilities Director gave a brief overview of North Port Utilities: Master Plan Project Timeline, Municipal Water & Wastewater Plan, and Vacuum Station Property Acquisition.

Vice Chair Constance spoke to Impaired Waterways, Charlotte Harbor, Peace River, seagrass, potable and reuse water, Sunshine Lake, Sunrise Waterway, North Port/Charlotte Monitoring, data, commercial

appliers, restrictions, Ordinance, retail suppliers, Babcock Ranch, xeriscaping, cost, Municipal Water & Wastewater Master Plan, watershed, septic to sewer program, partnership, benefits, funding, El Jobean, Governor Ron DeSantis, water quality, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), environmental work program, and infrastructure. **Commissioner Deutsch** remarked on Ordinance, retail suppliers, responsibility, water quality, and restrictions. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Biscayne Drive, Jockey Club, subdivision, Vacuum Station Property Acquisition, and technology. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned Florida-Friendly, gateways, irrigation, low maintenance, sewer expansion program, funding, cost, Master Plan Project Timeline, tax dollars, and flexibility.

Vice Mayor Langdon commented on sewer expansion program, community education and engagement, Water Summit, cost, benefits, risk, and inflation. **Commissioner Luke** noted North Port/Charlotte Monitoring, data, timeframe, Municipal Water & Wastewater Master Plan, Master Plan Project Timeline, and cost. **Commissioner McDowell** spoke to Ordinance, prohibition, Resolution, commercial restrictions, and reclaimed water. **Commissioner White** remarked on Florida-Friendly Landscape Workshops, alternatives, fertilizer, Flip My Florida Yard, Babcock Ranch, native vegetation, irrigation systems, cost, Ralph Mitchell, septic to sewer conversion, El Jobean, Patricia Spence, and limitations.

Jason Yarnborough, City of North Port Assistant City Manager replied to connection fees, septic to sewer conversion, surtax, Penny Sales Tax, projects, and funding sources.

d). Transportation

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Interlocal Agreement, Roadway Maintenance, Water Control Surfaces, Signalized Intersections, Cranberry/Hillsborough Intersection, and Future Interchange.

Chair Truex discussed Joint Meeting, Sarasota County, commercial land and development, interchange justification report, Yorkshire Road, need, and Joint Resolution. **Vice Chair Constance** mentioned Midway Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard, Manatee County, funding, Future Interchange, July 18, 2022 MPO Meeting, growth, challenges, FDOT, traffic, speed, roundabouts, and language. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Joint Resolution, FDOT, MPO Meeting, Future Interchange, Harbor Boulevard, Hillsborough Boulevard, and canal. **Commissioner Deutsch** noted collaboration, Lee County Joint Meeting, Burnt Store Road, MPO, Sarasota/Manatee County Joint Meeting, River Road, Myakka River, and State Road (SR) 776. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to FDOT, support letter, Joint Resolution, commitment, Future Interchange, corridor study, improvements, signalization, roundabouts, and July 18, 2022 MPO Meeting.

Vice Mayor Langdon remarked on support, interchanges, Yorkshire Road, opportunities, partnership, Price Boulevard, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO. **Commissioner Luke** discussed collaboration, MPO meetings, partnership, Yorkshire Road, Activity Center 6, Collier Study, infrastructure, urban service boundary, development, interchanges, roundabouts, and alternatives. **Commissioner McDowell** mentioned Joint Resolution, FDOT, interchanges, formal action, Sarasota County, Serris Drive, and connections.

David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO Executive Director responded to Joint Meeting, productivity, FDOT, partnerships, Agenda, infrastructure, long-range transportation plans, interchange justification report, and PD&E (Project Development and Environment) phase.

Lori Barnes, City of North Port Planning Manager interjected on Florida Power and Light (FPL), easement, property ownership, connections, FDOT, strategic and long-range transportation plans, collector distributor method, Sarasota County MPO, language, and funding requests.

3) Public Input

Richard Russell commented on pedestrian deaths, Daytona Beach, Port Charlotte Beach Complex, sidewalk closures, Sunseeker, and alternatives.

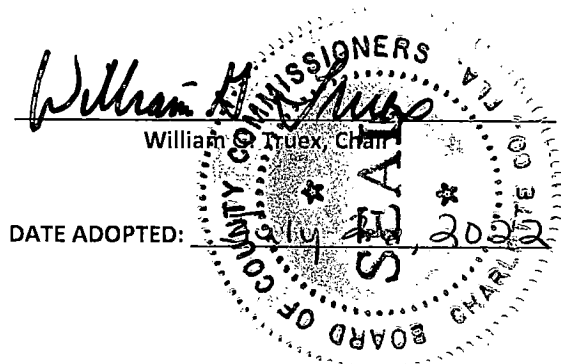
Lynn Saboe noted transportation studies, traffic, Charlotte Harbor, water quality, green algae, pollutants, toxins, health issues, monitoring, prevention, and ocean life.

4) Commissioner Comments

Chair Truex spoke to partnership, Vice Mayor Langdon, collaboration, growth, opportunities, Sarasota County, Cool Today Park, benefits, development, challenges, and Joint Meetings. Vice Chair Constance discussed participation, preparations, growth, Joint Meetings, water quality, transportation, infrastructure, and City of Punta Gorda. Commissioner Deutsch mentioned Joint Meetings. Commissioner Doherty commented on leadership, preparations, collaboration, partnership, growth, transformation, and Margaret Gentile. Commissioner Tiseo noted benefits, FAC, Sarasota County, Joint Meetings, and partnerships.

Vice Mayor Langdon spoke to collaboration and compromise. Commissioner Luke remarked on collaboration, preparations, discussions, and leadership. Commissioner McDowell discussed benefits, Joint Resolution, and partnership. Commissioner White mentioned collaboration, growth, and partnership.

ADJOURNED: 4:50 pm



ATTEST:

ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
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EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Roger D. Eaton
Deputy Clerk