



**CITY OF SOUTHPORT
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
WATER-SEWER MERGER**

113 W. MOORE STREET

January 10, 2024

9:00 AM

Agenda

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ETHICS STATEMENT:

"If any members know of any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest concerning matters on the agenda, please so state at this time."

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

E. Agenda

1. Overview of the Issues Needing to be Resolved for the Merger (B. Therrien, City Manager)
 - a. Annexation Lost
 - b. Use of Fund Balances
 - c. Do We Merge Water or Not? **Pgs 3-135**
 - d. Staffing Levels
 - e. Other Services We Give to the Residents
2. Appointment of Specialist Attorney to Assist in Negotiating and Developing the Legal Document with the County-Attorney Max MacAurley (B. Therrien, City Manager) **pgs 136-138**
3. Financial Overview of Fund Balances and Use of Funds/Grants (L. Flint, Finance Director) **139-**
4. Staffing Options for Finance (Teresa Jones, Tax Collector) **pgs 161-167** **160**
5. Staffing Options for Public Services (Tom Stanley, Director of Public Services) **pgs 168-177**
 - a. Water Supply Agreement

6. Questions Needed to Be Answered (Board of Aldermen)

- a. Should Water be Merged with the County?
- b. Reallocate \$1.263 Million of ARPA Funds out of Water/Sewer to a General Fund project-Resurfacing of Roads? Shoreline Stabilization?
- c. Positions to Keep with the City and Those to Go to the County
- d. Use of Fund Balance:
 - A. Set aside funds to pave roads after sewer projects.
 - B. Subsidize lower rates so customers are paying County rates.
 - C. Use some funding to offset loans.
- e. Collection of Other Fees; Where Payments Are To Be Made.

F. Mayor's Comments

G. Board Comments

H. Adjourn