



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Emrich, Mayor
Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor
Jill Luke, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner
Alice White, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

- E. [22-3384](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board, Public Utilities Advisory Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Citizen Tax Oversight Committee Memberships, Board Composition, and Organization and Procedures.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Ms. Faust introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding suspending vs. disbanding the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board (HCAB), Historical Society, and process for suspending.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner White, to direct the City Clerk to draft an Ordinance to suspend the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding suspending vs. disbanding, creating a broader board with conservation aspect, citizen input on revised board, benefits of creating a new board, time frame for creating a new board, and current Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) roles and responsibilities.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to direct the City Clerk to draft an Ordinance to disband the Public Utility Advisory Board. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding community and citizen participation, appointing a hearing officer, clarification on current and possible backup Hearing Officer, Hearing Officer schedule, and transition period.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to direct the City Clerk to draft an Ordinance to transition the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Zoning Hearing Officer.

Ms. Slayton spoke to Hearing Officer being Board Certified, coordination of schedule, and a possible backup Hearing Officer.

The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding number of members appointed to the Citizen Tax Oversight Committee, determining a quorum, annual meeting requirements, concern with a two-member quorum, board responsibility, and postponing action until after November Surtax referendum.

Public Comment:

Phil Stokes: spoke to prior experience on committee and committee purpose.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding Sarasota County direction regarding creation of the committee, functionality, staff presence, and time spent.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to direct the City Clerk to draft a Resolution amending the Citizen Tax Oversight Committee to state "a majority of the appointed regular members of the committee shall constitute a quorum." The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White