



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Jill Luke, Mayor

Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jason Yarborough, Interim City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Luke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Jill Luke, Vice Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner Barbara Langdon and Commissioner Debbie McDowell

Also Present:

Interim City Manager Jason Yarborough, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Heather Taylor, Assistant City Manager Cari Branco, Planning Division Manager Nicole Galehouse, Planner III Alison Christie, Planner I Rhea Lopes, Parks & Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller, Assistant Public Works Director Monica Bramble, Fleet Manager Kenneth Rappuhn, Economic Development Manager Mel Thomas, Police Chief Todd Garrison, and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Officer Fegan.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Heather Weller - Request for vacation of easement.

The City Attorney addressed the commenter's rights and clarified her comment is not captured for the quasi-judicial hearing.

Ed Lungren - Concerns for those occupying an abandoned home and gratitude to the

North Port Police Department.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. [20-2981](#) Current Vacancies and Upcoming Expiration Dates for Boards and Committees

Ms. Taylor read the announcements into the record.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Yarborough announced items pulled for discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the Consent Agenda pulling Item No. 20-2864 and Item No. 20-2959 for discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

- A. [20-2759](#) Approve the Sole Source Platform Activation Agreement Between the City of North Port and Guardian Alliance Technologies, Inc., a Free Electronic Pre-Screening Program with On Demand Charges as Utilized.

This item was approved on consent.

- B. [20-2786](#) Approve the Amended Tenant Lease Agreement with Jewish Family and Children Service of the Suncoast, Inc. for Suite B110 and B111 at the Family Service Center.

This item was approved on consent.

- C. [20-2809](#) Approve the Utilization of the Florida Sheriff Association's Contract FSA20-VEL28.0 to Purchase One (1) 2021 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck and One (1) 2021 Ford Explorer for the Utilities Department from Duval Ford, LLC in the estimated amount of \$67,686.

This item was approved on consent.

- D. [20-2870](#) Approve the Utilization of the GSA Contract Nos. GS-07F-0031W and GS-07F-0231N to Purchase Two (2) Message Boards and Three (3) Light Towers for the North Port Police Department from Millenium Products, Inc. in the Estimated Amount of \$56,975

This item was approved on consent.

- E. [20-2813](#) Approve the Utilization of the Florida Sheriff Association's Contract FSA20-VEL28.0 with Garber Chrysler-Dodge Truck, Inc. and the City of Cape Coral Contract CON-PW18-10MM with Lightning Wireless Solutions, Inc. for the Purchase of Two (2) 2021 Dodge Durangos and Emergency Vehicle Associated Equipment and Graphics for the Port Police Department for an estimated total of \$108,299.10

This item was approved on consent.

- F. [20-2864](#) Approve the Disposition of Surplus Assets in an Appropriate Fashion Pursuant to Chapter 2 Administration, Article VIII Procurement, Section 2-419, Disposition of City Assets and Property (d), (1) of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida

Mr. Rappuhn spoke to upgrades on vehicles still in service, and the possibility of vehicles receiving upgrades and ultimately going to auction.

Discussion ensued regarding service record of police vehicles going to auction, vehicles waiting arrival of the new vehicles before going to auction, determining unsafe vehicles and still upgrading when in use, developing better communication between the Police Department and Fleet, company utilized to auction vehicles, and Fleet spreadsheet on vehicle information.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve Item No. 20-2864. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

- G. [20-2889](#) Approve the Disposition of Surplus Assets in an Appropriate Fashion Pursuant to Chapter 2 Administration, Article VIII Procurement, Section 2-419, Disposition of City Assets and Property (d), (1) of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida.

This item was approved on consent.

- H. [20-2906](#) Approve the Annual Water Demand Projections for Submission to the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

This item was approved on consent.

- I. [20-2928](#) Approve Contract No. 2021-10 with Thompkins Contracting Inc. in the Amount of \$1,464,266.92, with a Contingency of \$146,427.00, for a Total Project Cost of \$1,610,693.92 for the San Mateo Potable Water Main Project.

This item was approved on consent.

- J. [20-2929](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for October 2020

This item was approved on consent.

- K. [20-2791](#) Appoint James Scheidel for his Second Term as a Regular Member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to Serve a Two-Year Term from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2022.

This item was approved on consent.

- L. [20-2959](#) Appoint Peter Bartolotta as the Alternate I Member on the Charter Review Advisory Board to Serve a Term from December 8, 2020, to December 8,

2022

Ms. Taylor introduced the item.

Ms. Taylor read the following public comment into the record:

Peter Bartolotta - Email to Commission.

Kathy Garrity - Recommending approval of Peter Barlotta's appointment.

Mr. Taylor provided clarification on the current and upcoming vacant positions on the Charter Review Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to appoint Peter Bartolotta as an Alternate Member of the Charter Review Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich and Commissioner Langdon

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

Commissioner McDowell spoke to her reasons for dissent noting past conversations with Mr. Bartolotta regarding the Charter Review Advisory Board, and the Charter process that she felt was not in alignment with his application.

- M.** [20-2982](#) Approve the Minutes for the November 5, 2020 Commission Special Meeting and November 11, 2020 Commission Special Emergency Meeting

This item was approved on consent.

5. PRESENTATIONS: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES

- A.** [20-2970](#) Presentation on the Economic Development Market and Feasibility Study

Ms. Thomas provided a presentation including Camion 310 Associates as the consultant selected to develop the study and scope of work, components of the study, existing conditions and inventory analysis, economic opportunity analysis, market opportunity analysis, feasibility testing, the study's results and recommendations, and adopting/implementing the plan.

Discussion ensued regarding completion timeline, approved agreement for consultant, previous Economic Development Strategic Plan, North Port Strategic Plan, and opportunities for citizen input.

Alex Trammer, Camoin 310 Associates, attending by phone, clarified the process for obtaining citizen input.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PETITIONS:

- A.** [CC](#)
[GEN-20-200](#) Approve West Villages Improvement District (WVID) Consent to Acquisition of Real Property for a Stormwater Pond Adjacent to the Southwest Wastewater Reclamation Facility

Ms. Galehouse introduced the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve Petition CC GEN-20-2020 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

B. [CC](#) [DMP-20-075](#) Approve Development Master Plan for Toledo Blade Medical Office Complex (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Ms. Taylor introduced the item and swore in all those wishing to provide testimony.

Commissioners reported having no ex parte communication.

Steven Salenborg, Project Manager Banks Engineering on behalf of American Momentum Bank, being duly sworn, provided an overview of the development, noting that all requirements will be met, and requested approval.

Ms. Chirstie, being duly sworn, provided an overview of the project, noting that all requirements will be met and all notification requirements have been met, and staff has reviewed and is recommending approval with conditions as noted in the backup material.

There were no aggrieved parties, rebuttals or public comment.

Ms. Chirstie clarified the condition listed from Solid Waste was mislabeled, and Mr. Salenborg noted that Courage Way is privately owned and part of a previous plat.

There were no closing arguments and Mayor Luke closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve DMP-20-025, Development Master Plan for Toledo Blade Medical Office Complex with the following conditions:

- 1. The discharge to Toledo Blade cannot exceed the amount permitted in the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) 44031797.003 drainage analysis for Toledo Blade Boulevard.*
- 2. Catch basins/manhole in the inverted drive aisle should be avoided in the later Major Site Development (MAS) design.*
- 3. Before Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permits will be signed, North Port Utilities requires the following:*
 - A. Four complete sets of FDEP permit applications (water and sewer) and four sets of construction plans, both sets of items shall be signed and sealed by the engineer of record.*
 - B. One engineer certified (sealed) estimate for the cost of utility construction.*
 - C. A check for the Utility Construction Inspection Fee. The fee shall be 6.5% of the utility construction costs for projects \$0 to \$2 million, plus 2.5% of utility construction cost over \$2 million. The minimum fee is \$250.00.*
- 4. Prior to commencement of utility site construction, three copies of shop drawings plus any copies required by the applicant shall be submitted to the Utility Department for review and approval.*
- 5. Irrigation systems shall be designed and constructed to meet reuse standards. This does not mean reuse is available but it must be installed at City standards so when reuse becomes available nothing needs to be changed out, i.e. the color of piping.*
- 6. Provide the Utility Department with floor plans and plumbing riser drawings for each building so meter sizes and capacity fees can be calculated. Meter and*

capacity fees shall be paid prior to issuance of the building permit.

7. Prior to utility site construction the Development Order, Department of Environmental Protection permit, and Department of Health permit shall be posted at the project site, and provided at the preconstruction meeting.

8. A developer agreement shall be negotiated with the Utility Department and approved by the Utility Director and City Staff prior to FDEP or Florida Department of Health (FDOH) permits being signed and released.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

ORDINANCE - Second Reading

- C. [ORD. NO. 2020-39](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Unified Land Development Code, Chapter 53 - Zoning Regulations, Section 53-6, Section 53-15, Sections 53-178 Through 53-186, and Section 53-240 to Remove the Neighborhood Commercial High Intensity (NC-HI) District, Remove the Neighborhood Commercial Low Intensity (NC-LI) District, Establish the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District and Modify that District's Requirements for Permitted Principal Uses and Structures, Prohibited Uses and Structures, Special Exceptions, Design Standards, Buffer Zone and Landscaping, Bicycle and Pedestrian Amenities; Amending Section 61-3, Definitions and Word Usage; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Taylor read the Ordinance by title only.

Ms. Galehouse reviewed the requested changes and provided clarification on the 24-hour operation of vending machine prohibitions, and noted vending machines were included in retail sales.

Ms. Christie spoke to the City Arborist addressing the visibility issues with buffers noting that trees would not make a difference depending on how the trees were planted.

There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding definition of Development Order, timeline of the Development Order for the approved Development Master Plan (DMP) at Ponce De Leon Boulevard and Biscayne Drive, Development Order process was clarified, non-conforming/conforming development improvement plan, removing MRL1 from line 149 and in other places in the document, process for landscape buffering amendment following an approved DMP, defining the lot coverage as defined in the North Port City Code, and protection and maintenance responsibility of landscaping buffer until maturity.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-39 as presented with a few clean ups and scrivener errors as mentioned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

- D. [ORD. NO. 2020-40](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Restating, Amending, and Repealing Portions of Chapter 66, Article III, of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Relating to the Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Program, the Road Rehabilitation Fund, and the Construction Traffic Road Fee; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Taylor read the Ordinance by title only.

Ms. Bramble introduced the item.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-40 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich and Commissioner Langdon

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

Commissioner McDowell spoke to her reasons for dissent regarding the language written for the waivers and the rates in place since 2006.

ORDINANCE - First Reading

- E. [ORD. NO. 2021-09](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending Section 34-55 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Relating to Mobile Food Vendors and Ice Cream Trucks; Amending Appendix A - City Fee Structure; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to read Ordinance No. 2021-09 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

Mr. Taylor read the Ordinance by title only.

Ms. Galehouse introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding North Port Business Tax receipt requirements, current and possible food truck permitted locations, other possible permitted locations, regulations for allowing food trucks on private property, timeline for use on private property, and allowing food trucks at Warm Mineral Springs (WMS).

Ms. Pfundheller clarified that the current management vendor does not allow food onsite, the intention to provide food service upon completion of the building renovations, and current contract to allow selling of food by the WMS Springs management.

Discussion continued regarding WMS management having exclusive food rights, staff contacting WMS management to allow for food trucks, and criteria and controlled area of current contracted management company.

Ms. Slayton noted that the contract for the WMS management company needs to be reviewed prior to allowing or requesting food trucks at WMS.

There was a consensus for staff to discuss and the City Attorney to review any contractual conflicts regarding food trucks at Warm Mineral Springs.

Discussion continued regarding extending the timeline for allowing food trucks on private property and design standards for non-residential areas, liability issues for food trucks allowed overnight, and purpose of allowing food trucks a one day timeframe to be on private property.

There was a consensus for staff to review options for extended timeframe for food trucks on private property.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to continue Ordinance No. 2021-09 for second reading on January 26, 2021 to include the two consensus that were given regarding reviewing the length of time a mobile unit is on private property and review of the Warm Mineral Springs legal contract and the agreement with the management team. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

RESOLUTIONS:

- F. [RES. NO. 2020-R-39](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida, Vacating Utility and Drainage Easements for Lots 1, 2, 37, and 38, Block 513, Eleventh Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision; Providing for Findings; Providing for Filing of Approved Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.(QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Ms. Taylor read the Resolution by title only and swore in all those wishing to provide testimony.

Commissioners reported having no ex parte communications.

John Guin, being duly sworn and representing property owners John and Ashlee Donlan, provided an overview and requested approval.

Ms. Lopes, being duly sworn, introduced the item, provided an overview, noted that all requirements have been met and staff is recommending approval.

There were no aggrieved parties, public comment, applicant or staff rebuttals.

Clarification was provided regarding the one dissenting vote on the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board when approving the petition.

There were no closing arguments and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-R-39 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

G. [RES. NO. 2020-R-40](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida, Vacating Utility and Drainage Easements for Lots 14, 15, 16, and 17, Block 1476, 30th Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision; Providing for Findings; Providing for Filing of Approved Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Sand Providing an Effective Date. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Ms. Taylor read the Resolution by title only and swore in all those wishing to give testimony.

Commissioners reported having no ex parte communication other than previous general public comment.

Heather Weller, being duly sworn, testified that she is the daughter of the property owner, has Power of Attorney over the property, provided an overview and requested approval.

Ms. Lopes, being duly sworn, provided an overview, spoke to all requirements being met, and that staff is recommending approval.

There were no aggrieved parties, rebuttals or public comment.

Clarification was provided regarding the one dissenting vote on the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board when approving the petition.

In closing arguments staff emphasized the request to be approved was the partial vacation of easement.

Ms. Weller noted that another survey was requested and there are no plans for building on the vacant lot.

Mayor Luke closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve Resolution No. 2020-R-40 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

H. [RES. NO. 2020-R-41](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida, Accepting Ownership of a Donated Parcel of Real Property Located on Flagler Street and Described as Lot 5, Block 613, 14th Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision, Parcel Identification Number 096806130; Providing for Filing of Documents, Providing for Conflicts, Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Taylor read the Resolution by title only.

Ms. Branco introduced the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve Resolution No. 2020-R-41 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

- I. [RES. NO. 2020-R-45](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida, Calling for a Special Election on March 9, 2021 to Fill the Office of Commissioner, District Seat 1 made Vacant by the Resignation of David Iannotti; Providing Findings; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Taylor read the Resolution by title only and introduced the item noting the qualifying dates from December 28, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to December 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m..

There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding inability of the Commission or the Governor to appoint a Commissioner until the Special Election according to the North Port Charter, and eligible District 1 candidate requirements to register for the Special Election including a signed petition of 25 qualified voters supporting the registration of the candidate.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-R-45 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote;

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

It was noted that the Special Election will be held on March 9, 2021.

Recess was taken from 12:06 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. [20-2600](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Equity Study Report with Recommendations on City's Business Tax Receipts as Provided by the Community Economic Development Advisory Board

Ms. Slayton spoke to the memorandum provided to the Commission regarding the business tax.

Mayor Luke clarified the Community Economic Development Advisory Board (CEDAB) recommendations and Florida Statute requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding CEDAB recommendations without the knowledge of Florida Statutes, following up with CEDAB for recommendations considering Florida Statutes, and the CEDAB recommendations regarding business tax in regards to number of employees not permitted in Florida Statutes.

There was a consensus for this item to come back before the Commission following Community Economic Development Advisory Board input with consideration of Florida Statutes.

Discussion continued regarding timeline for CEDAB input, process for CEDAB recommendations, the ability to have a quorum for CEDAB meetings with COVID-19 concerns, and quorum requirements.

There was a consensus for the Community Economic Development Advisory Board to provide recommendations to the Commission by February, 2021.

B. [20-2968](#)**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City's Public Art Contribution Program**

Ms. Lopes introduced the item and provided a presentation of the backup material and method of determining the public art contribution rates, scenarios for establishing public art contribution rates for each activity center, information on how to establish the level of service for public art for each activity center, average cost of each public art piece, activity center art contributions and requirements, and collection methods for public art requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding the requirements for public art, public art fund contributions versus developers providing public art equaling same value as the required contribution, documentation and parameter for providing public art, scenario-based public art contribution calculations ranking the scenarios as provided, contribution calculations based on square-footage of the development, developer total development fee requirements, activity center design standards, process for determining the public art fund fees, capping the contribution to the public art fund, and Mayor Luke's suggested ranking of the contribution scenarios.

There was a consensus to have staff provided further information on public art fund fees and how they are calculated.

Discussion ensued regarding revenues from 2005 Public Art Fund, determining public art fund fees by square footages, review of scenario 2A, 2B and 2C requirements, reducing the piece of art contribution, fair and equitable requirement in reducing the public art requirement and previous developer contribution, timeline for developing public art, City developing public art location and maintenance requirements, current public art fund balance, process for developing public art, previous fees versus current fees, Art Advisory Board recommendations, reducing the public art fee requirements, scenario 2B based on square-footage and changing the limit to \$125,000.00, and current public art fee requirements based on construction costs.

Mr. Yarborough clarified that with a multi-lot site, the last developer would be required to submit the public art fee for the entire lot.

Ms. Galehouse spoke to the timeline for public art contributions and overall site fee for the location of the new hotel project.

Discussion continued regarding determining the public art fee based on the square footage with a cap and approving scenario 2B capping at \$150,000.00 for each building prior to a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) being issued.

Mayor Luke passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Emrich.

A motion was made by Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to adjust the art fund fee for the collection from developments with activity centers using Scenario 2B, 40 cents per square-foot for construction, capping it at \$150,000.00, to be input into the Unified Land Development Code. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

Vice Mayor Emrich passed the gavel back to the Mayor Luke.

Discussion ensued regarding timeline for proposed public art fee to take effect.

- C. [20-2984](#) Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Design and Placement of a Mural at Quality TV Sales and Service Located at 14212 Tamiami Trail, North Port, Florida.

Mr. Yarborough introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding promoting The First 1000 Days of a Child's Life theme and drawing of the suggested mural provided in the backup material.

Mayor Luke distributed a drawing of the suggested mural placement on the Quality TV sales building.

Discussion continued regarding placement of the suggested mural, and code requirements for an outside art display.

Ms. Taylor read the following public comment into the record:

Mike Morales - Mural on the Quality TV Sales building.

Discussion ensued regarding the dollar amount cap for the proposed mural, possible funding sources, Gulf Coast Community Foundation funding, current art fund amount, artist explanation of the proposed mural, maintenance and preparation requirements of an outdoor mural, and City matching the Gulf Coast Community Foundation funding to allow doubling the size of the proposed mural to enable better public viewing.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to approve the location of Quality TV Sales using the First 1000 Days mural of the child on the swing as presented with the Gulf Coast Foundation donation and the City of North Port donating up to \$10,000.00 from the Art Fund to enlarge the mural to fit the entire wall as the artist sees fit with spacing around the edges.

Discussion continued regarding the public anticipation of the mural and the Morales' family contributions to North Port.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

Discussion ensued regarding thanking the Gulf Coast Foundation and Quality TV for their contributions to North Port, timeline of the completion of the mural, and scheduling an event acknowledging the mural when complete.

Mayor Luke passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Emrich.

A motion was made by Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to schedule a recognition ceremony upon the completion of the mural to honor all participants that made the mural possible emphasizing children. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell

Vice Mayor Emrich passed the gavel back to Mayor Luke who requested donations of scaffolding when the development of the mural begins.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gid Pool - Parks & Recreation and South Polo Association use of the Aquatic Center.

9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner McDowell reported she had attended the Manasota League of Cities meeting and will be presenting their priorities at the delegation meeting.

Vice Mayor Emrich had nothing to report.

Commissioner Langdon had nothing to report.

Mayor Luke reported she attended the Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation post-election conference virtually.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Mr. Yarborough had nothing to report.

Ms. Slayton had noting to report.

Ms. Taylor noted that the Convocation of Government meeting needs only three 3 representatives to attend in person and others can attend virtually, pictures of the Commissioners will be taken after the special election, and requested input on the current voting system.

It was noted that Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich and Interim City Manager Yarborough will be attending the Convocation of Government meeting in person.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Luke adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Gisele "Jill" E. Luke, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2021.