



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Linda M. Yates, Mayor
Vanessa Carusone, Vice-Mayor
Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, Interim City Manager
Mark Moriarty, City Attorney
Patsy Adkins, City Clerk
Kathryn Peto, Deputy City Clerk

Thursday, May 4, 2017

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

AMENDED #1 CORRECTING ATTACHMENT #2 FOR ITEM W.

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 5-4-17 Commission Special Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Commission Special Meeting was called to order in the City Chambers at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner McDowell, Interim City Manager Lear, City Attorney Moriarty, City Clerk Adkins, Deputy City Clerk Peto, and Police Chief Vespia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that there is no public comment at the beginning of this meeting; (2) it was also noted that this meeting did not have a place for administrative and legal reports; (3) it was suggested to suspend the Commission procedure rules to allow for this.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to suspend the Commission Procedure Rules for this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the agenda with the following changes: adding Public Comment prior to item A., adding Commission and Administrative Communication as item Z., moving item F. after item A., and moving item P. after item M. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS HELD 4:09 P.M. - 4:10 P.M.

Don Russell. Local news program on WKDW 97.5 fm.

A. [17-1023](#) New Employee Acknowledgement

Human Resources Director McDade acknowledged the newest employees from General Services, Neighborhood Development Services, and Public Works to the Commission.

Mayor Yates announced that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, May 7 - May 13 is Municipal Clerks week, and that May is also Mental Health Awareness Month.

F. [17-0990](#) Proclamation for National Economic Development Week

Commissioner McDowell read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Economic Development Program Manager Buchanan, Bill Gunin and Jacqueline Moore from the North Port Economic Development Group.

B. [16-0690](#) National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week Proclamation

Commissioner McDowell read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Police Chief Vespia and Assistant Police Chief Pelfrey.

Police Chief Vespia announced that Venice Police Department is hosting the 32nd Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service at First Baptist Church, 312 West Miami Ave, Venice, FL 34285.

C. [16-0710](#) Proclamation for EMS Week, May 21-27, 2017.

Commissioner McDowell read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Deputy Fire Chief Titus and members of the North Port Fire Department.

D. [17-0888](#) Proclamation for Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 7 - 13, 2017.

Vice-Mayor Carusone read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Division Chief Berman. Division Chief Berman provided information on upcoming events for Hurricane Preparedness.

E. [17-0902](#) Proclamation "National Public Works Week" - May 21-27, 2017 to be accepted by City of North Port Public Works Director Juliana B. Bellia.

Vice-Mayor Carusone read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Public Works Director Bellia and members of the Public Works Management Team.

G. [17-1003](#) Proclamation for Memorial Day

Vice-Mayor Carusone read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to members of the American Legion. It was stated that on May 29 at 10:00 am the American Legion is hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park and the North Port Police Department will be there with their bag pipes. It was announced that there will be lunch following the ceremony.

- H.** [17-1011](#) Proclamation "Drinking Water Week" May 7 through May 13, 2017
- Commissioner Hanks read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Utilities Business Manager Desrosiers and Tara Polton from Southwest Florida Water Management District.
- I.** [17-1013](#) Proclamation of May 15 through May 21, 2016 as "Water Reuse Week."
- Commissioner Hanks read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Utilities Business Manager Desrosiers and Tara Polton from Southwest Florida Water Management District. Utilities Business Manager Desrosiers provided a brief overview of the water reuse system within the City of North Port.
- J.** [17-1022](#) Proclamation for Building Safety Month.
- Commissioner Hanks read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Chief Plans Examiner Boudreau and other members of the Building Department. After accepting the award, Chief Plans Examiner Boudreau noted that the City has grown during his years of employment and praised the dedicated staff of the Building Department.
- K.** [17-1030](#) Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week, May 20th through May 27th, 2017.
- Mayor Yates read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 92. It was announced that on May 20, Flotilla 92 will be having an open house at their location at 7030 Chancellor Blvd, North Port, FL; a safe boating class will be held and they will be offering boat inspections at no cost.
- L.** [17-1032](#) Proclamation for "Kindness Is ..." Video Month May 2017
- Mayor Yates read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Former Mayor Jacqueline Moore. Former Mayor Moore provided a brief overview of the "Kindness is..." initiative and explained that she would like the City to have 3,100 videos by the end of May. Each of the Commissioners recorded a video explaining what Kindness is to them.
- M.** [17-1037](#) Proclamation Endangered Species Day May 19, 2017.
- Mayor Yates read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Edie Driest and the members of the North Port Friends of Wildlife. Thanks were offered to the Commission because this Proclamation will raise awareness about the species of animals that are almost extinct.
- P.** [17-1007](#) Certificates of Appreciation to Terry Seal and Erlene Larson for their service on a City of North Port Advisory Board.
- Certificates of Appreciation for Terry Seal and Erlene Larson were read into the record by Mayor Yates for their service on North Port Advisory Boards. The certificates will be mailed to the recipients.
- N.** [17-1036](#) Proclamation for Althea "Buddy" Hughes Day.
- Vice-Mayor Carusone read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Buddy Hughes. Ms. Hughes offered her appreciation to the Commission for the Proclamation.

O. [17-1029](#) Presentation of a Key to the City to Althea "Buddy" Hughes.

Mayor Yates presented the Key to the City to Althea "Buddy" Hughes and comments were made by each of the Commissioners. Ms. Hughes stated that she was grateful for the Key to the City and thanked everyone for coming.

recess 5:20 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Q. [17-1038](#) Presentation regarding the importance of Little Salt Springs and the Myakkahatchee Creek as a wildlife corridor.

Commissioner McDowell introduced the item.

Lawry Reid, President of Friends of Little Salt Springs; Steve Koski, archaeologist, researcher for Little Salt Springs; Sean and Brooks Paxton, The Shark Brothers videography; and Edie Driest, Chair of Friends of North Port Wildlife presented a Power Point presentation about their concern regarding the impact a roadway will have on the wildlife in this area.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was suggested to check with Public Works and see if there are any underground wildlife crossings in the City; (2) the areas that are fenced were shown and the impact to the animals was explained; (3) it was stated that there are no gopher tortoise burrows where the potential road will be built but there are on either side of the potential roadway; (4) subsequent to a question, Public Works Director Bellia indicated that it would create a safety concern to remove the curbing from the roadway; (5) Project Engineer Newman explained that the roadway could be modified for a transition in the curbing to be level with the pavement; (6) it was stated that the modifications should be able to be accommodated; (7) it was explained that the reason for the storm water retention is to house the water run off to treat it for pollutants; (8) the city owned property was shown on the map as the area planned for the retention pond; (9) a suggestion was made to look at the dry canal as a potential place for a wildlife crossing; (10) it was further suggested that modifications could be made to accommodate the wildlife; (11) subsequent to a question, the requirements for a box culvert were explained.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

6:56 pm - 6:57 p.m. Jill Luke: Wildlife crossing.

There was a consensus for the Interim City Manager to bring back options based on the Interim City Manager's expression of his understanding of what the Commission is looking for and based on all of the concerns shared today in regards to this project.

R. [17-1024](#) Presentation about Universal Health Services, Inc. (UHS) by Kevin Dilallo, CEO, Manatee Healthcare Systems.

Kevin Dilallo, CEO Manatee Memorial Hospital and Group Vice President of Universal Health Systems, gave a presentation regarding Universal Health Systems and their mission.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) it was stated that the legislation regarding the Certificate of Need (CON) process did not make it out of the Senate so there will not be any changes this year; (2) it was discussed that Universal Health Systems (UHS) would work in collaboration with the City to move through the CON process; (3) it was noted that UHS was drawn to the City of North Port because of its community support for a hospital and it's vibrancy; (4) it was clarified that UHS would manage the CON process and defend the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

7:31 p.m. - 7:31 p.m. Buddy Hughes: Hospital in North Port.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to work toward a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Universal Health Services, Inc. in applying for a Certificate of Need. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

S. [17-0961](#) Presentation from FPL about the SolarNow Program

Interim City Manager Lear introduced Ray Dowling from FPL and Kathleen Campanella, Project Manager for the Solar Now Program, who provided a presentation.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) it was noted that this program is funded by FPL customers and is voluntary; (2) subsequent to a question, other locations that have solar trees were discussed; (3) it was noted that the colors available could be provided for further consideration; (4) it was stated that the parking canopy is large enough for 40-50 cars; (5) it was also stated that there are several options available for enhancement to the solar benches; (6) it was noted that all maintenance is done by FPL; (7) subsequent to a question, it was explained that the Solar Now Program does not just benefit those customers that pay into it, it benefits the community of North Port. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to direct staff to work with FPL to find appropriate locations and types of infrastructure within the City of North Port specifically looking at playgrounds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

T. [17-0937](#) Presentation of Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) Leadership Program by Suriya Khong

Interim City Manager Lear introduced Suriya Khong from the Boys and Girls Club who gave a presentation about their STARS Leadership program.

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that prior to the North Port Session being started an estimated four kids participated in this program; (2) it was also stated that transportation was a large issue for kids coming from North Port; (3) it was noted that there are four sessions that are held annually; (4) this program is free to any participant with a \$25 application fee; (5) it was stated that breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided to the participants; (6) the program is a total of 60 hours of curriculum which is broken into 10-12 sessions; (7) each session has an end of the session service project which is chosen by the group. There was no public comment.

There was a consensus to move Item U. to after Item Y.

V. [17-1021](#) Pathways to Health Presentation

Interim City Manager Lear and Parks and Recreations Manager Pfundheller introduced Melanie Grafals, Health Educator, Department of Health, who explained the Pathways to Health Program.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, the difference between the City of North Port signs and the Pathways to Health signs were explained; (2) it was stated that all Pathways to Health paths will be marked the same way for uniformity; (3) it was noted that the Department of Health will provide the sign and the City of North Port will be responsible for installation and maintenance; (4) the two locations in North Port were chosen based on citizen input and GIS mapping. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to work with Pathways to Health to establish pathways within the City which would be appropriate looking at those dictated by the presentation but not being limited by those. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

W. [17-1039](#)

Conflict Waiver for Bryant Miller Olive, the City's bond disclosure counsel.

Interim City Manager Lear introduced Dwayne Draper, Esq. of Bryant Miller Olive, the City's disclosure counsel who gave a presentation about the conflict waiver.

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that Bryant Miller Olive will be assisting West Villages Improvement District with their public financing; (2) it was noted that the City's interest will be protected in these agreements by City Attorney Moriarty and the City's bond counsel; (3) it was stated the conflict for Bryant Miller Olive is more transactional because this is not a litigation matter; (4) the City's financial participation is limited to an annual payment over 20 years; (5) the Charter does not allow for revenue or general obligation bonds; (6) Bryant Miller Olive is the City's secondary financial counsel but have only done work twice in last 17 years; (7) it was stated that the City will not be responsible if the bond goes into default. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to authorize Interim City Manager Lear to sign the conflict waiver with Bryant Miller Olive related to the Atlanta Braves deal. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

X. [17-1040](#)

Sponsorship of Recruits for Fire and Police

Interim City Manager Lear, Human Resources Director McDade, Deputy Fire Chief Titus, and Police Chief Vespia provided an overview of the item.

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that an employee in training is not a sworn officer; (2) it was stated that the employee is paid during school at a reduced rate; (3) it was stated that the reduced salary rate during school is 15% below the base pay; (4) it was noted that reimbursement can be offered to those officers who paid for their school in the last fiscal year; (5) salaries for surrounding agencies for both sworn officers and cadets were explained; (6) the agreement details that the cost of the school and/or equipment costs will be reimbursed to the City if the officer leaves the City's employment within three years; (7) it was suggested to add language that reimbursement will not be inclusive of salary; (8) it was stated that cadets are eligible for benefits at the time of hire just like any other employee while they complete school; (9) it was noted that the current job description for a police officer will be modified to include language about the training period; (10) it was suggested to modify the language to reflect that the applicant shall repay the tuition at the City's

request unless there is a catastrophic situation; (11) subsequent to a question, Chief Vespia advised that due to the time constraints he would not be bringing this back before the Commission but he would make the necessary changes and provide a revised copy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

9:12 p.m. - 9:14 p.m. Nick Trolli. Police Salary and benefits.

9:14 p.m. - 9:17 p.m. Steve Burk. Police Salary.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to authorize Interim City Manager Lear to sign the sponsorship recruitment agreement for the police recruits adding 15% below entry starting salary, clarify the "may" vs "shall", include the language from Item 7 from initial contract, also clarify the salary and benefits not being reimbursable and updating job description to include recruits. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

Discussion continued: (1) it was stated that Florida law prohibits giving City employees "bonuses" and there may be some concerns that reimbursement for something that was already completed is a "bonus"; (2) it was further stated that some more research will need to be completed before a finalized answer can be given to the Commission.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to have something come back to reimburse the education fees of anyone who graduated within the last year. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to reopen IAFF, Article 9, pay schedule, of the Fire Contract that currently exists as well as Article 5, Compensation, for the Police Department, PBA, negotiation that currently exists.

Discussion continued: (1) subsequent to a question about the legality regarding reopening a clause in the Union Contracts, City Attorney Moriarty stated the Commission Procedure Rules have been suspended for this meeting; (2) it was noted that if there is an objection to the motion because of the significance of the issue, it can be brought back as an agenda item; (3) it was also stated that the Union Contracts will be brought back to the Commission for final approval; (4) it was stated that in 2009 there were 76 employees with the Fire Department; (5) it was noted that the population within the City has grown by 30,000 people since 2009; (6) it was stated that the current staffing level for the Fire Department is at 81 but there are 6 positions that are being filled this fiscal year; (7) currently the Fire Department has 10 vacancies; (8) the starting pay for both Fire and Police has been the same for several years; (9) it was noted that the pay study is being worked on with Evergreen Solutions and will include Police and Fire; (10) it was noted that the IAFF contract can start being negotiated on or before May 1, 2018 and the PBA contract can be negotiated after January 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to amend the motion to make sure that the lead negotiator is not the same as what has been in the past. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, to reopen IAFF, Article 9, pay

schedule, of the Fire Contract that currently exists as well as Article 5, Compensation, for the Police Department, PBA, negotiation that currently exists and to make sure that the lead negotiator is not the same as what has been in the past. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

Discussion continued: (1) it was noted that the minimum requirements for employment at North Port Fire Department is Firefighter/EMT certified; (2) currently they are experiencing difficulty hiring paramedics; (3) it was stated that they do not intend to recover salary, just training costs; (4) it was noted that they prefer to pick up employees while they are in school and cover the cost of the schooling and offer them employment; (5) it was suggested to change the language to allow for hiring of single certification applicants; (6) it was stated that the agreement does not reflect the intent of the Fire Department regarding reimbursement of training and needs to be amended; (7) it was noted that if you indicate "just cause" regarding termination, that phrase needs to be defined; (8) it was stated all employees sign an agreement for in-service training that if they leave employment within one year they will reimburse the City for the cost; (9) it was noted that School Sponsorship Agreement would require reimbursement if the employee leave the City's employment within three years; (10) Deputy Chief Titus stated that because of both of these agreements Section 4 could be eliminated; (11) it was suggested to also create a separate agreement for employees that have recently completed school so they can be reimbursed; (12) it was suggested to insert language about qualifying life events that would not require reimbursement of school costs, the salary for employees during training would be 15% less than base pay, and for current employees during training that they would not be receiving double salary; (13) it was noted that because of the time sensitivity, these agreements would not be coming back before the Commission but a copy with the revised changes would be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

10:18 p.m. - 10:20 p.m. Tom Truesdale. Fire Contracts.

10:20 p.m. - 10:23 p.m. Todd Ernst. Fire Contracts.

10:24 p.m. - 10:28 p.m. Nick Trolli. Fire Contracts.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve that Interim City Manager Lear sign contracts for reimbursement of firefighter and/or paramedic training expenses and/or school sponsorship agreements with the condition that those agreements mirror that of the PBA. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carusone, to have staff, City Manager, City Attorney, and Fire Chief to get together and come back to the Commission with a contract for any recent hires for tuition reimbursement within the past year. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

Recess 10:32 p.m. - 10:52 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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10:53 p.m. - 10:56 p.m. Bill Goetz. Historical and Cultural Advisory Committee.
10:56 p.m. - 10:57 p.m. Nick Trolli. Sarasota EMS considered out of network.

Y. [17-1043](#)

Discussion regarding Agenda Topics for a Joint Meeting with Charlotte County

Mayor Yates introduced the item and asked for suggestions about possible topics to discuss at the Joint Meeting with Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners.

Vice-Mayor Carusone suggested: (1) transportation for North Port residents to mall; (2) illegal dumping on east end of North Port by Yorkshire area; (3) would like to get staff recommendations of topics.

Interim City Manager Lear suggested: (1) the road behind Kia dealership, Hillsborough.

Commissioner McDowell suggested: (1) transportation to the hospitals, beach, Sports Complex on 776, the Cranberry/Cornelius/Hillsborough intersection, River Road, and an update on the pool.

Commissioner Hanks suggested: (1) Hillsborough intersection; (2) transportation to mall.

Mayor Yates suggested: (1) an update on infrastructure projects; (2) major development within each jurisdiction; (3) medical marijuana; (4) legislative issues; (5) this meeting should probably be scheduled in the fall and where should it be hosted. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to suggest topics of transportation, illegal dumping on the East side, staff suggested topics, River Road, Hillsborough and Cranberry, legislative issues, City infrastructure projects such as pool and utilities, major development projects, public transit, and to set a time frame in September or thereafter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

U. [17-0994](#)

Police Department Presentation.

Interim City Manager Lear and Police Chief Vespia presented a PowerPoint regarding the Police Department.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that the actual number of traffic accidents is provided on the monthly Commission report; (2) it was noted that there should be more of a focus on violent crimes over traffic violations; (3) it was stated that the City needs to start planning for traffic now as major infrastructure is coming; (4) it was noted that the Police Department already processes public records request online; (5) it was noted that an initiative at the Police Department is to have all officers trained in Crisis Intervention; (6) there is an established team in place to try and avoid mental health issues from becoming a public safety concern; (7) the protocols for debriefing of police officers and fire fighters was explained; (8) subsequent to a question, it was stated that information about getting an animal control officer was previously provided; (9) following a question about getting animal traps within the City, Police Chief Vespia stated it was his understanding that the Commission wanted to speak with Sarasota County Sheriff before taking any action; (10) animal control issues are currently being handled by North Port Police Department until Sarasota County Animal Control can get there; (11) it was stated that there are several different speed limits on Price Blvd and the speed limit needs to be consistent; (12) it

was suggested to use mobile speed monitors to make citizens aware of their speed; (13) it was noted that there is a lot of campaigns for public education regarding safer driving. There was no public comment.

There was a consensus to give direction to Interim City Manager to make animal traps accessible in the City.

Discussion continued: (1) subsequent to a question, City Clerk Adkins stated that she was waiting on the Quasi-Judicial Ordinance to be discussed before bringing back Public Comment cards for changes; (2) City Attorney Moriarty advised that he is still looking to find a comparable Ordinance from any of the surrounding Cities; (3) it was stated that it was unclear when the Quasi-Judicial Ordinance will come back before the Commission.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to direct City Clerk Adkins from this point forward that any special meetings will have an additional Public Comment at the beginning, an addition of Communications at the end, and an addition of setting a time limit on presentations of 15 minutes and to have the appropriate staff bring back amendments to the Chapters necessary to make this happen.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carusone, to direct City Clerk Adkins to bring the Commission a revised public comment card in accordance with new Commission procedures and direction that was previously given and changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

Z. Commission and Administrative Communication

Vice-Mayor Carusone had nothing to report.

Commissioner McDowell reported: (1) she would like to expedite the part of the parking ordinance that relates to food vendor trucks.

Commissioner Hanks had nothing to report.

Mayor Yates had nothing to report.

City Attorney Moriarty reported: (1) there is recent case law that came down from the Supreme Court allowing municipalities to sue banks over sub prime loans and dilapidated structures.

Interim City Manager Lear: (1) it was requested based on conversations with Sarasota County regarding the Trails Meeting that the Commission not send a letter, he will work with them to reschedule a meeting.

There was a consensus for Interim City Manager Lear not to send a letter to Sarasota County regarding the Trails Meeting Master Plan and allow him to work with their staff.

City Clerk Adkins had nothing to report.

There was a consensus for City Clerk Adkins to change meeting procedures on all the Agendas.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

12:16 a.m. - 12:17 a.m. Buddy Hughes. Thank you for Birthday party. Opposition to Ice Cream truck. Equipment Replacement. Public transportation to Port Charlotte.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Meeting at 12:18 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Linda M. Yates, Mayor

Attest: _____
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2017.