



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor
Debbie McDowell, Vice-Mayor
Vanessa Carusone, Commissioner
Peter Emrich, Commissioner
Jill Luke, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, City Manager
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney
Kathryn Wong, City Clerk
Heather Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

Thursday, August 29, 2019

5:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

EMERGENCY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Christopher Hanks, Vice-Mayor Debbie McDowell, Commissioner Jill Luke, Commissioner Pete Emrich and Commissioner Vanessa Carusone

Also Present:

City Manager Peter Lear, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Deputy City Clerk Heather Taylor, Fire Chief Scott Titus, and Police Chief Todd Garrison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Emrich.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yes: 5 - Mayor Hanks, Vice-Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE CALLING OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING BY THE CITY MANAGER AND ONE COMMISSIONER FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF NORTH PORT.

Mr. Lear spoke to the reason for holding an Emergency Meeting and noted he contacted all five Commissioners.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to approve the calling of the Emergency Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Hanks, Vice-Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone

4. UPDATE ON HURRICANE DORIAN

Mr. Lear provided an update to include Sarasota County declaration, communication with the County and Commission, status of hurricane, anticipated landfall and category, current path, preparation and communication and updates to the public.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. [ORD. NO. 2019-45](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance No. 2019-45, An Emergency Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Declaring a State of Local Emergency Caused by the Threat Posed by Hurricane Dorian, Granting the City Manager or Designee the Authority to take Actions in Accordance with Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a), and Suspending Standard Procedures and Formalities for Those Matters Identified in Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a)5, including but not Limited to the Procurement of Goods and Services Necessary to Address the Declared Emergency; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date; and Providing for Duration.

Ms. Taylor read the Ordinance in its entirety.

Mr. Lear clarified he does not intend to enact provisions any earlier than August 30, 2019 and it will be done as needed, when needed.

Mayor Hanks closed the public hearing.

Ms. Slayton responded to Commission questions regarding duration of emergency and meeting in 7 days to extend if necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-45 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Hanks, Vice-Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

This item was not discussed.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

This item was not discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hanks adjourned the City Commission Emergency Meeting at 5:12 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved at the _____ Regular Meeting this ___ day of _____, 2019.