



City of North Port

4970 City Hall Blvd
North Port, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Joint Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Jill Luke, Vice Mayor

Christopher Hanks, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Vanessa Carusone, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Taylor, Interim City Clerk

Friday, January 17, 2020

9:00 AM

Suncoast Technical College Conference Center
4748 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

Convocation of Governments Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning

Elected Officials and Others Present

The following officials were present: City of North Port Mayor Debbie McDowell, Vice Mayor Jill Luke, Commissioner Christopher Hanks, City Manager Pete Lear, City Attorney Amber Slayton and Interim City Clerk Heather Taylor; Sarasota Board of County Commissioners Chair Michael Moran, Vice Chair Al Maio, Commissioners Charles D. Hines and Christian Ziegler, County Administrator Jonathan Lewis, and Deputy Clerk Charlie Maloney; City of Sarasota Mayor Jen Ahern-Koch, Vice Mayor Shelli Freeland Eddie, Commissioners Liz Alpert, Hagen Brody, and Willie Shaw, Deputy City Manager Marlon Brown, and City Auditor and Clerk Shayla Griggs; Town of Longboat Key Mayor George Spoll, Commissioners Jack Daly, Mike Haycock, and Randy Clair, Town Manager Thomas Harmer, and Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Schield; City of Venice Vice Mayor Chuck Newsom, Council Members Joe Neunder and Nick Pachota, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble and City Clerk Lori Stelzer; School Board of Sarasota County Chair Caroline Zucker, Vice Chair Shirley Brown, Board Member Bridget Ziegler and Chief Operating Officer Jody Dumas and Administrative Assistant Kathy Tomkins.

I. Welcome/Pledge/Introductions - Caroline Zucker, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County

Ms. Zucker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions were made.

II. Convocation Goals and Agenda - Caroline Zucker, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County

Ms. Zucker reviewed the agenda and goals.

III. Open to the Public - Citizen Comments

There was no public comment.

IV. Update on SCSB Enrollment and Planning for the Future - Micki Ryan, SCSB Planning Department & Diane Cominotti, SCSB Planning Department

Micki Ryan, Sarasota County School Board (SCSB) Planning department spoke to history on planning of local government with the school district, enrollment update, and north, central, and south county school capacities.

Diane Cominotti, SCSB Planning Department, spoke to vacant residential lots in the City of North Port and current and proposed school sites.

V. School Security/Police Update - Chief Tim Enos, SCSB Police Department

Chief Tim Enos, SCSB Police Department, provided an update including use of Regional Response Units, School Resource Officer (SRO) totals at schools, SRO training, mobile lockdown application, social media monitoring, active shooter training compliance, lifesaving awards, and responded to questions regarding Charter School status, active shooter training notice to parents, safe pedestrian crossing, and lighted crosswalks.

Mr. Ryan reported on status of crosswalks.

Chief Enos provided clarification of guardians versus sworn officers.

Paul Pitcher, SCSB Construction Services Department Director, provided an update on Sarasota High School campus fence project.

Chief Enos responded to additional questions regarding students that may be an active shooter and providing them the advance information during training, active shooter notifications, and effectiveness of drills.

VI. Town of Longboat Key - Tom Harner, Town Manager, Longboat Key

Mr. Harner provided an update including support of the school board, number of students, participation in security training, sheltering first responders. three party agreement for emergency management with Sarasota and Manatee counties, underground utilities project, replacing and renovating fire station, seasonal traffic, residents and employees.

VII. City of North Port - Peter Lear, City Manager, City of North Port

Mr. Lear thanked the school board for discussion on items submitted from the City.

VIII. City of Sarasota - Tom Barwin, City Manager, City of Sarasota

Mr. Barwin spoke to planting trees at Booker High School.

Commissioner Shaw requested an update on additional trade program availability and vacant land for affordable housing.

Ron DiPillo, Sarasota County Schools Suncoast Technical College Executive Director, spoke to career preparation in high schools and noted construction programs are offered at Suncoast Technical campuses in Sarasota and North Port.

Mr. Dumas spoke to affordable housing, potential sites, teacher recruitment and retention, and partnering with Sarasota County.

Commissioner Eddie spoke to the 2020 Census and children missing on last census causing revenue loss and guidelines for school lunch recycling program.

IX. Sarasota County Government - Jonathan Lewis, Administrator, Sarasota County

Mr. Lewis spoke to the status of the one-cent sales tax and Surtax IV preparation, and the need for a coordinated approach.

Mr. Ziegler spoke to 2022 referendum procedure and requested an update from the school board.

Commissioner Moran requested an update on joint use of athletic fields, and spoke to mental healthcare special districts.

X. City of Venice - Ed Lavalley, City Manager, City of Venice

Mr. Lavalley spoke to installation of street lights surrounding Venice schools, sharing of tennis courts, active shooter training, City programs involving students, competing for local feature of recycle program, and active student aviator club at high school.

Vice Mayor Newsom thanked the county for moving up the schedule to improve E. Venice Avenue.

Vice Mayor Luke spoke to importance of student's celebrating Veteran's Day and encouraged school board for joint water sports at aquatic center.

Ms. Zucker announced the next meeting will be held on January 15, 2021.

XI. Adjournment - Caroline Zucker, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

By: _____
Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, Interim City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2020.