



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Regular 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*

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Tuesday, May 28, 2019

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanks called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Recording Secretary Susan Hale, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Planning Division Manager Nicole Galehouse, Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Tricia Wisner, City Grant Writer Valarie Malingowski, and Police Chief Todd Garrison.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy City Clerk Heather Taylor.**

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

*A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, 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. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. [19-0557](#) Current Vacancies for Boards and Committees and Upcoming Expiration Dates for Boards and Committees.

Ms. Taylor read the Current Advisory Board Vacancies and Upcoming Expiration Dates for Boards and Committees into the record.

### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS - These items are time certain for 6:00 p.m.

*There was a consensus to combine the discussion for Agenda Items 19-0539 and 19-0541 and move General Business Item CC SAP-19-091 after 19-0541.*

- A. [19-0539](#) Discussion and Possible Action for Dallas White Park, Construction of Daycare, and Other Tenant Buildings

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Haugh: support of the continued operation of the Clothes Closet.

Pete Nesbitt: the new pool vs. the YMCA pool.

Cory Nesbitt: the need for a YMCA pool.

Joan Morgan: the importance of the YMCA to citizens.

Brenda Farley: keeping the YMCA pool open.

Ms. Wisner provided an update on ADA requirements.

Discussion took place regarding availability of parking at the aquatic center.

PUBLIC COMMENT continued.

Cory Hutchinson: the YMCA pool should be funded from the private sector.

Elaine Allen-Emrich: the Children's Closet, and distributed a proposal to implement a Do the Right Thing program in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of North Port.

*There was a consensus to direct the City Manager to prepare an agenda item for a Commission Meeting no later than July 23, 2019, regarding a "Do the Right Thing" partnership between the Police Department and the Kiwanis Club.*

PUBLIC COMMENT continued.

Diane Palacios: supported the YMCA pool and a new building.

Gene Bobic: make the YMCA area a show piece, its current condition.

Dee Dee Gozion: the Art Center and requested support from the Commission to help expand.

Mr. Lear spoke to the current rent charged to the Art Center for use of two City portable structures.

Discussion followed regarding City-owned buildings used by the Art Center, the Al Goll building, other historical information regarding the City, the Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County to help fund the YMCA pool operation, and Dallas White Master Plan.

A consensus was requested to allow a YMCA presentation.

*There was a consensus for YMCA representatives to provide an overview of future plans for the YMCA pool and Early Childhood Education building.*

Keith Farlow and Dave Dignam, representing the YMCA, presented information regarding the YMCA pool and the Early Childhood Education Center including statistics and

services, prototypes of a new building along with a potential site, rebuilding the pool in connection with the area, and estimated cost.

Jeffery Boone, Esquire, and YMCA Board Member, spoke to the continued partnership between the City and the YMCA.

Mr. Lear spoke to the Dallas White Master Plan progress in the budget process, and future funding.

Discussion took place on prior Commission direction to postpone the Dallas White Master Plan.

Mr. Lear explained the funding currently in the CIP budget for the Master Plan, how initial road improvements on Toledo Blade Boulevard were accomplished through a Developer's Agreement, and options of how a P3 Contract would be enacted for the YMCA pool area.

Discussion ensued regarding a plan where City-owned buildings would be designed, engineered and built by the non-profit entity as the developer with the City reimbursing afterward and obtaining ownership, and finding a way to keep the historic value of the Al Goll building and surrounding structures.

Erin Choker, from the Venice Sky Family YMCA, stated the current enrollment of children at the daycare center.

Ms. Pfundheller spoke to the \$400,000 renovation amount for the YMCA pool vs. the quote of \$2.3 million to renovate the pool and amenities.

Mr. Lear spoke to what \$400,000 covers from a 2017 CIP sheet for the YMCA pool remodel, and from where the \$390,000 bid came.

Ms. Pfundheller provided further clarification pertaining to where the \$397,000 funds were to be allocated and whether or not to renovate the facility, the amount not including ADA compliance issues, locker room, the admission entry area or other ancillary amenities, and the decision needed regarding the YMCA pool by the time the new aquatic center facility opens.

Mr. Lear stated that Sarasota County's termination date for subsidizing the YMCA on September 30, 2020, other areas in the City for the pool or the Art Center location, and the components of solicited and non-solicited P3 proposals.

Ms. Slayton spoke to the fee schedule associated with solicited and unsolicited P3 proposals.

Ms. Wisner and Pete Shattuck, Chief Operations Officer of the Venice YMCA spoke to the daycare conditions and how issues have been successfully addressed.

A consensus was requested to work in partnership with the YMCA to build a City building to house the YMCA Daycare and Kiwanis Clothes Closet on the old Fire Department area and to include the Art Center in a new building or refurbished Al Goll Hall by the least expensive means to the City.

Discussion ensued and options were proffered to move forward in the most cost efficient manner regarding the YMCA pool, house, the daycare building, the Clothes Closet, the Art Center, restricting the plans to the Dallas White area or including the east end of the City, and to solicit a P3 in creating a Master Plan.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Mayor Hanks, to solicit a P3 to include a pool, the YMCA amenities, the Art Center, the Clothes Closet, as well as the entire Dallas White Park entity in creating a Master Plan to be brought back to the Commission within the next six months.***

Mr. Lear requested clarification whether the motion included construction.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Mayor Hanks, to amend the motion to state solicit P3 to include a pool, the YMCA amenities, the Art Center and the Clothes Closet as well as the entire Dallas White Park entity to be brought before the Commission within the next six months, to include Master Plan and construction.***

Vice-Mayor McDowell stated she could not support the motion because the City should not be partnered with the YMCA which is a private entity and the benefit is ultimately for the YMCA amenities and services.

Commissioner Luke stated she preferred to do a full master plan process for the City and not to restrict the P3 to just those areas but for the entire community and did not support the motion.

***The amendment carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor McDowell and Commissioner Luke dissenting for reasons stated:***

**Yes:** 3 - Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone

**No:** 2 - Vice-Mayor McDowell and Commissioner Luke

***A vote was taken on the main motion as amended that the solicited P3 include a pool, the YMCA amenities, the Art Center, and the Clothes Closet as well as the entire Dallas White Park entity to be brought before the Commission within the next six months, to include a Master Plan and construction. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor McDowell and Commissioner Luke dissenting for reasons stated:***

**Yes:** 3 - Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone

**No:** 2 - Vice-Mayor McDowell and Commissioner Luke

Discussion ensued regarding interim plans for the YMCA pool.

***A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell to cease investing money at the Dallas White pool because of the aquatic center that will be opening. The motion failed for lack of a second.***

**B. [19-0541](#)**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the YMCA Pool and Possible Future Plans

***This item was discussed under 19-0539.***

Recess 8:00 p.m. -- 8:14 p.m.

**GENERAL BUSINESS - Continued**

- D. [CC](#)  
[SAP-19-091](#) Discussion and Possible Action to Award Funds from the Special Event Assistance Program to the Kiwanis to Cover the Cost of City Fees and/or Resources Associated with the June 15, 2019, Children's Fishing Tournament and Clinic

Mr. Lear provided an overview of the item.

Ms. Galehouse and Ms. Willette-Grondin clarified the property maintenance component costs for the event when City staff is involved.

Mr. Lear spoke to the matrix for fees for the program, the Commission's authority to grant changes, clarified that staff only recommends guidelines, and total staff time charged before and after this event.

Elaine Emrich, from the Kiwanis Club, clarified the hours requested for the event and noted Kiwanis volunteers will also help with cleanup.

Mr. Lear clarified that the time charged will be for actual staff time.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to approve the award of up to \$600 from the Special Event Assistance Program to Kiwanis to cover the cost of City fees and/or resources. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

***A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Consent Agenda items 19-0556, 19-0538- 19-0461, 19-0469, 19-0522, and 19-0525 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

- A. [19-0556](#) Minutes for the April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting and the May 6, 2019 Commission Workshop Meeting.

***THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED ON CONSENT.***

- B. [19-0538](#) Approve the Reappointment of Joshua Reid for a Second Term as a Regular Member on the Art Advisory Board

***THIS APPOINTMENT WAS APPROVE ON CONSENT.***

- C. [19-0461](#) Approve the Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Comcast Enterprise Services for a Three-Year Term in the Amount of \$43,200

***THIS AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED ON CONSENT.***

- D. [19-0469](#) Approve the Renewal of the Operational and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement with the City of North Port Police Department and the City of Punta Gorda Police Department

***THIS AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED ON CONSENT.***

- E. [19-0502](#) Approve the Asset Disposition and Recommended Method dated May 2019 in an Appropriate Fashion Pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article VIII Procurement, Section 2-419, Disposition of City Assets and Property (d), (1), of North Port, Florida, Administrative Code, set forth in Florida Statute 274.06

Mr. Lear provided a review of the item to include the disposition process error the last time vehicles were sold to the Sarasota County School Board, suggested change the procurement section of the City Code to reflect an ability to offer surplus items to other governmental entities without being auctioned, and clarified that the procurement process legislation overlaps with the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and the City Administrative Code and is not included in the ULDC re-write process.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to direct staff to bring back an amendment to the City Code as it pertains to procurement in relationship to selling items to other governmental entities. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

Police Chief Garrison spoke to his endorsement of the City's program and partnership with the Sarasota County School Board Police Department.

Vice-Mayor McDowell opposed selling vehicles that have 10,000 to 12,000 miles on them in an average year, and stated the vehicles could be used as spares in other areas of the North Port Police Department.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to approve Consent Agenda Item 19-0502. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor McDowell dissenting for reasons stated.***

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone

**No:** 1 - Vice-Mayor McDowell

- F. [19-0516](#) Approve Grant Application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in an Amount of \$41,000 for a Community Planning and Technical Assistance Grant and Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Funding Agreement should the Grant be Awarded

Mr. Lear provided an overview of the item.

Ms. Malingowski spoke to grant funds being available July 1, 2019.

Ms. Galehouse spoke to specific parameters of the grant including the definition of land uses, and the implementation recommendations within the grant being reviewed by the Commission.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to approve Consent Agenda Item 19-0516. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner Carusone absent.*

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

- G.** [19-0522](#) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Patterson Foundation and the City of North Port to Support the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading within GMAC Summer Camp

**THIS AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED ON CONSENT.**

- H.** [19-0525](#) Approve the Food Distribution Program Host Site Agreement between the City of North Port and All Faiths Food Bank, Inc

**THIS AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED ON CONSENT.**

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **PETITIONS**

- A.** [CC](#)  
[PLF-18-265](#) Plat, Cypress Falls Phase 2D (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Ms. Taylor swore in all those wishing to provide testimony.

Commissioner Luke stated she had an agenda briefing but did not discuss the item.

Vice-Mayor McDowell stated she sent an email to the City Manager and will forward his answer to the City Clerk.

Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Carusone and Commissioner Emrich stated they did not have any ex-parte communications.

Strickland Smith, representing Centex Homes, provided a presentation regarding the final plat.

Ms. Galehouse provided staff's report and recommendations.

It was noted that there were no adversely affected persons, and no rebuttals from the petitioner or the City.

Ms. Galehouse spoke to the roads and sidewalks still to be completed, and the funding allocated for the sidewalks.

There were no closing arguments by either party and no public comment.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Luke, that finding that this is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, to approve Petition No. PLF-18-265, Cypress Falls Phase 2D. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

B. [CC](#)  
[PLF-19-036](#) Plat, Islandwalk, Phase 8 (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Ms. Taylor swore in all those wishing to provide testimony.

Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Carusone, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Luke stated they did not have any ex-parte communications.

Vice-Mayor McDowell stated she will send her ex-parte communication to the City Clerk. (Clarified no ex-parte communication at the June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting)

Strickland Smith, representing DiVosta Homes, provided an overview of the final plat.

Ms. Galehouse provided staff's report and recommendations.

There was no rebuttal from either party.

Ms. Galehouse spoke to where this plat fits into the large scale plan and stated it does not go beyond what was originally allocated.

Mr. Smith confirmed that corner lots have a bigger square-footage due to utility easements on either end of the hammer head street termination points.

There was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the Plat for Islandwalk, PLF-19-036 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

***There was a consensus to move Public Hearing Ordinance No. 2019-14 next.***

## ORDINANCES - First Reading

D. [ORD. NO.](#)  
[2019-14](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Relating to CPAL 19-028, Amending the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map 2-7 and Existing Land Use Map 2-8 to Change the Designation of a ± 12.00 Acre Area Located South of U.S. 41 and East of the State College of Florida Campus in the West Villages from "Public" to "Village"; Providing for Findings; Providing for Adoption; Providing for Transmittal of Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to read Ordinance No. 2019-14 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

Ms. Taylor read Ordinance No. 2019-14 into the record by title only.

Ms. Galehouse provided an overview of the item.

Katie LaBarr, representing Manasota Beach Ranchlands, provided a presentation regarding parcel conveyed to the Sarasota County School Board, confirmed this is part of the West Villages, and noted the 60 acres to be reallocated to the City will be done at a future time.

Ms. Galehouse spoke to the School Board renegotiating another site, requested that the City hold off on the reallocation, and confirmed that once owned by the School Board the land is no longer taxable.

Mr. Lear clarified that the ownership of land, not the land's zoning designation, determines whether the land is taxable.

Ms. Galehouse spoke to the School Board's land swapping in West Villages, holding the School Board accountable to original plans, and noted government public locations are established during the Village District Pattern Plan stage,

Mr. Lear explained that a revised Principles of Agreement between the City and West Villages is currently in review.

Discussion ensued regarding the acreage identified in the Principles of Agreement not designated in the Index map, public use land in the Comprehensive Plan designated for a school site, the "S" designation moved in one of the recent index map amendments to the location where the School Board currently owns property, and the "P" designation changed in a Comprehensive Plan amendment.

Vice-Mayor McDowell voiced concern that approving the Comprehensive Plan Amendment will eliminate the "P" designation which encompasses a wide variety of public uses.

Commissioner Carusone expressed unease that pieces of property are being shifted related to public use and on a larger scale regarding untaxed properties but supported the motion because the 12 acres will be developed.

There was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to continue Ordinance No. 2019-14, an ordinance relating to CPAL 19-28, amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map 2-7 and Existing Land Use Map 2-8, to change the designation of +/-12 acres; land located south of U.S. 41 and east of the State College of Florida Campus in the West Villages, from "Public" to "Village." The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor McDowell dissenting for reasons stated.***

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone

**No:** 1 - Vice-Mayor McDowell

- C.** [ORD. NO. 2019-06](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, Chapter 58 - Planning and Development, Article III. - Impact Fees; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Luke,***

*to read Ordinance No. 2019-06 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

Ms. Taylor read Ordinance No. 2019-06 into the record by title only.

Mr. Lear provided an overview of the item.

The following corrections to the Ordinance were noted: General Government Impact Fees on page 16 of 20, under the Industrial Land Use category, the fees in the chart are not calculated at 75%; Transportation Impact Fees, on page 5 of 20, under Elementary School (K - 8) the numbers were transposed and should be \$3,459.75; Park Impact Fees on page 6 of 20, the category titled "Retirement Community" is missing above line 115; and suggested that "Condo/Town Homes" should be added as a category to Transportation Impact Fees.

Ms. Slayton confirmed that the title block on the Ordinance is broad and therefore does not need to be re-advertised.

Mr. Lear spoke to the increase in impact fees, studies showing impact fees have no negative effect on new development, impact fee requirements, Parks and Recreation impact fees, new business entities assigned to the types that are most commonly used.

Ms. Slayton confirmed that based on the advertisement issued for Ordinance No. 2019-06 the second reading must come back on June 11, 2019, the second reading of the deferral of the impact fee ordinance is also scheduled for that same meeting, and the deferral ordinance allows the Commission to completely waive or reduce impact fees if there is a public purpose, however the Commission already has the ability to reduce and waive impacts fees under the existing City Code.

There was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to continue Ordinance No. 2019-06 to the June 11, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting for second reading.***

It was noted that the motion needs clarification pertaining to the corrections and additions mentioned in the discussion.

***A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to amend the motion to have the City Manager and staff look over the Government Fees for the Industrial Land Use type that was calculated incorrectly; for the City Manager to look at the K through 8 to ensure it is calculated correctly; in the Parks Impact Fee, the category "Retirement Community" is missing; and in the Transportation Impact Fee, add the new category of "Condo/Town Home" that is not listed in the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

***A vote was taken on the main motion as amended to continue Ordinance No. 2019-06 to the June 11, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting for second reading; to have the City Manager and staff look over the Government Fees for the Industrial Land Use type that was calculated incorrectly; for the City Manager to look at the K through 8 to ensure it is calculated correctly; in the Parks Impact Fee, the category "Retirement Community" is missing; and in the Transportation Impact Fee, add the***

***new category of "Condo/Town Home" that is not listed in the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Vice-Mayor McDowell, to research the ability to collect reasonable and rational Parks & Recreation Impact Fees by commercial businesses.***

Ms. Galehouse explained that researching the fees cannot be incorporated into the Impact Fee Study, any applicable impact fee that might be charged would be evaluated during the study, and the Mobility Fee Study is still in review with the Public Works Department.

Mr. Lear stated that a request to ensure fees are being charged as much as is legally allowed would not be a change in the scope of services.

***The motion, as amended, carried by the following vote:***

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS - Continued**

**C. [19-0534](#)** Approve the Interagency Agreement Regarding Sharing Juvenile Offender information

Chief Garrison provided an overview of the item and spoke to the definition of Florida summary criminal history information in paragraph B on page 6, and noted the reliability of information in paragraph C on page 6 is a legal phrase.

Ms. Slayton clarified there is nothing in the Agreement that states it will terminate automatically if the State Statute is repealed even if the purpose of the Agreement is to comply with the Statute.

Chief Garrison confirmed that all arrests appear on a criminal history report.

Commissioner Carusone did not support the motion due to the intent of Florida Statutes Chapter 985.04 not relating to general arrests but arrests in connection with a felony or major crimes of violence, and information should not be provided that is not in relation to those two types of crimes.

***A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the Interagency Agreements regarding the sharing of juvenile offender information. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner Carusone dissenting for reasons stated.***

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

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Carusone

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Luke relayed positive comments regarding the maintenance of the North Port ball fields, attended a Tourist Development Committee meeting, and a Florida League of Cities meeting.

Vice-Mayor McDowell suggested free admission to the upcoming ribbon-cutting for the new aquatic center, acknowledged the role Commissioner Emrich had in planting flowers at the Veterans' Garden for Memorial Day, attended the Community Action Advisory Board, attended Newcomer Day, the Hampton Inn Ground Breaking Ceremony, a Chamber of Commerce Government Board Meeting, a Tiger Bay Meeting, a Memorial/Peace event at the Trinity United Methodist Church, James Buchanan's Town Hall Meeting, and the Memorial Day remembrance event.

Ms. Pfundheller spoke to plans for the ribbon-cutting ceremony including a soft opening date, and an agenda item is scheduled on the June 6, 2019 Commission Meeting concerning the tribute wall.

Mayor Hanks attended many of the same events as Vice-Mayor McDowell, and commended Vice-Mayor McDowell's speech at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Commissioner Carusone attended a Law Seminar for Sarasota/Bradenton Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and suggested reviewing the City's quasi-judicial ordinance.

Ms. Slayton concurred with that suggestion and spoke to the importance of factual, detailed findings in defending an appeal of a quasi-judicial item.

Commissioner Emrich also attended many events, and acknowledged the Public Works Department for their achievement in making the Veterans' Park beautiful for Memorial Day.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:****A. [19-0528](#) City Manager - Commission Update**

Mr. Lear spoke to an agenda item to be placed on the June 6, 2019 Commission Meeting to appoint a Voting Delegate representative to the Florida League of Cities, and attended a Leadership Seminar.

**B. [19-0537](#) City Attorney Report - Commission Update**

There were no legal issues or concerns to report.

**C. [19-0540](#) City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk - Commission Update**

Ms. Taylor spoke regarding an invitation for a Commissioner to attend the Affordable Housing Conference scheduled August 26-28, 2019.

After a discussion regarding a representative to the Housing Conference, Vice-Mayor McDowell will attend as long as her Florida League of Cities Conference trip can be cancelled and if not Commissioner Carusone will attend.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Hanks adjourned the North Port City Commission Regular Meeting at 10:19 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Wong, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.