



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Special 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

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

9:00 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McDowell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

City Manager Peter Lear, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Interim City Clerk Heather Taylor, Police Chief Todd Garrison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hanks provided an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Luke.

Mayor McDowell spoke to social distancing measures taken to ensure public safety during the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding parameters put in place for public comment and meeting procedures.

Mr. Lear spoke to public comment form.

Discussion followed regarding public comment being open during the meeting, and attendance of Police Chief and/or an officer during meetings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve the City Managers actions as pertains to temporary meeting procedure and public comment. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[20-2141](#)

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Group Medical Insurance Coverage and Carrier Change from Cigna to Aetna Effective May 1, 2020

Mr. Lear introduced the item including terminated negotiations with current provider, request for proposal (RFP) for provider, and effective date of new provider if approved.

Shawn Fleming, Gehring Group, responded to questions regarding specialty drugs coverage, utilized providers percentage, provisions for transition of care, maximum out-of-pocket costs, out-of-network percentage, employee enrollment, and expediting doctor's credentialing for in-network requests.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve group medical insurance coverage and carrier change from Cigna to Aetna effective May 1, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Acknowledgement was given to staff for their efforts and success in ensuring a smooth transition.

[20-2140](#)

Appointment of City Clerk

Mr. Lear introduced the item including prior Commission direction and contract compliance with the City Charter.

Discussion took place regarding certification, scholarships, and travel.

Mr. Lear read the following public comment:
David Duval: objection to raise and car allowance

A motion was made by Commissioner Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve the City Clerk contract effective as of the last signature on the agreement.

Discussion followed regarding City Attorney input in contract, appreciation of public comment, equality and fairness of contract, and confidence in motion.

Mayor McDowell stated she cannot approve the motion due to car allowance and total

salary amount.

Mayor McDowell passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Luke.

A motion was made by Mayor McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Luke, to amend the motion to remove Section 11 language relating to motor vehicle allowance. The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

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

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote:

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

Vice Mayor Luke passed the gavel back to Mayor McDowell.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McDowell adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

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