



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Emrich, Mayor
Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor
Jill Luke, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner
Alice White, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney
Heather Faust, City Clerk

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioner Jill Luke, Commissioner Debbie McDowell and Commissioner Alice White

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, City Clerk Faust, Police Chief Garrison, Fire Chief Titus, Utilities Engineer Manager Mike Acosta, Public Works Director Chuck Speake, Assistant Utilities Director Jennifer Desrosiers, Marketing and Engagement Coordinator Laura Ansel, Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Langdon.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Emrich requested a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Faust read the following eComment into the record:
Anonymous: expressed concern regarding mosquito control

Commission questions took place regarding City actions regarding mosquito control and

public notice.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Emrich announced the item, queried the City Manager regarding items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

[22-3457](#) Approve the Application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for Entry Tools in the Amount of \$8,060 and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-3517](#) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Participation in the Finder Data Sharing Network (Florida) between Finder Software Solutions, LLC and the City of North Port, at an Annual Cost of \$2,500.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-3549](#) Accept the Cash Receipts Summary Report for August 2022.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-3571](#) Approve the Award of Funds From the Special Event Assistance Program to SWF Mopar Plus in Support of a Chariots for Charity Event to be Held on February 11, 2023, in an Amount up to, and Not to Exceed, \$1,000 to Cover the Costs of City Fees.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-3578](#) Approval of Katie Bazan and Kaiden A. Rosa as Student Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to Serve a One-Year Term from October 11, 2022, to October 11, 2023.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-3579](#) Approval of Samantha J. Parkinson to Serve a Second Term as a Regular Member on the Art Advisory Board to Serve a Two-Year Term from October 11, 2022, to October 11, 2024, and Approval of Wendy B. Namack as a Regular Member on the Art Advisory Board to Serve a Two-Year Term From October 11, 2022, to October 11, 2024.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- [22-3580](#) Approve Acceptance of the Community Grant from the Walmart Foundation in the Amount of \$3,500 to be Used for Shop with a Cop and Home for the Holidays Programs
This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- [22-3585](#) Approve the Minutes for the September 8, 2022 Commission Special Meeting
This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- [22-3586](#) Approve the Minutes for the September 12, 2022 Commission Special Meeting.
This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- [22-3608](#) Approval of Howard Bearse as a Regular Member Appointed by the Commission on the Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees to Serve Another Two-Year Term From October 11, 2022, to October 11, 2024.
This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PETITION:

- [CC](#)
[PLF-22-121](#) Consideration of Petition No. PLF-22-121, Solstice Phase 1 Replat (QUASI-JUDICIAL)
- Mayor Emrich announced the item and stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing.
- Ms. Faust read the petition title and swore in those wishing to provide testimony.
- Commissioners disclosed having no ex parte communications.
- Ms. Faust noted there were no aggrieved parties.
- Ms. Barnes, being duly sworn, provided an overview of the petition to include size, location, original plan approval, received bond, adjustment of lot lines, addition of lift station easement, surveyor review and approval, Planning and Zoning Advisory Board (PZAB) recommendation, and staff recommendation.
- There were no rebuttals, public comment, Commission questions or closing arguments.
- Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve Petition No. PLF 22-121 as presented and find that, based on the competent substantial evidence, the Solstice Phase 1 replat complies with the Unified Land Development Code and the Florida Statutes Chapter 177. The motion carried on the following vote:***
- Yes:** 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

ORDINANCE - First Reading:

[ORD. NO. 2022-29](#)

An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Repealing Chapter 4, Article VIII the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, and Thereby Disbanding the Public Utility Advisory Board; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and requested a motion to direct the City Clerk to read by title only.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to direct the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title only. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

Ms. Faust read the Ordinance by title only and introduced the item.

Commission questions took place regarding current board members.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner White, to continue Ordinance No. 2022-29 to second reading on October 25, 2022. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

RESOLUTION:

[RES. NO. 2022-R-65](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Granting the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Permission to Construct A Portion of the Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 2B Interconnect Project within the Jurisdiction of the City of North Port, Florida; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding estimated construction date, coordination with Cranberry and Hillsborough Boulevard roundabout and widening projects, Section 2.01 language regarding jurisdiction versus adding specific locations, monetary exchange, and responsibility for any damage.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-R-65 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

[RES. NO.
2022-R-64](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, Approving the Partial Release of Easement for Florida Department of Transportation Sidewalk Maintenance within the Utility Easement Along Tamiami Trail as Described in Instrument No. 2021214234 of Sarasota County Official Records; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals; Providing for Recording; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Emrich announced the item and called on the City Clerk to read by title only.

Ms. Faust read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

There was no Commission questions, discussion, or public comment.

Mayor Emrich closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Langdon, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-R-64 as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[22-3561](#)

Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Mural and Funding Source for Sponsorship Wall at the North Port Aquatic Center.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel provided a presentation including prior Commission direction, staff evaluation of replacement options, Art Advisory Board recommendation, cost of services and contingency for mural, cost of replacement of original design, proposed location, design mock-up, mural proposal, staff considerations, and budget breakdown.

Cathy Beausoleil spoke to mural vision, design, and size.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding clear coat and preservation, damage versus vandalism, estimated completion date, protection options, wording, funding, photo opportunity, and promoting donor plaque availability.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve the proposed mural concept by local artist Cathy Beausoleil as recommended by the Art Advisory Board for the sponsorship wall at the North Port Aquatic Center. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve funding of the mural in the amount of \$4,700 from the Public Art Fund. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

[22-3565](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Commission Policy on Commission Retreats.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Ms. Faust introduced the item.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding previous retreat, policy language covering strategic planning and team building retreats, prior strategic planning retreats, public attendance and topics discussed at previous retreat, Attorney General opinion, public notice, staff participation, team building versus city business, team building atmosphere, benefits of team building, community and staff participation, opportunities provided by having retreats, state statute audio/video requirements, public notice and staff participation at previous retreat, benefits of staff participation, and defining language within policy for team building retreats and strategic planning workshops.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Emrich requested a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to direct the City Clerk and staff to draft a resolution amending City Commission Policy No. 2021-05 to add language regarding Commission team building retreats and to define strategic planning as a workshop. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner White

Ms. Slayton spoke to prior Commission direction regarding providing informational memorandum.

Commission discussion took place regarding the memorandum being provided in integration with the Resolution.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

[22-2525](#)

Commissioner McDowell's Report

Commissioner McDowell did not have a report.

[22-2526](#)

Commissioner White's Report

Commissioner White spoke to Tour de North Port cancellation, importance of connections, and advancements in recovery efforts.

[22-2522](#)

Mayor Emrich's Report

Mayor Emrich spoke to various organizational assistance for storm recovery.

[22-2523](#)

Vice Mayor Langdon's Report

Vice Mayor Langdon spoke to appreciation of staff and organizations, collaboration, and community support.

[22-2524](#)

Commissioner Luke's Report

Commissioner Luke spoke to community support and collaboration, FEMA aid application, and appreciation of organizations.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

There were no administrative or legal reports.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 20__.