City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final

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
Heather Taylor, Acting City Clerk

Thursday, November 7, 2019 | **1:00 PM** | **CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor McDowell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Vice Mayor Debbie McDowell, Commissioner Jill Luke and Commissioner Pete Emrich

Absent: 2 - Mayor Christopher Hanks and Commissioner Vanessa Carusone

Also Present:

City Manager Lear, City Attorney Slayton, Police Chief Garrison, Human Resources Director Christine McDade, Public Works Director Julie Bellia, Interim City Clerk Heather Taylor and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lear.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve the agenda removing agenda Item Ordinance No. 2019-11. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Mayor McDowell, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Emrich

Absent: 2 - Mayor Hanks and Commissioner Carusone

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

A. 19-1237 New Employee Acknowledgement

Ms. McDade introduced new employees.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinances

A. ORD. NO. 2019-11 An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code to Allow for Urban Market Gardens by Amending Chapter 25 – Parking and Loading Regulations, Article II – Off-Street Parking, Section 25-17 – Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements; Amending Chapter 53 – Zoning Regulations, Part 2 – Schedule of District Regulations to Allow Urban Market Gardens as a Permitted Principal Use in the CG Commercial General District, CG-S Commercial General Special District, ILW Light Industrial and Warehousing District, and NC-HI/NC-LI Neighborhood Commercial High/Low Intensity Districts; Amending Part 3 – Special District Regulations, Article XX Special Circumstance Regulations, Section 53-240 Special Structures; Amending Chapter 55 – Activity Center Design Regulations to Allow Urban Market Gardens as a Permitted Principal Use in Panacea (Activity Center #4), Midway (Activity Center #5), The Shire (Activity Center #6), And The Gardens (Activity Center #8); Amending Chapter 61 Definitions, Section 61-3 Definitions and Word Usage; Providing for Findings; Providing for Adoption; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date. (TXT-18-208)

This item was removed from the agenda to be placed on the November 26, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting Agenda.

5. PRESENTATIONS: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES

A. 19-1275 Chief Garrison: Police Department Overview

Chief Garrison provided an overview of the Police Department.

Discussion ensued regarding Police Department feasibility study, possible expansion locations, City Police Department comparisons by population, North Port Police area coverage, and current Police Department location.

Chief Garrison announced the "Get Your Grub On" event at Wings and Rings to benefit the "Shop With a Cop Program.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. 19-1186 Discussion and Possible Action on Agenda Items for Joint Meeting with Sarasota County Commission

Mr. Lear introduced the item and reviewed the agenda items for a joint meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding a timeline and location for a joint meeting and Commission providing their agenda preferences by priority.

Commission provided the City Manager their top four agenda items including Parks and Recreation Agreemen, Dispositio of County funds previously, E911 funding and Community Reinvestment Program.

Discussion continued regarding scheduled updates on Legacy Trail.

There was a consensus for the Commission to receive quarterly updates on the Legacy Trail.

Recess was taken from 2:03 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

7. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS: TIME CERTAIN AT 4:00 P.M.

A. 19-1178 Proclaim November 13, 2019 as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day, Presented to Aaron Bourquin, Interim IT Division Manager and Nita Hester, GIS Administrator

The Commission presented this Proclamation.

B. 19-1261 Proclaim November 2019 as National Home Care Month.

The Commission presented this Proclamation.

C. 19-1268 Proclaim November 11, 2019 as Veterans Day, presented to William (Bill) Brooke, Commander, VFW Post 8203.

The Commission presented this Proclamation.

D. 19-1235 Proclaim November 10, 2019 as American Legion Auxiliary Day, Presented to 8th District Commander Skip Felecita

The Commission presented this Proclamation.

E. 19-1182 Proclaim November 16, 2019 as Ukrainian American Veterans Post 40 20th Anniversary, Presented to Commander Gene Tomashosky and other Post 40 Members

The Commission presented this Proclamation.

F. 19-1245 Presentation of the City-County Communications and Marketing Association's Savvy Award

The Commission presented this Award.

G. 19-1246 Presentation of "Above and Beyond" Awards to Paramedics Jason Sousa and Shawn Krajic for their lifesaving efforts by promptly providing medical attention; stabilizing Jamie Busch and then transporting him to the hospital.for medical treatment.

Ms. Bellia presented this Award.

H. 19-1248 Presentation of "Above and Beyond" Awards for Myakka City Firemen, Manatee County Firemen and Sarasota County Firemen for their Heroic Efforts and Perseverance to Save the Carter Family Home and Family Dogs and City of North Port Employees; Sarasota County Employees; Canine Unit and Solid Waste Vendors for Making Generous Contributions to the Carter Family

Ms. Bellia presented this Award.

I. 19-1189 Present Advisory Board Certificates of Appreciation to Melina Frederick for Serving on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Victor Dobrin for Serving on the Public Utility Advisory Board.

The Commission presented the Certificates of Appreciation.

J. 19-1276 Recognition of Award Received by the Parks & Recreation Department from the National Recreation and Park Association Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

The Commission presented this Award.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice Mayor McDowell noted concerns regarding the Planning & Zoning Advisory Board Joint Meeting with Commission, requested the November 12, 2019 Commission agenda be amended to include a conversation regarding advisory board member conduct during meetings, sessions of North Port Government and You, educational outreach, West Villages Community Gathering event and scheduling possible future community gathering events for all citizens of North Port.

Commissioner Luke expressed gratitude for the Employee Health Fair and concerns regarding Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Cigna health care coverage.

There was a consensus to amend the November 12, 2019 Commission agenda to include a conversation regarding advisory board member conduct during meetings.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Mr. Lear provided an update on upcoming events, his radio interview, outreach efforts, and budget public meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor McDowell adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, Interim City Clerk

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