



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Monday, July 1, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided required notifications regarding conducting a hybrid meeting.

Commissioner Emrich stated he will be attending the hybrid meeting via Communications Media Technology (CMT) due to experiencing a medical condition.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to accept the use of CMT for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Emrich, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Bodmer, Police Captain Fussell, Fire Chief Titus, Assistant Public Works Director Wisner, Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller, and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Sturgess

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Powell read the following eComments into the record:

Robin San Vicente: Spoke to location of a new park and resources.

2. PRESENTATION:

A. [24-0890](#) Presentation Regarding Existing Park System Service Areas and Future Planning.

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Sturgess provided a presentation including park system planning, inventory, maintenance, park classification, community parks, service area, neighborhood and community park access, special use facilities, greenway, conservation, concentration of current parks, future parkland, current parcels, and San Mateo Drive properties.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding future goals, parkland preservation versus budget balancing, prairie land, hunting land, Orange Hammock Wildlife Management Area tourism potential, recreational use, Natural Springs, environmental groups, past public comments, neighborhood survey, nature trails, water retention, Italy Avenue, parks master plan, park impact fees, lack of parks on the east side of North Port, Warm Mineral Springs, County Schools owned property, general fund, adult consideration in parks, trail expansion, partnership, and potential funding.

There was consensus to direct the City Manager to bring funding options for a parks master plan to include Italy Ave property for the July workshop for additional conversation.

Recess was taken from 10:37 a.m. to 10:43 a.m.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [24-0570](#) Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Options for a Recognition Program to Honor Individuals through Banner Installations on Designated City Infrastructure

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Wisner provided a presentation including existing programs, North Port honor program, honoree qualifications, streetlight pole locations, and honor program management.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding program downside, intent, honoree qualifications, banner dimensions, gold star honoree, sponsors, and ceremony.

There was consensus to thank staff for bringing the item forward and to not move forward with the program at this time.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk