



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Jacqueline Moore, Mayor
Rhonda Y. DiFranco, Vice-Mayor
Cheryl Cook, Commissioner
Tom Jones, Commissioner
Linda M. Yates, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jonathan R. Lewis, City Manager
Mark Moriarty, City Attorney
Patsy Adkins, City Clerk

Thursday, November 3, 2016

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Recognition Meeting

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 11-03-2016 Commission Special Recognition Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port City Commission Special Recognition Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Chambers by Mayor Moore.

Present: Mayor Moore; Vice-Mayor DiFranco; Commissioners Cook and Jones; City Manager Lewis; Assistant City Attorney Slayton; City Clerk Adkins; Recording Secretary Hale; and Police Chief Vespia.

Absent: Commissioner Yates.

Noting the white ribbon attached to the dais, Mayor Moore requested a moment of silence in observance of November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Thereafter, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor DiFranco, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Moore, Commissioner Cook, Vice-Mayor DiFranco and Commissioner Jones

Not Present: 1 - Mayor Yates

A. [16-0618](#) Welcome New Employees

HR Director McDade introduced the City's newest employees in the Finance Department, General Services, Neighborhood Development Services, and the Police Department.

- B.** [16-0602](#) Proclamation proclaiming Friday, November 11, 2016 as Veterans Day.
- Vice-Mayor DiFranco read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Senior Vice-Commander Dennis Brownell and Quartermaster Patrick Love of Veterans of Foreign War Post 8203.
- C.** [16-0592](#) Proclamation recognizing November 12, 2016 as Pet Appreciation Day
- Commissioner Cook read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Eva-Marie Edukonis, from the Humane Society.
- D.** [16-0536](#) Proclamation for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day, November 16, 2016
- Commissioner Cook read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Information Technology Manager Kasson, GIS Administrator Hester and North Port Library Manager Carolann Palm-Abramoff. It was announced that the City will host a GIS Day at the North Port Library on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- E.** [16-0593](#) Presentation of the Florida Citizenship Award from the Florida League of Cities
- Mayor Moore introduced the City of Bartow, Florida Commissioner Leo Longworth, representing the Florida League of Cities as Second Vice-President, who presented the 2016 Florida Municipal Achievement Award, to the City of North Port. City Manager Lewis provided a few comments regarding success of North Port High School's Mock Commission Meeting, hosted by the Commission and City staff.
- F.** [16-0594](#) Presentation of the City-County Communications & Marketing Association's Savvy Awards
- City Manager Lewis introduced the City's Communications' Team, Public Information Officer Taylor, Community Outreach Manager Bryce, Public Utilities Customer Service Coordinator Fincannon, and Public Works Service Coordinator Fear, who received three awards from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association's Savvy Award Program, as they relate to the City initiatives: (1) The Savvy Award for the Public Works Department for developing a successful gopher tortoise awareness campaign; (2) the Silver Circle Award for the City's overall social media strategy; and (3) an Award of Excellence for the Public Works Solid Waste Department's Christmas Video, in December 2015.
- H.** [16-0623](#) "Above and Beyond" award for Ron Legendre in recognition of his hard work and dedication and providing assistance to the Department of Public Works.
- Mayor Moore invited Public Works Director Bellia, who presented the Above and Beyond Award to Ron Legendre, Building Technician II, Property Maintenance Division of the Department of Neighborhood Development Services, for helping the Public Works Department staff transition to maintain the City's street lights and traffic signals.
- G.** [16-0617](#) Award presentation of the Overall Excellence Award from Vision Internet's What's Next Awards Competition.
- City Manager Lewis introduced the City's Communications Team, Public Information Officer Taylor, Community Outreach Manager Bryce, Public Utilities Customer Service

Coordinator Fincannon, and Public Works Service Coordinator Fear, who presented the Overall Excellence Award as part of Vision Internet's What's Next Awards Competition to the City Commission.

I. [16-0615](#) 2016 Property Standards Division Presentation

City Manager Lewis introduced Property Standards Division Manager Kozabo, who provided a PowerPoint overview of the Property Standards Staff, department responsibilities, inspections and achievements for the Fiscal Year 2015-16. Vice-Mayor DiFranco expressed thanks to the department for their dedication and hard work. City Manager Lewis stated that 7,053 cases were closed and noted that only 1000 end up at the hearing officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Moore adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Recognition Meeting at 4:41 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Linda M. Yates, Mayor

Attest: _____
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2016.