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*There was a consensus that a "Key to the City" be given to former Commissioner Althea "Buddy" Hughes and a Proclamation be issued at the at the May 4, 2017 City Commission Special Recognition Meeting recognizing May 19, 2017 as "Althea "Buddy" Hughes Day" in honor of her 90th Birthday. As part of the recognition ceremony, a small reception with a birthday cake should be held following the presentation of the "Key to the City" and Proclamation.*

Vice-Mayor Carusone requested that a letter be written to the North Port Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to request an Economic Development Summit be scheduled away from government involvement. The summit would be focused on defining the goals and objectives to enhance the partnership between the North Port EDC and the City of North Port and define the roles of all stakeholders with a means to enhance those relationships. The participating stakeholders could include tourist development; Sarasota County; Charlotte County; property owners and residential and commercial developers.

Discussion ensued regarding: (1) the North Port EDC scheduling an Economic Development Summit at no cost to the City; (2) concerns expressed regarding scheduling an Economic Development Summit outside of Florida Sunshine Laws; (3) the City Commission receiving a report from the Economic Development Summit to enable the City to take action to enhance the relationships with all stakeholders in economic development including ways to utilize user groups for grant writing and other activities which could be accomplished with user groups to enhance the economic development; (4) the expectations of the North Port Economic Development Summit held February 16, 2017; (5) possible public record requests for an Economic Development Summit information held by an outside entity and providing the City Commission with a report from the Summit.

*There was a consensus to direct the City Manager to write a letter to the North Port Economic Development Corporation regarding Economic Development to acquire information on types of Economic Development stakeholders are established, defining their roles and determining a means of enhancing our relationships and provide a report to the City Commission with no cost to the City.*

Mayor Yates announced that the opening night for the North Port High School presentation of "Shrek the musical", is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., April 7, 2017 at the North Port Performing Arts Center.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Yates, Mayor