



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

### *CITY COMMISSIONERS*

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

### *APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

*Jonathan R. Lewis, City Manager*  
*Mark Moriarty, City Attorney*  
*Helen Raimbeau, MMC, City Clerk*  
*Patsy Adkins, CMC, Deputy City Clerk*

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Thursday, April 2, 2015

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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### Recognition Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Present: Mayor DiFranco; Vice-Mayor Moore; Commissioners Cook, Jones and Yates; City Manager Lewis; City Attorney Moriarty; City Clerk Raimbeau; Deputy City Clerk Adkins; and Police Captain Moralis.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

*A motion was made by Commissioner Jones; seconded by Commission Cook to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:*

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DiFranco, Vice-Mayor Moore, Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Yates

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – LED BY THE COMMISSION

**A.** [14-0866](#) Welcome New Employees

General Services Director Carmichael introduced the City's newest employees in the North Port City Managers Department, Fire Rescue, and Public Works.

**C.** [14-0865](#) Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2015 presented to a Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) Victim Advocate.

Commissioner Yates read the Proclamation recognizing April, 2015 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and presented it to Jessica Hamilton, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) Victim Advocate.

**E.** [14-0836](#) Proclamation for National Tartan Day In The City Of North Port, April 6, 2015, to be accepted by Bill Gibson.

Commissioner Yates read the Proclamation recognizing April 6, 2015 as "National Tartan Day in the City of North Port", and presented it to Bill Gibson, Caledonian Club of Florida West.

- H. [14-0846](#) Proclamation recognizing "Go Green, Save Green" month in April and "Try Transit Day" on April 25, 2015 to be accepted by Christine Diaz from FDOT.

Commissioner Yates read the Proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2015 as "Go Green, Save Green" month and April 9, 2015 as "Try Transit Day" and presented it to Christine Diaz, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

- O. [14-0857](#) Recognition of a "Gold Employer Award" from the 2014 National Best Workplaces for Commuters Race to Excellence.

Christine Diaz, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented a plaque and medal to Mayor DiFranco on behalf of the City of North Port, recognizing North Port for the "Gold Employer Award" from the 2014 National Best Workplaces for Commuters Race to Excellence.

- B. [14-0818](#) Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2015.

Vice-Mayor Moore read the Proclamation recognizing April, 2015 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month", and presented it to Doug Staley, Executive Director, Child Protection Center, Inc. and Rachel Cain, handling "Oliver", a trained pet therapy canine, Child Protection Center, Inc. PAW Program.

- G. [14-0838](#) Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to be accepted by Telecommunications Supervisor Misty Elmore

Vice-Mayor Moore read the Proclamation recognizing the week of April 12, 2015 through April 18, 2015 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week", and presented to Supervisors Misty Elmore and Mandy Lorenz, Telecommunications, North Port Police Department.

- J. [14-0847](#) Proclamation for Relay For Life Day as April 25, 2015 to be accepted by Wendy Rivera, Community Manager for the American Cancer Society

Vice-Mayor Moore read the Proclamation recognizing April 25, 2015 as "Relay For Life Day" and announced the North Port Relay For Life event is scheduled for April 25, 2015 at the North Port High School from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Proclamation was presented to Community Manager Wendy Rivera, Sara Sorcani and Karen Marshall, American Cancer Society.

- K. [14-0874](#) Proclamation for Public Service Employee Recognition Week Proclamation to be accepted by Human Resources Manager Deborah Hope

Commissioner Cook read the Proclamation recognizing the week of May 3, 2015 through May 9, 2015 as "Public Service Employee Recognition Week", and presented it to General Services Director Carmichael.

- D. [14-0860](#) Proclamation for the City of North Port Volunteer Month April, 2015 presented to Tammie Jacobs, Accreditation Coordinator.

Commissioner Cook read the Proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2015 as

"North Port Volunteer Month", and presented the Proclamation to Accreditation Coordinator Tammie Jacobs, North Port Police Department and the North Port Police volunteers in attendance.

- L.** [14-0856](#) Proclamation of May 3 through May 9, 2015 as Drinking Water Week.
- Commissioner Cook read the Proclamation recognizing May 3, 2015 through May 9, 2015 as "Drinking Water Week" and presented it to Public Utilities Director Newkirk.
- I.** [14-0858](#) Proclamation for National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19th - 25th, 2015 to Concetta Holmes, MSW, LCSW, NCA , Victim Advocate Coordinator, Victim Assistance Unit., Sarasota County Sheriff's Office .
- Mayor DiFranco read the Proclamation recognizing April 19, 2015 through April 25, 2015 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" and presented it to North Port Police Captain Morales, Concetta Holmes and Captain Thorpe, Sarasota County Sheriff's Department and Executive Director Doug Staley, Child Protection Services, Inc.
- F.** [14-0840](#) Proclamation for Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, April 7, 2015, to be accepted by Mayor DiFranco.
- Mayor DiFranco read the Proclamation recognizing April 7, 2015 as "Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service".
- M.** [14-0881](#) Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week May 3rd - May 9th, 2015 presented to City Clerk Helen Raimbeau
- Mayor DiFranco read the Proclamation recognizing May 3, 2015 through May 9, 2015 as "Municipal Clerks Week" and presented it to North Port City Clerk Raimbeau.
- N.** [14-0872](#) Certificates of Appreciation to Bill Gibson; David Olson; Daria Tomashosky and Nancy Wosny in recognition of their personal commitment and dedication to the City of North Port while serving on Advisory Boards.
- Mayor DiFranco read the Certificates of Appreciation for David Olson, Public Utility Advisory Board; Daria Tomashosky, Sister City Advisory Committee, Nancy Wosny, Sister City Advisory Committee and presented a Certification of Appreciation to Bill Gibson, Charter Review Advisory Board, who was in attendance. The Certificates of Application will be mailed to David Olson, Daria Tomashosky and Nancy Wosny.
- P.** [14-0823](#) Presentation of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report
- City Manager Lewis provided an overview and introduced Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair Andrew Gerberich. Subsequent to acknowledging the members and liaisons for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Chair Gerberich presented the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board's Annual Report.
- Discussion ensued regarding: 1) addressing concerns, City Manager Lewis clarified the "Tribute Program" noting that this item will be on a Commission Meeting Agenda for consideration in April, 2015; 2) clarification on the promotion; application; and requirements for the Adopt-A-Park Program was provided; and 3) possible intermural summer programs for children.
- Q.** [14-0861](#) Presentation of the Public Utility Advisory Board Annual Report
- Public Utilities Director Newkirk provided an overview and introduced Public Utility

Advisory Board Chair Jodi Fraser, who introduced Board members in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Following the presentation, Commissioners acknowledged the well designed and informative Public Utility Advisory Board Annual Report presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor DiFranco adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Recognition Meeting at 5:25 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Y. DiFranco, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen M. Raimbeau, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015