



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission Regular 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
Kathryn Wong, City Clerk
Heather Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

10:00 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

H. [19-0915](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Commission Uniform Policy

Mr. Lear introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding code language for Commission entitlements and updating the Code.

Ms. Slayton spoke to Section 2.24 of the City Code, stated the Code does not specify the City could not purchase shirts, and suggested removing from Code and adopting policy by resolution.

Discussion followed with suggestions of two shirts annually, name tags once a year, and business cards as needed.

Mr. Lear responded to Commission questions regarding uniforms for staff and needs based on department.

Ms. Bellia spoke to union contracts regarding uniforms.

Discussion took place on suggestions for the purchasing of shirts, nametags and business cards.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor McDowell, to approve the uniform policy making two shirts available at election time for incoming Commissioners capping at \$100, at year three Commissioners will be provided another shirt capping at \$50, one nametag furnished yearly, and business cards as needed.

Discussion continued regarding inflation, minimum shirts per year, clause for replacing nametag throughout year, and removing cap.

Vice Mayor McDowell expressed concern that shirts are provided as a benefit and she will not support the motion without a cap amount.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to amend the motion to remove the financial cap. The motion to amend carried by

the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner Carusone

No: 2 - Vice Mayor McDowell and Commissioner Emrich

Commissioner Emrich dissented with agreement to the cap, and not the number of shirts purchased if within the budgeted amount.

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote, with Commissioners Emrich and Carusone dissenting:

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

No: 2 - Commissioner Emrich and Commissioner Carusone