



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Jill Luke, Vice Mayor

Christopher Hanks, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Vanessa Carusone, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jason Yarborough, Acting City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

3:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Emergency Meeting - Declare Local Emergency

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McDowell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Debbie McDowell, Vice Mayor Jill Luke, Commissioner Christopher Hanks, Commissioner Vanessa Carusone and Commissioner Pete Emrich

Also Present:

Acting City Manager Jason Yarborough, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Heather Taylor, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Police Chief Todd Garrison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Officer Cohen.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Carusone and Commissioner Emrich

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2020-38](#)

An Emergency Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Declaring a State of Local Emergency Caused by the Threat Posed by the Novel

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Granting the City Manager or Designee the Authority to Take Actions in Accordance with Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a), and Suspending Standard Procedures and Formalities for Those Matters Identified in Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Including but not Limited to the Procurement of Goods and Services Necessary to Address the Declared Emergency; Providing for Findings; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date; and Providing for Duration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to read the ordinance by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Carusone and Commissioner Emrich

Ms. Taylor read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Yarborough introduced the item.

Ms. Slayton spoke to new declaration of State of Local Emergency, required orders for approval and ratification and expiration of previous State of Local Emergency and responded to questions regarding time of expiration.

Chief Titus responded to questions regarding estimated loss if not renewed on a weekly basis.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-38 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor McDowell, Vice Mayor Luke, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Carusone and Commissioner Emrich

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McDowell adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2020.