



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Commission Special 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

Monday, June 3, 2019

9:00 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

The North Port City Commission Special Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. in City Commission Chambers by Mayor Hanks.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present:

City Manager Peter Lear, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Deputy City Clerk Heather Taylor, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Recording Secretary Laura Reed, Assistant Public Works Director Monica Bramble and Communications Manager/ Public Information Officer Joshua Taylor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. PRESENTATIONS: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES - TIME CERTAIN FOR 9:00 A.M.

- A. [19-0523](#) Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization Projects Priority Process

Mr. Lear introduced Ms. Bramble.

Ms. Bramble spoke to the Commission's prior request regarding the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) priority process.

Ryan Brown, MPO Multi Modal Planner, provided a presentation to include regional roads and interregional roads, work with jurisdictions for local projects, MPO history and purpose, planning for all types of travelers with emphasis on creating large type trails, requirement to report on specific targets set by federal government and ensuring performance based planning, performance measure approach, responsibility of MPO to lead, plan, implement and communicate, organizational chart, MPO committees, MPO Governing Board, MPO Staff, Sunshine Law, MPO plans, long range transportation plan (LRTP), project priorities process, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Public Participation Plan, project priorities process, state transportation revenue and funding, implementation process, schedule of process development, and 2020 call for projects schedule and responded to Commission questions regarding MPO establishment, Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) ability to refuse projects, gas tax oversight, following federal approach versus state approach, LRTP finalization, safety versus economic projects, determination of priority of two equal projects in a jurisdiction, Yorkshire interchange, letter of support to stress importance of projects, funding of interstate projects, River Road widening funding, ranking process and large scale projects, LRTP submittal to state and federal government, and submitting letter of support when State is in session.

Discussion took place regarding directing the City Manager to write letter of support, further discussion to determine priorities, focusing on Yorkshire/Raintree interchange, and staff or MPO representative to provide support.

There was consensus to direct the City Manager to send a letter of support for Yorkshire Interchange to MPO and elected officials, and request the County and Chamber of Commerce to send a letter of support.

Discussion took place regarding who the letters are to be sent to and who signs each, and a future date for a workshop discussion regarding priorities.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. [19-0553](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Community Hall of Fame and Historical Timeline in City Hall

Mr. Lear introduced this item.

Mr. Taylor reviewed the item to include research conducted, budget discussion on reworking of first floor of City Hall, and the Historical and Cultural Advisory Board to possibly research items to be in timeline.

Discussion took place regarding incorporating important people into timeline, consulting the Historical and Cultural Advisory Board, joint meeting with Historical and Cultural Advisory Board, obtaining board input prior to holding a joint meeting, board member knowledge, holding a townhall meeting for citizens, memorializing names on plaque versus picture once Commissioners have met a 20-year mark, board representing the community and reaching out to community, and incorporating history of the land.

There was consensus for the Historical and Cultural Advisory Board to obtain historic information from citizens.

Discussion continued regarding the Historical and Cultural Advisory Board putting together a presentation to bring to the Commission.

There was consensus for the City Manager to schedule joint meeting(s) with the Historical and Cultural Advisory Board as needed.

Discussion followed regarding examples provided for the timeline, blending styles together, and a historical timeline on the first floor of City Hall with Commission history on the second floor.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice Mayor McDowell requested an update of the tree ordinance, and spoke to previous Commission direction for a presentation of GovQA.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Mr. Lear suggested scheduling a workshop for staff to present a historical timeline of the West Villages, and for discussion regarding future direction.

There was consensus to have a workshop on West Villages timeline.

Discussion followed regarding possible locations for a Townhall meeting,

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hanks adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Meeting at 10:16 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kathryn Wong, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2019.