



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Jill Luke, Mayor

Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jason Yarborough, Interim City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

10:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

E. [21-0245](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Conduct of Public Meetings of City Boards in Person and by Virtual Means

Mayor Luke announced and spoke to the item.

Ms. Slayton clarified the quorum of the board must be present in person and the other members of the board may opt to not attend for extraordinary circumstance, and Charter requirements for Charter Officers attendance, and responded to questions regarding IT and City Clerk changes that would be needed. Recommended commission make finding that extraordinary circumstances are present and consider how it would work, and presiding over meeting virtually.

Discussion took place regarding practices of other municipalities and entities, remote access for advisory boards, software, volunteer to attend and process for obtaining in person quorum, and developing a plan to have in place if needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to direct staff to prepare necessary policy revisions to allow for hybrid meetings due to extraordinary circumstances on a rotational/volunteer attendance basis for Commission and Advisory Boards. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Luke, Vice Mayor Emrich, Commissioner Langdon and Commissioner McDowell