



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Agenda

City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Linda M. Yates, Mayor
Vanessa Carusone, Vice-Mayor
Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, Interim City Manager
Mark Moriarty, City Attorney
Patsy Adkins, City Clerk
Kathryn Peto, Deputy City Clerk

Thursday, April 6, 2017

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Recognition

MEETING PROCEDURE: By submitting a "Request to Speak" card to the City Clerk, the public may comment during the course of the meeting: (1) Speakers may comment under Public Comment at the beginning and ending of each meeting on any issue that is related to City Business whether or not the item is scheduled on the Agenda; (2) Speakers may comment on all scheduled Agenda Items at the time the item is being discussed. Please indicate on the Speaker Card by writing Public Comment if you wish to speak under that portion of the meeting or specify the individual agenda item you wish to speak to. Please wait until you are recognized by the presiding Officer, state your name and address so that your comments may be properly recorded and limit your remarks to a period of three (3) minutes or less. The City Commission will act on an Agenda Item after comments from the Staff, Petitioner and Public have been heard.

Florida's Sunshine Law requires the Commission to discuss this Agenda only in open session. The Commissioners cannot discuss these items with each other before this meeting is called to order. The Commissioners, individually, can however, discuss any item with concerned citizens and staff in preparation for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – LINDA M. YATES, MAYOR

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A. [17-0954](#) New Employee Acknowledgement

- B. [17-0908](#) Certificates of Excellence Students from Atwater Elementary School for winning the Sarasota Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Fair.
- Attachments:** [Email](#)
[Certificates of Excellence](#)
- C. [17-0959](#) Appreciation for Emergency Life Saving Efforts
- D. [17-0906](#) Greenest Citizen Award, presented by City Arborist, Ryan Pieper
- Attachments:** [GREENEST CITIZEN AWARD 2017](#)
- E. [17-0839](#) Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 9 - 15, 2017.
- Attachments:** [NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2017 C](#)
- F. [17-0842](#) Proclamation for Gopher Tortoise Day, April 10, 2017 to be presented to Eric Sievers, Gopher Tortoise Conservation Biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Southwest Regional Office and Edie Driest, Member of the North Port Friends of Wildlife.
- Attachments:** [Gopher Tortoise Day 2017](#)
- G. [17-0810](#) Proclamation for the American Cancer Society Paint the Town Purple for North Port, FL.
- Attachments:** [Proclamation for the American Cancer Society Paint the Town Purple for North I](#)
- H. [17-0958](#) Proclamation for Regional Try Transit Day April 21, 2017
- Attachments:** [Proclamation Regional Try Transit Day 2017](#)
- I. [17-0809](#) Proclamation for Relay for Life of North Port, FL.
- Attachments:** [Proclamation for Relay for Life of North Port, FL.pdf](#)
- J. [17-0897](#) Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month to be presented to Shannon Cantalupo the Child Protection Center, Inc., Prevention Educator for Personal Safety and Community Awareness.
- Attachments:** [National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation 2017](#)
- K. [17-0894](#) Proclamation for Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month to be presented to Ms. Carisa Campanello, South Sarasota and Charlotte Counties Care Advisor, Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's.
- Attachments:** [Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month April 2017](#)
- L. [17-0960](#) Proclamaiton for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2017 to be presented to Cherie Heasley, Communications Maager, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

- M. [16-0689](#) Proclamation for the City of North Port Volunteer Month April, 2017

Attachments: [City of North Port Volunteer Month 2017'.pdf](#)

- N. [17-0909](#) Proclamation for April 2017 as Water Conservation Month

Attachments: [Water Conservation Month 2017](#)

- O. [17-0910](#) Proclamation of April 2017 as Florida Water Professionals Month

Attachments: [Florida Water Professionals Month 2017](#)

- P. [17-0929](#) Presentation regarding the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and services available to the City of North Port. Presentation by Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director

Attachments: [Presentation SWFRPC April 2017](#)

- Q. [17-0964](#) Presentation on Desoto East, Desoto West Mines and Big Slough Watershed - Mining and North Port's Water Supply

Attachments: [BigSlough Desoto Mines](#)
[Map - Mining areas outside city limits](#)
[Additional Backup Agenda item Q Meeting Notes 02-01-2017](#)
[Additional Backup Agenda Item Q Mosaic Map](#)

- R. [17-0946](#) North Port Beautification and Tree/Scenic Highway Committee 2016-2017 Annual Report and Proposed Projects

Attachments: [North Port Beautification and Tree-Scenic Highway Committee Presentation](#)

- S. [17-0939](#) Police Department Presentation.

Attachments: [PD Presentation](#)

- T. [17-0941](#) Recommendation for Boundless Playground at the Garden of Five Senses

Attachments: [Boundless Playground - PARAB Presentation](#)
[08-18-2016 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes](#)
[Garden of Five Senses Conceptual Master Plan](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(The purpose of the Public Comments Section of the Agenda is for members of the public to speak to the City Commission/District Governing Body on any subject not scheduled on the Agenda. The City Commission shall not act, except to direct the City Manager to take action or to schedule the matter for discussion at a later date. This comment period shall be limited to three (3) minutes to speak. If there is insufficient time to hear all speakers, the City Commission will hear those wishing to address them, and who have completed speaker cards during the second Public Comment Section.)

ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS - The Agenda is a summary of the proposed actions to be taken by the City Commission. For almost every agenda item, the City staff has prepared materials for Commission consideration. These materials include staff reports, which explain in detail the item before the Commission and the reason for the recommendation. The materials may also include resolutions or ordinances, which are proposed for adoption. All of these materials are available at the City Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, for inspection and (for a fee) copying. Questions on these materials may be directed to the staff member who prepared them, or to the City Clerk's Office, who will refer you to the appropriate person.

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