



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Agenda

City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

Linda M. Yates, Vice-Mayor

Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner

Jill Luke, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Patsy Adkins, City Clerk

Kathryn Peto, Deputy City Clerk

Friday, March 2, 2018

9:00 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

and Executive Session

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, with the exception of Quasi-Judicial Items; (2) Speakers may comment on all scheduled Agenda Items and Quasi-Judicial 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 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 –VANESSA CARUSONE, MAYOR

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – LED BY THE COMMISSION

1. 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 pertaining to City Business whether or not it is on the Agenda, with the exception of Quasi-Judicial Items. 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.)

2. City of North Port v. Crystal Neuman, et. al. Case No. 2015 CA 001167 NC in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida

The executive session is being requested to discuss pending litigation to which the entity is presently a party before a court or administrative agency.

a) Statement by City Attorney Amber Slayton

i. Commission, I desire advice concerning litigation pursuant to FL.STAT 286.011(8). The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures. The entire session shall be recorded by a certified court reporter. The reporter shall record the times of commencement and termination of the session, all discussion and proceedings, the names of all persons present at any time, and the names of all persons speaking. No portion of the session shall be off the record. The court reporter's notes shall be fully transcribed and filed with the entity's clerk within a reasonable time after the meeting. The transcript shall be made part of the public record upon conclusion of the litigation.

b) Statement by Mayor Vanessa Carusone

i. The estimated time of the Attorney Client Session is one hour.

ii. In attendance at the Executive Session will be: Mayor Vanessa Carusone; Vice-Mayor Linda Yates; Commissioners Christopher Hanks, Jill Luke and Debbie McDowell; City Manager Peter Lear; City Attorney Amber Slayton, Attorney Robert Lincoln, and a Court Reporter from Guardian Reporting, Inc.

iii At the conclusion of the Attorney Client Session, the City Commission shall return to the Commission Chambers, the meeting shall be reopened, and I shall announce the termination of the session.

c) Recess of Special meeting to an Executive Session to Address: City of North Port v. Crystal Neuman, et.al. Case No. 2015 CA 001167 NC in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida

d) Reconvene into the Special Meeting to announce termination of session.

3. 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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No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of these recordings. Accordingly, anyone seeking to appeal any of the decisions involving the matters herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the meeting/testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be based. Copies of the recordings are available (for a fee) at the City Clerk's Office.