



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Agenda

City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Jill Luke, Vice Mayor

Christopher Hanks, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Vanessa Carusone, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Taylor, Interim City Clerk

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

10:30 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

EMERGENCY MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:****[ORD. NO.
2020-18](#)**

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

Attachments:[Ordinance](#)[Additional Backup](#)**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:****8. 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 and provided a staff recommendation. 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.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 - The North Port City Hall is wheelchair accessible. Special parking is available on the west side of City Hall and the building may be accessed from the parking area. Persons with hearing difficulties should contact the City Clerk to obtain a hearing device for use during meetings.

NONDISCRIMINATION: The City of North Port does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical characteristic in administration of its programs, activities or services.

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.