



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Rhonda Y. DiFranco, Vice-Mayor

Cheryl Cook, Commissioner

Tom Jones, Commissioner

Linda M. Yates, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jonathan R. Lewis, City Manager

Mark Moriarty, City Attorney

Patsy Adkins, City Clerk

Saturday, November 19, 2016

9:30 AM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

**Canvass of Elections and Assumption of Office
(Pending Supervisory of Elections Certification)**

**NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the November 19, 2016
Commission Special Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission
and is subject to change.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port City Commission Special Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in City Chambers by Vice-Mayor DiFranco.

Present: Vice-Mayor DiFranco; Commissioners Cook, Jones and Yates; City Manager Lewis; City Attorney Moriarty; City Clerk Adkins; and Recording Secretary Goodman.

The Pledger of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

Vice-Mayor DiFranco recognized former Mayor Moore in attendance.

1. Canvass of General Election Returns November 8, 2016:

City Clerk Adkins read the Certificate of Sarasota County Canvassing Board of the State of Florida into the record and presented the results of the Canvass of the General Election Returns on November 8, 2016 as follows:

For North Port Commission Seat 1, the whole number of votes cast was 26,928 of which Vanessa Carusone received 16,016 votes and Cory Hutchinson received 10,912 votes.

For North Port Commission Seat 2, the whole number of votes cast was 26,612 of which Christopher B. Hanks received 13,722 votes and Jacqueline Moore received 12,890 votes.

For North Port Commission Seat 3, the whole number of votes cast was 26,256 of which Debbie McDowell received 15,829 votes and Andrew F. Sias received 10,427 votes.

For North Port Charter Amendment 2016-12, there were 19,868 votes for Yes for Approval and 9,794 votes for No for Rejection.

Vice-Mayor DiFranco and Commissioners Cook, Jones and Yates verified receipt of the General Election Results.

Subsequent to verifying the receipt of the election results and requesting that Commissioner Yates conduct the rest of the meeting, Vice-Mayor DiFranco and Commissioner Cook left the meeting at 9:34 a.m..

2. Presentation of Plaques

Commissioner Yates presented Commissioner Jones with a Plaque recognizing his service as Commissioner from 2008 to 2016 and presented Former Mayor Moore with a Plaque recognizing her service as Commissioner from 2014 to 2016 and a personalized gavel for her service as Mayor of North Port from November, 2015 to November, 2016. Commissioner Yates thanked Commissioner Cook and Vice-Mayor DiFranco for their service and noted that a Plaque will be provided to them.

3. Statement of Commissioners

A farewell statement was made by Commissioner Jones and Former Mayor Moore.

4. Oath of Office for newly elected 2016 Commissioner for District 1, District 2, and District 3

City Clerk Adkins administered the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Commissioners Vanessa Carusone for North Port District 1; Christopher B. Hanks for North Port District 2 and Debbie McDowell for North Port District 3.

5. Statement of newly elected Commissioners

Statements were made by newly elected Commissioners Carusone, Hanks and McDowell.

6. Election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor

City Clerk Adkins opened the nominations for Mayor, after which Commissioner McDowell nominated Commissioner Yates for Mayor. With no other nominations, City Clerk Adkins requested a motion to elect Commissioner Yates as Mayor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to elect Commissioner Yates as Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Commissioner Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

Subsequent to taking her place as Mayor, Mayor Yates opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Mayor. Commissioner McDowell nominated Commissioner Carusone for Vice-Mayor. With no other nominations, Mayor Yates requested a motion to elect Commission Carusone for Vice-Mayor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to elect Commissioner Carusone as Vice Mayor. The motion carried on the following votes:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Yates, Commissioner Carusone, Commissioner Hanks and Commissioner McDowell

7. Public Comment

Public comment was held from 10:13 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Subsequent to announcing that a reception will be held in room 244 following the meeting, Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Meeting at 10:20 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Linda M. Yates, Mayor

Attest: _____
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2017