



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jonathan R. Lewis, City Manager
Mark Moriarty, City Attorney
Patsy Adkins, City Clerk

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

1:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 02-14-2017 Commission Regular Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.

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

The North Port City Commission Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. in City Chambers by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates; Vice-Mayor Carusone; Commissioners Hanks and McDowell; City Manager Lewis; City Attorney Moriarty; City Clerk Adkins; Deputy City Clerk Peto; Recording Secretary Hale and Assistant Police Chief Pelfrey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – LED BY THE COMMISSION

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

City Manager Lewis requested to pull item 5.A. from the Agenda.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the Agenda, pulling General Business Item 5.A. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to suspend the City Code for Commission Meeting Procedures for this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. [17-0816](#) Current Vacancies for Boards and Committees.

City Clerk Adkins read the Current Vacancies for Boards and Committees into the record.

B. [17-0817](#) Upcoming Expiration Dates for Boards and Committees.

City Clerk Adkins read the upcoming expiration dates for Boards and Committees in the record.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was held from 1:04 p.m. - 1:18 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 4.A., 4B., 4.C., and 4.H., pulling Items 4.D., 4.E., 4.F., and 4.G. for discussion, and combining discussion on those Items. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. [17-0818](#) Approval of Minutes for the January 10, 2017 Commission Special Meeting.

B. [17-0801](#) Cash Receipts Summary - December 2016

C. [17-0814](#) Proposed Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

D. [17-0753](#) Utilize the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicle Contract to purchase one (1) replacement Ford F-150 Pickup Truck for the Department of Public Works Engineering Division from Garber Auto Mall in the amount of \$23,627.00

There was an agreement to combine Items 4.D., 4.E., 4.F., and 4.G. for discussion.

City Manager Lewis provided a brief explanation of the replacement and maintenance process for vehicles. There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued: (1) following a question, it was advised that more than eight vehicles are being replaced during a year; (2) it was confirmed that the old vehicles are auctioned off or sold and brought back to the Commission for surplus at the appropriate time; (3) the vehicles being replaced are used until the new vehicles are ready; (4) following a question, it was noted that any excess money not being used to purchase new vehicles goes back into the fund where it was allocated initially; (5) it was confirmed that the vendors used gave the best price and the state procurement process was used; (6) the cost of transporting all the referenced vehicles is included in the quote cost; (7) it was noted that these vehicles are not take home vehicles, there are very few of those throughout the city and are mostly used for on call positions; (8) it was confirmed that the excavator is used for dredging and in the winter is used daily; (9) it was clarified that when the excavator is under warranty the vendor is doing the maintenance and when it is outside of warranty the fleet management division services

does it; (10) it was noted the current excavator is old and beyond its useful life; (11) after a comment, it was noted that the excavator has a lot of frame rust; (12) the capital acquisition fund was explained and where the funds come from; (13) the budget that controls the purchase of the excavator is the non-district budget which is governed by the Commission; (14) following a question, it was confirmed that the original source of the funds was the district governing body; (15) clarification was given about why the expenditure for these vehicles is coming out of the non-district budget; (16) clarification was provided about why four wheel drive vehicles were needed; (17) it was noted that staff has been diligent about not purchasing unnecessary vehicles; (18) a request was made to include a quote from a more local vendor in an effort to use local vendors; (19) it was confirmed that expenditures for the district can be heard at any meeting but it would be easier to address this during budget time; (20) following a question, it was noted that the reason for District Meetings is to keep funds and issues separate; (21) an explanation was provided about the reason for the development of the capital acquisition fund.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to utilize the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicle Contract to purchase one (1) replacement Ford F-150 Pickup Truck for the Department of Public Works Engineering Division from Garber Auto Mall in the amount of \$23,627.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. [17-0757](#)

Utilize the Florida Sheriff's Association & Florida Association of Counties Cooperative Bid to purchase one (1) replacement Long Reach Excavator for the Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division from Flagler Construction Equipment in the amount of \$241,915.00.

Discussion for this item was held under Item 4.D. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to utilize the Florida Sheriff's Association & Florida Association of Counties Cooperative Bid to purchase one (1) replacement Long Reach Excavator for the Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division from Flagler Construction Equipment in the amount of \$241,915.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

F. [17-0760](#)

Utilize the Charlotte County Florida Vehicles Annual Contract to purchase two (2) additional and one (1) replacement Ford F-150 Pickup Trucks from Bartow Ford and the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicle Contract to purchase one (1) additional Ford Expedition SUV from Garber Auto Mall for the Neighborhood Development Services Department in the amount of \$101,722.65.

Discussion for this item was held during item 4.D. Public comment was held.

A Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to utilize the Charlotte County Florida Vehicles Annual Contract to purchase two (2) additional and one (1) replacement Ford F-150 Pickup Trucks from Bartow Ford and the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicle

Contract to purchase one (1) additional Ford Expedition SUV from Garber Auto Mall for the Neighborhood Development Services Department in the amount of \$101,722.65.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell to amend the motion to exclude the purchase of the additional Ford Expedition. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A vote was taken on the main motion to utilize the Charlotte County Florida Vehicles Annual Contract to purchase two (2) additional and one (1) replacement Ford F-150 Pickup Trucks from Bartow Ford and the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicle Contract to purchase one (1) additional Ford Expedition SUV from Garber Auto Mall for the Neighborhood Development Services Department in the amount of \$101,722.65. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting, stating there are too many unused vehicles:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone and Commissioner Hanks

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

- G.** [17-0761](#) Utilize the Florida Sheriff's Association & Florida Association of Counties to purchase one (1) replacement 2017 Ford Fusion Sedan from Duval Ford for the Non-Departmental Pool Vehicles in the amount of \$17,032.00 and the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicle Contract to purchase one (1) replacement 2017 Ford Transit Connect Wagon for the Non-Departmental Pool Vehicles and one (1) 2017 Ford Transit Connect Wagon for the Clerk's Office from Garber Auto Mall in the amount of \$43,300.00 for a total amount of \$60,332.00.

Discussion for this Item was held under Item 4.D. Public comment was held.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to utilize the Florida Sheriff's Association & Florida Association of Counties to purchase one (1) replacement 2017 Ford Fusion Sedan from Duval Ford for the Non-Departmental Pool Vehicles in the amount of \$17,032.00 and the State of Florida Department of Management Services Motor Vehicle Contract to purchase one (1) replacement 2017 Ford Transit Connect Wagon for the Non-Departmental Pool Vehicles and one (1) 2017 Ford Transit Connect Wagon for the Clerk's Office from Garber Auto Mall in the amount of \$43,300.00 for a total amount of \$60,332.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- H.** [17-0786](#) Work Assignment No. 2017-05 under Continuing Services Agreement No. 2016-23 for TKW Consulting Engineers for FDOT U.S. 41 Road Widening utilities conflict resolution, in the amount of \$116,375.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A.** [17-0799](#) The Renaissance (Village B at the West Villages) Phase 1 Final Plat (Quasi-Judicial)

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**B. [17-0812](#)**

Ordinance No. 2017-06, first reading, amending the City Administrative Code Chapter 4, Article VI, Community Economic Development Advisory Board Section 4-151 Membership; adding a provision providing for a Sarasota County Commissioner to serve as an Ex Officio Non-Voting Member.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to read Ordinance No. 2017-06 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2017-06 into the record by title only and Mayor Yates provided a brief review of the item. There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that it would be great to have a Sarasota County Commissioner as part of these conversations; (2) it was confirmed that there was some disappointment with the previous board (3) there is some interest from Commissioners; (4) following a question, it was noted that a letter of invitation will need to be drafted to the County Commission.

At second reading, direction will be given to authorize the City Clerk to draft a letter under the Mayor's signature, extending the invitation to the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners to designate someone to participate with the City of North Port on the Community Economic Development Advisory Board, and to include that in the backup material at second reading of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to continue Ordinance No. 2017-06 to the February 28, 2017 Commission Regular Meeting for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:**A. [17-0806](#)**

Commission pay frequency.

City Manager Lewis introduced Finance Director Lear and he provided a brief overview regarding the Commission pay frequency. There was no public comment.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that the current pay cycle for Commission is once a month; (2) any changes to the Commission salary needs to be done by Ordinance and that was last done in 2014; (3) the previous changes changed the title from Chairperson to Mayor (this was done in 2012 by ORD 2012-16, not 2014) and eliminated the 5% pay increase for Commissioners; (3) if the switch is made from monthly to bi-weekly, there will be a slight change in the amount; (4) any deductions that are being taken will be switched to bi-weekly, if the change is made; (5) the change in frequency would need to be done through an Ordinance and would require two readings; (6) it was confirmed that changing to bi-weekly paychecks would improve efficiency in Finance department; (7) the Commissioners are currently paid during the last payroll cycle of the month which has created some hardship in the past; (8) it was noted that Commissioners are not eligible for yearly increases but would like to have that issue changed; (9) it was

stated that being a Commissioner is more than a full time job and should be paid a livable wage; (10) it was also requested that health insurance take effect immediately; (11) any changes made to the amount of salary for a Commissioner would need to be brought up in an Ordinance at the next general election; (12) it was confirmed that all employees have their insurance the month following their first 30 days; (13) it was confirmed that the election coming up in May 2017 is a special election and not a general election; (14) it was noted that switching a to bi-weekly paycheck would result in a \$200.00 month shortage to make up for the extra paycheck in the 6th and 12th month; (15) as the community grows so does the demands on the Commissioners; (16) there is a formula that is used at the state level to estimate salaries for elected officials; (17) the previous salary for Commissioners was so low because of retirees who were on pensions; (18) the purpose of the previous flat 5% annual increase was to eliminate any political motives; (19) it was confirmed that whichever pay cycle is chosen, the Finance department is able to accommodate it; (20) a suggestion was made to make the bi-weekly paycheck optional; (21) confirmation was provided that by being paid monthly there are two times during the year when there is a six week wait for your paycheck; (22) Commissioners paychecks are issued on or before the last day of the month; (23) a suggestion was made to split the Commission salary into two equal shares and be paid bi-monthly; (24) it was noted, if the City wants quality people they need to have an adequate wage. There was public comment.

There was a consensus that the commission salary compensation frequency of pay be on a monthly basis as it is now.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to direct the City Attorney and the City Manager to bring back an Ordinance that would be effective in the 2018 General Election, adding bi-weekly payments; reverting to the language from the 2012 Ordinance, specific to #4; addressing the health insurance implementation immediately upon taking office or as soon as possible thereafter. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Recess 3:14 p.m.

Reconvene 3:34 p.m.

B. [17-0811](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of one Member to the Art Advisory Board.

City Clerk Adkins provided an overview regarding the two applicants for the Art Advisory Board.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was confirmed that one applicant had already completed one term serving on the Art Advisory Board; (2) following a question, it was confirmed that there is no longer alternates for this board. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carusone, to reappoint Jon Terhune as a regular member of the Art Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. [17-0813](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission appointing a City Commissioner to serve as an Ex Officio Non-Voting Member to the Community Economic Development Advisory Board.

City Clerk Adkins provided a brief overview and reported that the item was inadvertently

left off when Commission Board and Committee Assignments were made in November and asked for a member of the Commission to be appointment.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that the meetings are held on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. bi-monthly. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve appointing Mayor Yates to serve as an Ex Officio Non-Voting Member to the Community Economic Development Advisory Board and Commissioner McDowell as the Alternate. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

D. [17-0791](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding Advisory Boards – Attracting Youth Members.

Commission McDowell provided an overview of the vacancies on advisory boards for youth members.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted, that there was a previous Youth Opportunity Advisory Board and data was collected that helped with the development of the Teen Center at the Morgan Center; (2) it may help drive youth involvement if they were given a project based on priority; (3) it was noted, there was a higher number of youth members on advisory boards when there was a Commission intern program; (4) it was confirmed that the age requirements for youth members are 14 to 17 years old; (5) it was stated that each advisory board allows for one youth member; (6) only two of the advisory board meetings are held in the evening, the others are during the day which will be difficult for youth members to attend; (7) it was stated that there needs to be more communication about the opportunities available to the youth, possibly on the City webpage or the newsletter; (8) it was suggested that a flyer be created to advertise the vacancies; (9) it was stated that the master vacancy list for advisory boards will be updated and clarified; (10) a suggestion was made to use social media to market to the youth; (11) it was suggested to have a youth page on the City's webpage and the City's newsletter where they can share their thoughts; (12) it was suggested that a provision be put into the Ordinance allowing for youth members to stay on for 6-12 months after they turn 18; (13) following a comment, one of the goals of the Youth Advisory Board should be to develop an internship program; (14) there are several outlets for advertising to the youth outside of the City's website; (15) it was suggested that getting the curriculum from the previous STAR program would be helpful for development of a new program; (16) it was confirmed that establishing an internship program can be done by Resolution or in the budget but needs to be prioritized in strategic planning. Public comment was held.

It was requested to direct the City's Advisory Boards and Committees that need more youth members, to create a flyer to advise youth regarding the current openings which are available and distribute flyers to schools, youth groups in churches, organized sports groups, and Boys and Girls Club.

There was a consensus to direct the City Manager to work with the Public Information Officer and other entities to get more youth involved in the City's Advisory Boards and Committees using the City's social media platform and then creating a Specialty Youth Board.

The City Clerk will clarify the Master Vacancy List regarding the youth positions and do a press release specifically focused on youth opportunities to serve on the City's Advisory Boards and where they may serve.

The City Manager and City Clerk will work together to implement tools for engaging youth on Advisory Boards and Committees.

There was a consensus to direct the City Manager to reach out to the Boys and Girls Club for a presentation regarding the STAR Program at a Commission Meeting.

There was a consensus to schedule a Special Meeting for Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in City Chambers. The agenda will include a draft Ordinance creating the Youth Advisory Board and a Resolution for the Internship Program. Vice-Mayor Carusone will draft the Ordinance and the Resolution.

E. [17-0815](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding use of the Commission Chambers and rooms in City Hall.

Mayor Yates provided a brief introduction of the agenda item about possibly bringing back the ability for non-government entities to allow use of city hall.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that nonprofit organizations were allowed to rent space with no charge and did not need special event permits; (2) government related organizations were given priority over other organizations; (3) a one page form for rentals is desired for simplicity reasons; (4) it was stated that City Hall was available in the past to governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations; (5) it was stated that availability is a reason for inquiries about renting space at City Hall; (6) concerns were expressed about conflicts with the Commissions' use of the Chambers if it was being rented out; (7) following those concerns, it was stated that city business always takes priority; (8) it was confirmed that the previous Ordinance allowing for public use of City Hall was repealed so any inquiries are being handled administratively; (9) staff members are being sent to meetings that are being held at City Hall; (10) it was confirmed that Neighborhood Watch has been meeting at the Police Department since the Ordinance was repealed; (11) the current administrative policy allows for other governmental organizations to use space at City Hall; (12) determination for governmental organization designation is determined by the group's funding; (13) when City Hall was being designed there were meeting rooms allocated for renting the space to local organizations; (14) it was stated there will no longer be keys passed out to groups allowing them access without a staff member being present; (15) the Advisory Boards are being staffed accordingly; (16) it was confirmed that CDD Boards are allowed to use City Hall as long as there is no conflict with the Commission Meeting schedule; (17) it was stated that if a policy is developed it would outline the specific parameters that allow for use of City Hall; (18) it was suggested that the current policy for rentals be outlined on the back of the current request form.

There was a consensus to direct the City Attorney and the City Manager to bring back an Ordinance reflecting the current administrative process that the City Manager uses for the use of City Hall.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

8. SCHEDULING OF WORKSHOPS:

There were no workshops scheduled.

9. COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Hanks reported: (1) he attended the CHAT meeting; (a) that he met with Sam Cohen and former Commissioner Blucher who met with a private entity and it was

reported that they see a need for a medical style village but a concern is the number of medical professionals in the area; (b) there was a discussion about the pricing for SCAT transportation and possibly bringing reduced price tickets to North Port.

Commission McDowell reported: (1) attended an Introductory Class to Parliamentary Procedures in Sarasota; (2) attended the Peace River Manasota Supply Meeting with Jennifer from Utilities; (3) she is currently attending the North Port Police Department Citizen's Public Safety Class; (4) she has been touring departments within the City and has learned a lot; (5) Southwest Florida Regional Planning Counsel has expressed an interest in setting up a presentation to explain what their role is and what they do and she will meet with City Clerk Adkins about scheduling this; (6) she advised that she would like to look further into the DeSoto West Mine further to protect North Port's water.

Vice-Mayor Carusone reported: (1) currently, there is no one sitting on the Sarasota County Community Action Agency Board and she would like to fill that vacancy; (2) she provided a brief explanation of what the board does; (3) she attended "Coffee with a Cop"; (4) she attended the Council of Governments meeting at Sarasota Memorial Hospital and there was a discussion about the homeless coalition and their needs.

Mayor Yates reported: (1) she met with John Rice, a former hydrologist, along with a member of staff and she will reach out to him about making a presentation to the Commission; (2) she advised that Sarasota County passed an Ordinance banning phosphate mining within unincorporated Sarasota County and she would like to initiate something similar; (3) she taught some classes at North Port High School about local government; (4) she attended the Public Works Rode-E-O; (5) attended Newcomer Day and setting up a table for citizens to come talk to the Commission was a good idea; (6) Senator Steube reached out and made an appointment to meet with the Mayor; (7) she attended the Florida League of Cities in Washington, D.C. and met with legislators; (a) they discussed the tax exempt municipal bonds; (8) she met with Lowry Reid regarding the Spring Haven extension and discussion was held regarding the status of this project; (9) she received an email from Michael DePhillipe regarding a Plastic Bag Resolution, Commission McDowell will follow up on this with City Attorney Moriarty; (10) the Florida League of Cities is having an initiative for Safe Cities, Safe Florida and sessions are coming up in St. Petersburg; (11) she spoke with Lynn Tipton who organized the University for Florida League of Cities and she would like to have North Port be a host city for their fall session; (12) she will be bringing a Resolution indicating North Port's support for the Safe Cities initiative; (13) United Way Community Walk is coming up and an email was forwarded to all Commissioners with the details; (14) Little League Opening Day is February 18, 2017; (15) The National League of Cities Conference is coming up; (16) Florida League of Cities Legislative Days is also coming up.

There was a consensus that Mayor Yates will contact John Rice and invite him to present information to the Commission regarding the hydrology impacts of phosphate mining and thereafter she will propose an Ordinance on a future agenda.

There was a consensus to appoint Vice-Mayor Carusone to the Sarasota County Community Action Agency Board (CAB).

There was a consensus to direct the City Manager to contact Lynn Tipton of the Florida League of Cities and propose City Hall as a location in the Fall, for one of her classes.

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

There was a consensus to direct the City Clerk to post all the City Charter suggested changes from the Advisory Board and the Commissioners on the City's Website, under the Charter Review Advisory Board webpage.

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

There was a consensus to add an agenda item to the Special Meeting already scheduled on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 regarding Parking Code Regulations.

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

There was a general agreement, with Commissioner McDowell not in agreement, to provide a working lunch.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

City Attorney Moriarty had no news to report.

City Manager Lewis reported: (1) North Port is hosting the Economic Development Summit on February 16, 2017; (2) reported that there are ongoing conversations happening with the developer regarding the Braves and he will bring back a more formal update when available; (3) requested a special meeting with only one topic regarding a community pool and he will contact the City Clerk to schedule.

City Clerk Adkins reported: (1) Sarasota County has a Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Advisory Committee and the City of North Port does have a seat on this board but it is currently vacant; (a) she has received an email from a resident of Central Sarasota County asking to be appointed to the board; (b) we are still trying to get a resident from North Port.

There was a consensus to direct the City Clerk, as she waits to receive telephone responses from the local bike groups, to work with the Public Information Officer another month and continue to actively look for a North Port resident to fill the vacant seat on the Sarasota County Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Advisory Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Yates adjourned the City Commission Regular Meeting at 6:17 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____

Linda Yates, Mayor

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

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