



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, Interim City Manager
Amber L. Slayton, Interim City Attorney
Patsy Adkins, City Clerk
Kathryn Peto, Deputy City Clerk

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

1:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 6-13-2017 Commission Regular Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Commission Regular Meeting was called to order in the City Chambers at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner McDowell, Interim City Attorney Slayton, Interim City Manager Lear, City Clerk Adkins, Deputy City Clerk Peto, and Police Chief Vespa.

INVOCATION PROVIDED BY MOTHER ANDREA HAYDEN OF ST. NATHANIELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the agenda moving item 5.B. and item 5.D. prior to 5.A. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. [17-1129](#) Current Vacancies for Boards and Committees.

City Clerk Adkins read the current vacancies into the record.

B. [17-1130](#) Upcoming Expiration Dates for Boards and Committees.

City Clerk Adkins read the upcoming expirations into the record.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1:07 p.m. - 1:22 p.m.

Buddy Hughes. Employee training and bus rides for seniors.

Tom Nicholson. Meeting length, Commission pay, and hurricane emergency response demonstration.

David Schutte, Bill Gunnin. Support for Atlanta Braves.

Greg Culy. Overgrowth and impinging growth.

Kevin Rouse. Thanks for Board appointment and service to North Port.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. [17-1093](#) Resolution No. 2017-R-16 and Petition No. VAC-17-068, the request of Alexandra Openchowski to vacate a portion of the platted 20-foot rear drainage maintenance easement for 5861 Brickell Drive in North Port, Florida, Lot 20, Block 188 Second Addition to Port Charlotte Subdivision (PID #1004018820) Section 34, Township 39S, Range 21 East. (Quasi-Judicial)

City Clerk adkins read the Resolution into the record by title only.

City Clerk Adkins, as a Notary Public, swore in all those wishing to provide testimony.

There was no exparte communication by the Commission.

Alexandra Openchowski stated that her husband died recently and she needed to sell her house to take care of her elderly mother. She noted that she was unaware there was a problem with the pool area.

City Planner McNish gave a brief overview of the property and also stated the policy changes that have occurred since this situation has been discovered. It was stated that the applicant went before the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 12, 2017 for the variance request and it was unanimously approved. It was also noted that on May 18, 2017 the request for Vacation of Easement was heard by the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board, who unanimously recommended that the Commission to approve the petition. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve Resolution 2017-R-16 and Petition No. VAC-17-068. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

B. [17-1088](#) Petition No. PLF-17-040 Islandwalk Phase 4 Partial Replat (Quasi-Judicial)

City Clerk Adkins, as a Notary Public, swore in all those wishing to provide testimony.

No exparte communication from Commission.

Strickland Smith with Heidt Design on behalf of Divosta homes gave a presentation explaining the replat.

Planning Division Manager Norton gave a presentation explaining the replat to reduce the lot width.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was noted that this change will increase impact fee; (2) it was also noted that the applicant can not increase the capped amount of rooftops for this project without approval from the Commission; (3) it was stated that this land is zoned for village use; (4) following a question, it was stated that these homes will be single family detached homes; (5) the setbacks for these lots are typical for this development; (6) Lot 383 and 377 that will need to have their driveway on the extension of the right of way; (7) it was noted that the setbacks will remain the same after the lot size are reduced. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve PLF-17-040 Island Walk Phase 4 partial replat. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

C. [17-1091](#)

DMP-16-237, King Plastics Development Master Plan (an expansion to the existing building and a plan for a future mixed-use area for the remainder of the undeveloped parcel) located at the north-east corner of Toldeo Blade Boulevard and Price Boulevard (Quasi-Judicial)

City Clerk Adkins swore in all those wishing to provide testimony.

There was no exparte communication by Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke, and Commissioner McDowell. Mayor Yates indicated that she spoke with staff and was still waiting on answers.

Peter Vansbuskirk, Klmley Horn and Associates and Jeff King gave a presentation and provided some history regarding the project. The Development Master Plan was applied for in March 2017. A Neighborhood Meeting was held for any concerns that the neighbors would have. There will be waiver requests associated with this project.

City Planner McNish gave a presentation about the project and explained the need for the waivers. It was noted that staff is recommending approval of the DMP and is in support of all three of the waivers.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was noted that a traffic study will need to be completed on this project; (2) following a question, it was believed that the City does not own enough right of way to expand Price Blvd to six lanes; (3) it was stated that light industrial property creates very little traffic; (4) the architectural standard applies to everything within the four quadrants; (5) it was noted that Citizens Parkway will be privately owned but open for public access; (6) subsequent to a question, it was stated that Citizens Parkway will be built in phases and not with the initial expansion; (7) it was noted that the neighborhood behind the expansion was not in favor of a bridge providing connectivity to the surrounding roads; (8) there was a DCP filed in

2009 and in 2015, both have expired; (9) it was noted that staff will have the applicant detail what will be built in each phase; (10) it was noted the infrastructure for Citizens Parkway will be completed in Phase 2; (11) following a question, it was noted that waiver 3 is intended to be applied to all of the industrial buildings. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve DMP-16-237 with the waivers and for waiver 3 modification to require the design standards to include anything visible from Toledo Blade Blvd or Price Blvd that it follow the Activity Center architectural standard.

A motion was made by Mayor Yates, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to amend the motion, to also include that the DMP will be revised to include the phases and the commercial uses and light industrial uses and also to have those waivers as approved on the DMP as well. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, to approve DMP-16-237 with the waivers and for waiver 3 modification to require the design standards to include anything visible from Toledo Blade Blvd or Price Blvd that it follow the Activity Center architectural standard and to also include that the DMP will be revised to include the phases and the commercial uses and light industrial uses and also to have those waivers as approved are on the DMP as well. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

D. [17-1085](#)

Ordinance No. 2017-18, first reading, amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Non-District Budget and Capital Improvement Program and Budget.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to read the Ordinance 2017-18 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance 2107-18 into the record by title only.

Interim City Manager Lear and Public Works Director Bellia introduced the item and explained the amendment to the Non-District Budget.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that only the base price was included in the budget, the extras were not included; (2) it was noted that staff will have to research the reason for the equipment being purchased two years early; (3) it was stated that these items were not put out for bid yet as that process starts after the budget amendment. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to continue Ordinance 2017-18 to the June 27, 2017 Commission Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, to amend the motion, to pull out the two pieces of equipment so the other three items can be moved forward while additional information is brought back on the equipment. The amendment failed for lack of a second.

A vote was taken on the main motion to continue Ordinance 2017-18 to the June 27, 2017 Commission Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

Recess 3:00 p.m. - 3:11 p.m.

E. [17-1122](#)

Ordinance No. 2017-21, first reading, Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Section 23, of the North Port City Code, Commission Compensation

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to read Ordinance 2017-21 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance 2017-21 into the record by title only.

Interim City Manager Lear provided an overview of the Ordinance..

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that pay frequency can be started now but pay compensation will not start until after the November 2018 election; (2) it was noted that the reason for this item being brought back to get the Commission pay frequently started now; (3) it was suggested that the intent of previous discussions regarding this issue were to make it mandatory for the Commission to get paid bi-weekly; (4) following a question, it was confirmed that moving the Commission to bi-weekly checks will help the Finance department; (5) concerns about changing the pay schedule were discussed because it is detailed in the City's Charter; (6) a change in the Ordinance specifics that Commissioners will be paid annually as opposed to monthly; which changes the monthly compensation; (7) it was confirmed that it will change the monthly compensation because most months have two pay periods but some will have three pay periods; (8) it was noted that when Commissioners leave or enters office in November, that check is prorated and that is where the "true up" happens; (9) it was explained that the options for Commission pay is either 12 monthly checks or 26 bi-weekly checks.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

3:28 p.m. - 3:34 p.m. David Duval and Kevin Rouse: Commissioner Compensation.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to continue Ordinance No. 2017-21 to the June 27, 2017 Commission Regular Meeting with City Attorney making the clarification language to Section 2-23 (1) as was discussed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

Discussion continued: (1) it was noted the amount of salary indicated in Section 4 was just a starting point based on population, this can be discussed and amended; (2) the current salary for Commissioners has been the same since 2011, it may actually be longer; (3) it was stated that the population change is typically between 2-3%; (4) the 2010 census indicated the population within the City at 57,000 people; (5) in 2016 the population was estimated around 64,000 people; (6) it was suggested to have a base pay and then based on the current population, there may be a salary variation; (7) the population will have to be determined based on the previous years number; (8) there is an annual BEBR census report that is provided but the Federal census is completed only

once every 10 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3:58 p.m. - 4:01 p.m. Pete Pederson and Buddy Hughes. Commission pay.

Discussion continued: (1) Commissioner McDowell stated that she can not support the motion because three union contracts were recently opened and she would like to see those resolved before this discussion happens; (2) Commissioner Luke stated she would like to the Ordinance cleaned up before it is taken to a first reading; (3) Mayor Yates indicated that the motion is too preliminary and would like staff to draft an Ordinance with all of the intended changes and then bring it back.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to direct staff to bring back an Ordinance for first reading, clarifying language in Section 4 for the rate of pay as well as having it attached to the BEBR, annually, effective at anniversary dates of office of assumption, and starting our minimum salary at \$65,000.00 with 5,000 populus increments. The motion failed by the following vote with Mayor Yates, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons stated:

Yes: 2 - Vice-Mayor Carusone and Commissioner Hanks

No: 3 - Mayor Yates, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

Mayor Yates passed the gavel to Vice-Mayor Carusone.

A motion was made by Mayor Yates, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to direct Interim City Attorney Slayton to bring back some draft language for the cleaning up of Section 4 of this to reflect it could be on an annual basis leaving the amount of compensation blank and making the changes to the population ranges, with the 65,000 population and going up in 5,000 increments; with the population tied to the BEBR numbers; and setting this to be discussed at a future special meeting. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons previously stated:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner McDowell

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

B. [17-1104](#)

Discussion and possible approval of the license agreement with the Atlanta Braves for the use of the spring training facility for 3 city events and the use of the Plaza and the Multipurpose Fields for city sponsored recreational programs.

Interim City Manager Lear presented the item and explained that the Braves have provided an updated agreement for approval.

Discussion ensued: (1) following a question, it was noted that Section 6 is intended to cover the three events that the City is authorized to use the stadium for and the City will be required to use the staff at the stadium not City employees; (2) a suggestion was made to replace the phrase "Commercial Reasonable Efforts" with regards to marketing North Port in conjunction with the promotional material; (3) clarification was offered about the legal explanation of "Commercial Reasonable Efforts" in regards to marketing; (4) it

was stated that Section 8, Concessions, needs to be more clear that staffing will only be provided when the City uses the facility; (5) a suggestion was made that Section 21 needs to be clarified that if an organization wants to use the overflow fields, that is permitted with an agreement from the City and the Braves; (6) clarification was offered that the City is allowed to use the facility for a minimum of three events but are not obligated to hold three events; (7) the intent of exhibit 1 and 2 were explained as to the City's availability those facilities; (8) the facility operating agreement is the prevailing document and the use agreements flow from the operating agreement; (9) subsequent to a question, the issue of priority for scheduling of events would need to be planned out with West Villages, Sarasota County and the City of North Port; (10) it was stated that if any organization wanted to sell concessions, they would need to get permission from the team to ensure that no exclusivity agreements are being violated; (11) it was stated that facility operating agreement has already been executed, the development agreement is still a work in progress; (12) it was noted that the licensing agreement with the City of North Port will be the controlling document and not the facility operating agreement that Sarasota County has already executed; (13) it was confirmed if a separate agency wanted to use this facility they would need approval from the Braves and would have to enter into a separate agreement as the City is doing; (14) following a question, it was confirmed that baseball and Braves event take priority and make force another event to cancel; (15) it was stated that any improvements requested by a party, would have to absorb the costs for any improvements; (16) it was stated that the only reason the City is entering into a licensing agreement with the Braves is because of a request made by the former City Manager; (17) a suggestion was made to complete an economic study but it was stated that the City does not have the software to complete that type of analysis; (18) a request for made for a breakdown of the impact to ad valorem taxes if this facility had been a for profit facility versus a county owned facility; (19) Mayor Yates indicated that she can not support the motion because there is alot of concern possibly spending capital funds, she is uncomfortable with the language, and wants to ensure this is going to be an asset to the tax payers of North Port. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve the licensing agreement with the Atlanta Braves with the following proffered conditions: Section 6 of license agreement it is intended and will be clarified to pertain to staduim use only, Exhibit B standing terms and conditions Section 6 it is intended and will be amended to read "City officials can secure staffing and consessiers for City events as well as events in the Plaza and muiltipurpose fields with prior written authorization from the Licensor" , Section 18 of same exhibit it is intended and will be clarified to mean permitted use of premises is allowed at all times with mutual agreement, Exhibit A2 will be clarified to mirror Section 1 of the license agreement, all typos will be fixed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Mayor Yates

Recess 5:19 p.m. - 5:33 p.m.

Mayor Yates left the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

There was a consensus to move item 5. A. immediately after 5.B.

A. [17-1128](#)

Presentation by Members of the Fire Department

Firefighter/EMT John Willis and Lt. Jentzen Barton from Station 83 gave a presentation

about the Fire Department.

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that because contract negoigation has started any discussion with the Fire Department with have to be a collabrative effort; (2) it was noted the purpose of the presentation was educational so when decisions are being made they take into account all the aspects of the Fire Department's job duties; (3) it was stated that a relationship with the Commission is really a goal from the presentation. There was no public comment.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

5:53 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Greg Culy. Litter within the City's right of way easements.

Victor Dobrin. Intersection at Gran Paradiso and Island Walk is not safe.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to continue with the agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote, with Mayor Yates absent:

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

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

C. [17-1123](#)

Discussion regarding the exchange of real property, located within the Myakkahatchee Greenway project, PID # 0969-06-2439 in exchange for City owned property PID # 0964-08-4517

Interim City Manager Lear and Assistant City Manager Schult introduced the item and explained the exchange of property.

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that the transfer of property from KB Homes to Wade Journey Homes is legal and finalized; (2) it was confirmed that the Warranty Deed was recorded with the Sarasota County Clerk of Court on May 30, 2017 and it is now the controlling document. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the exchange of real property, located within the Myakkahatchee Greenway project, PID # 0969-06-2439 in exchange for City owned property PID 0964-08-4517. The motion carried by the following vote, with Mayor Yates absent:

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

D. [17-1101](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding the schedule, length, and time of Commission Regular Meetings.

Interim City Manager Lear introduced the item and explained that all Commissioners submitted suggestions for the Commission Meeting schedule.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was stated that the Commission meetings need to be more organized and structured; (2) it was suggested to use Robert's Rules of Order to maintain the continuity of the meetings; (3) it was noted that using the first Thursday of the month meeting for overflow items and for the meeting to start at 1:00 p.m. was a good idea; (4) another suggestion was made to put an end time on the meetings and allow the Mayor of

the meeting to decide if an item can be discussed before the end time; (5) it was noted that transparency is very important and simple it best for the schedule of the meetings; (6) it was stated that there seems to be more self discipline being shown because the meetings are moving along better.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

6:19 p.m. - 6:21 p.m. Pete Pederson and Buddy Hughes. Schedule of Commission Meetings.

Discussion continued: (1) following a question, it was stated that the change in the meeting schedule could start as early as July; (2) it was stated that the Commissioners should not come into the meetings without their questions answered, follow up with the Interim City Manager should be done by Commissioners to avoid any delay; (3) it was suggested to put an end time on the meetings to keep everyone on task; (4) the Chair of the meeting should gauge how long an item may take and decide if it can be heard before the end time; (5) following a concern, Interim City Attorney Slayton confirmed that the recent changes to the Commission Procedures will allow for overflow items to be added to the Recognition Meeting.

There was a consensus to have the Special Meeting on the first Thursday of the month to start at 1:00 p.m. with Recognitions and Proclamations to be time certain at 4:00 p.m. with a soft end time of 9:00 p.m. and this change is to start on the July 6, 2017 meeting.

There was a consensus to have the Commission Regular Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month to start at 1:00 p.m. with a soft end time of 10:00 p.m. and to have the Commission Regular Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month to start at 6:00 p.m. with a soft end time of 11:00 p.m. and these changes will start in July 2017.

E. [17-1109](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding the Evaluation Form for the City Clerk.

City Clerk Adkins introduced the item and explained that several templates were looked at and changes can be made based on the Commission's direction.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was suggested to include a section on the evaluation about how the position could be more streamlined or completed more efficiently; (2) it was stated that all suggestions about the efficiency of the department are addressed at budget time; (3) it was also suggested to have the City Clerk evaluate herself then each Commissioner would complete an evaluation; (4) it was noted that there is no prohibition from this process in the City Clerk contract; (5) it was stated that the form that is presented was an excellent choice; (6) it was noted that the evaluation needs to be completed by July 28, 2017.

There was a consensus for the City Clerk to complete an evaluation of herself and each Commissioner to complete an evaluation using the same form.

Discussion continued: (1) it was stated that any increase in salary stemming from the annual performance review needs to be completed by July 28, 2017; (2) it was confirmed that an assumption was made that a 3% increase would be to the City Clerk so that was accounted for in the budget. There was no public comment.

There was a consensus for the same form and process as the City Clerk's evaluation to be used at the time of the Deputy City Clerk's evaluation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, D, F; pulling Items C and E for discussion. The motion carried by the following vote, with Mayor Yates absent:

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

A. [17-1131](#) Approval of Minutes for the April 4, 2017 Commission Special Meeting.

B. [17-1065](#) Cash Receipts Summary - April 2017

C. [17-1087](#) Disposition of surplus assets by an appropriate fashion per Chapter 2 Article VIII Sec. 2-419 (d) of the City Code set forth in F.S. 274.06.

Discussion ensued: (1) subsequent to a question, it was stated that an auction will run for 14 days; (2) it was noted that surplus items are put up for auction 2-3 times before they are deemed worthless; (3) it was stated that surplus vehicles could be used for training purposes but it would result in a loss of income to the City; (4) Police Chief Vespia confirmed that some vehicles can be used for training but the condition and safety of the vehicle needs to be considered first; (5) Fire Chief Taafe confirmed also that surplus vehicles can be for training for new recruits if they do not make it through the auction process; (6) City Manager Lear advised that most of the vehicles are bought at auction, they have a scrap value; (7) subsequent to a question, it was stated that Fire Rescue does some of their training at a salvage yard in Sarasota at no cost to the City; (8) it was suggested that if a vehicle is under a predetermined value that Fire Rescue or Police Department get the first right of refusal for use of the surplus vehicle.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

7:05 p.m. - 7:06 p.m. Buddy Hughes. Live auctioneer for disposition of surplus assets.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve the surplus of assets appropriated by Chapter 2, Article VIII, Section 2-419(d) of the City Code giving the North Port Fire Department and North Port Police Department first right of refusal for any vehicles valued at \$500 or less. The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to dispose of the surplus assets as appropriated by Chapter 2, Article VIII, Section 2-419(d) of the City Code giving staff the authority to use any vehicle deemed necessary for training purposes. The motion carried by the following vote, with Mayor Yates absent:

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

D. [17-1034](#) Season of Sharing (SOS) Grant #20174001 from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, in the amount of \$50,000

E. [17-1084](#) Approve renewal of Contract No. 2012-07 for Vending Machine Services with Snackworks, Inc. for an additional and final five (5) year term.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that the current vending machines are making approximately \$68 a month in revenue; (2) subsequent to a question, it was noted that it

is unclear when, if at all, the accounting books for this company have been reviewed; (3) the purpose of this contract was to have a centralized contract for vending machines city wide, not to generate revenue; (4) it was noted that this type of contract that allows for automatic renewal and a five year commitment is not preferred; (5) it was stated that the purpose of the first floor of City Hall was to be a cafeteria but it was needed for staff as the City grew; (6) it was stated that there should be more options for employees not just drinks and snacks.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

7:15 p.m. - 7:16 p.m. Buddy Hughes. Agree with going back out for bid on this contract.

Discussion continued: (1) it was noted that in order to increase revenue the pricing would have to increase; (2) when this contract went out for bid five years ago only two companies responded because of the requests made by the City; (3) it was noted that the hot food vending machine was attempted before but was not profitable to vendor because the food was being thrown away; (4) there were machines previously at Public Works and Utilities but they were not meeting the sales requirement; (5) subsequent to a question, it was confirmed that this contract has already expired; (6) it was suggested to put vending machines at Public Works and Utilities again for a trial period and see if they meet the minimum sales requirement.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to direct staff to put the vending machine contract back out for solicitation to include Public Works and Utilities for trials, if necessary, to include hot/cold food options. The motion carried by the following vote, with Mayor Yates absent:

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

F. [17-1058](#) Agreement with Loomis Armored US, LLC

8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Luke reported: (1) attending Art Advisory Board meeting; (2) grand opening of Moe's; (3) Habitat for Humanity's Painting for Kindness program; (4) spoke at Government of Relations Meeting; (5) attended the Tri County Chamber event; (6) read to students at Atwater Elementary; (7) took a tour of Sabal Trace; (8) attended Mental Health night at the ballpark; (9) attended the EMO training; (10) attended Comedy for Cause kickoff; (11) met with EDC members; (12) attended Chamber Breakfast; (13) attended auction for Social Services; (14) participated in Boots vs Badges blood drive; (15) met with Event Organizers to discuss potential types of events for Braves Stadium; (16) attendance at Memorial Day ceremony.

Commissioner McDowell reported: (1) attendance at Memorial Day ceremony; (2) read to students at Atwater Elementary; (3) grand opening of Moe's; (4) participated in Boots vs Badges blood drive; (5) attended Quater Auction for back to school resource fair; (6) Peace River meeting in Charlotte County.

Commissioner Hanks reported: (1) he will be out of town for next Commission meeting.

Vice-Mayor Carusone reported: (1) attending the Orlando Legislative Priority Session; (2) Morgan-Fisher Meeting scheduled for June 14, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. on suicide prevention.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

Interim City Attorney Slayton had nothing to report.

Interim City Manager reported: (1) upcoming attendance at Florida League of Cities conference.

City Clerk Adkins had nothing to report.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

7:33 p.m. - 7:34 p.m. Buddy Hughes. Assisted Living Facility on Greenwood Ave and print is too small on TV in Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Mayor Carusone adjourned the North Port Commission Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.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.