



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Special 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, City Manager*  
*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*  
*Patsy Adkins, City Clerk*  
*Kathryn Peto, Deputy City Clerk*

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Monday, November 13, 2017

5:01 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The North Port Commission Special Meeting was called to order in the City Chambers at 5:03 p.m. by Mayor Carusone.

Present: Mayor Carusone; Vice Mayor Yates; Commissioners Hanks, Luke and McDowell; City Manager Lear; City Attorney Slayton; City Clerk Adkins; Deputy City Clerk Peto; and Police Chief Vespia.

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION**

*A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Yates, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Yes - Mayor Carusone; Vice-Mayor Yates; Commissioner Hanks; Commissioner Luke; Commissioner McDowell.*

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment was held from 5:04 p.m. to 5:07 p.m.  
Edie Driest - Tree removal.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. [17-1442](#) Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-24, Adoption and Certification of Ad Valorem Millage Rate of 3.4070 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (Must read in its entirety)

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2017-24 into the record in it's entirety.

Commissioner McDowell noted her objections were stated during second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-24.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-24, Adoption and Certification of the Ad Valorem Millage Rate of 3.4070 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The motion carried on the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons stated at second reading.***

***Yes - Mayor Carusone; Vice-Mayor Yates; Commissioner Hanks; Commissioner Luke.***

***No - Commissioner McDowell.***

**B. [17-1443](#)**

Third Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-25, Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Non-District Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2017-25 into the record by title only.

Vice Mayor Yates stated for the record the changes within the CIP summary pages which were directed at second reading and included: (1) the listing of the Stadium as a City facility as well as pages 7, 8, 11, 15 and 37 need to be corrected before the adoption of the budget and the budget book is printed; (2) the illustration of the pool needs to reflect the current rendering which includes a separation of the children's area from the lazy river feature; (3) pages 53, 54 and 55 reference the wrong CIP year for Fire Station 87.

City Manager Lear noted that Ordinance No. 2017-25 was brought back for third reading without the changes to make sure the same Ordinance was brought back to the Commission.

Commissioner McDowell stated for the record she could not support the approval of Ordinance No. 2017-25 for reasons stated at second reading including that she would not support the millage rate. There is an item in the CIP that can be used for other things to benefit the majority of the citizens.

***A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Yates, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-25, Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Non-District Budget and Capital Improvements Program with the amendments to the exhibits and project descriptions as stated. The motion carried by the following vote with Commissioner McDowell dissenting for reasons stated.***

***Yes - Mayor Carusone; Vice-Mayor Yates; Commissioner Hanks; Commissioner Luke.***

***No - Commissioner McDowell.***

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no Commission Communications reported.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:**

There were no Administrative and Legal Reports provided.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Carusone adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Meeting at 5:20 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017