



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

**CITY COMMISSIONERS**  
*Vanessa Carusone, Mayor*  
*Linda M. Yates, 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, April 23, 2018

1:00 PM

Room 302

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### Strategic Planning Session

**NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 04-23-2018 Commission Workshop Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.**

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port City Commission Workshop Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 302 by Mayor Carusone.

Present: Mayor Carusone; Vice-Mayor Yates; Commissioners Hanks, Luke and McDowell; City Manager Lear; Assistant City Attorney Golen; City Clerk Adkins and Recording Secretary Hale.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.**

#### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

#### **2. DISCUSSION**

##### **A. [18-233](#) Strategic Planning**

Christie Nolan, President of Mission Matters, facilitator, moderated an open discussion regarding strategic plans for the City's future growth. A handout was distributed entitled: National League of Cities Topic Areas.

V. ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE: ASPIRATIONS FOR 2028

If tomorrow you had to move and develop a life elsewhere and it was not possible to come back for ten years, as you return, what do you notice about the town? What strikes you about the City? You stop by City Hall. How is the administration different in 2028? What do you notice first when you walk in the door? Notice the wall with a list of accomplishments. What was the greatest since you left? There is an award on the wall from the National League of Cities. What does it say? You also see a framed publication and the headline is about the City Administration and the Commission. What is the publication and what is the headline? You happen to meet five people while you're there: the Mayor, the City Manager, a journalist, an engaged citizen and an employee. What would you like each one of them to say about the City? What is the reputation of the City internally and externally? In the past ten years, what was the most significant breakthrough that launched the City into a whole new level of leadership among cities? Before you leave, you share with the Mayor and the City Manager that you were a former Commissioner that participated in the 2018 Strategic Planning efforts. The Mayor said "Wow. That Commission left quite a legacy for the City of North Port." What was it that the Mayor said this Commission did that was extraordinary? What else to you notice that is different or the same in this successful, deeply satisfying future?

#### ASPIRATIONS 2028:

(1) Beautiful City; entrance points, beautification projects in all areas of the City; (2) neighborhoods have own unique theme and aesthetic, Activity Center titles with personalized themes and names; (3) Leader in water conservation with regional partnerships; (4) Conservation of natural resources and preservation from mining; (5) Lots of green space to keep the City unique; (6) All waterways connected; (7) Increased connection to green space to make this a desired nature destination; (8) Warm Mineral Springs is a national tourism destination and a historical, cultural and educational asset; (9) A place where people will unplug and play here; (10) Assets include: Multi-modal connectivity, using small engine vehicles as a means of transportation, and neighborhood walking paths; (11) Innovation in technology, internet in the Estates, using a smart grid to cut costs; (12) the award from the National League of Cities would be North Port: Most Innovative City based on being in the forefront regarding solar energy, high speed internet, and health care; (13) A hospital is in North Port; (14) Housing costs decreased and mixed-use housing increased affordability; (14) A diverse community; (15) Increased parks in the east end of the City along with a police substation, government services and an administration building; (16) A travel center open for a place for trucks and recreational vehicles (RV) amenities, and a place to park/store RVs; (17) an economic industry in light manufacturing, a job creator, eco-tourism is vibrant (State forest, State parks, green space, fishing, tourism, sports).

#### VI. IDENTIFY GOALS AND PRIORITIZE

IDEAL SITUATION 2021: INFRASTRUCTURE: (1) Complete Price Boulevard from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard; (2) Start Sumter Boulevard to Biscayne Drive project; (3) Complete and implement an East/West Traffic Study; (4) Complete a Study to mitigate flooding and implementation begins; (5) Development of a Main Street defined by green space, pocket parks, commercial and residential businesses, and plans for Activity Centers; (6) Review and refine the Sidewalk Master Plan

It was noted that the City's Comprehensive Plan is outdated as a long-term plan and it was suggested to involve the public again to help make it relevant.

Recess 2:35 p.m. - 2:57 p.m.

ASPIRATIONS FOR THE 2028 LIST THAT CAN BE PLACED ON THE 2021

**INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN:**

Review and refine the Sidewalk Master Plan was added to the Ideal Situation list as #6.

**PRIORITIZING INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Commissioner Luke: Complete Price Boulevard from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard, Complete a Study to mitigate flooding and implementation begins, and Plan for Activity Centers.

Mayor Carusone: Complete Price Boulevard from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard, Complete a Study to mitigate flooding and implementation begins, and Plan for Activity Centers.

Commissioner Hanks: Complete Price Boulevard from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard, Complete a Study to mitigate flooding and implementation begins, and Plan for Activity Centers.

Commissioner McDowell: Complete a Study to mitigate flooding and implementation begins, the City's Comprehensive Plan is outdated as a long-term plan and it was suggested to involve the public again to help make it relevant, and Plan for Activity Centers.

Vice-Mayor Yates: Complete Price Boulevard from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard, Development of a Main Street defined by green space, pocket parks, commercial and residential businesses, and Plan for Activity Centers.

**PRIORITY VOTES:**

(1) Complete Price Boulevard from Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard; (2) Complete a Study to mitigate flooding and implementation begins; (3) Plan for Activity Centers.

A discussion ensued regarding the Dallas White Park campus.

**BROAD AIMS FOR 2021: PARKS AND RECREATION:** (1) Develop a public/private partnership to expand services to the east end of the City; (2) Collaborate to continue operations and to address capital improvements of the Dallas White campus (surveying needs/wants); (3) Accomplish Blueways Connections tied to economic opportunities, tied to multi-modal technology, and to ensure accessibility. What the City can do to encourage more blueways access points (public and private); (4) Complete Greenway Space Plan; (5) Expansion of Parks and Recreational opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding eliminating the proposed Springhaven Drive road extension and it was stated that the issue is scheduled on the May 3, 2018 Commission Agenda for discussion and possible action.

**PRIORITIZING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

Mayor Carusone: Develop a public/private partnership to expand services to the east end of the City, Accomplish Blueways Connections tied to economic opportunities, tied to multi-modal technology, and to ensure accessibility. What the City can do to encourage more blueways access points (public and private); and Collaborate to continue operations and to address capital improvements of the Dallas White campus (surveying needs/wants).

Commissioner Hanks: Develop a public/private partnership to expand services to the east end of the City, Accomplish Blueways Connections tied to economic opportunities, tied to multi-modal technology, and to ensure accessibility. What the City can do to encourage more blueways access points (public and private); and Collaborate to continue operations and to address capital improvements of the Dallas White campus (surveying needs/wants).

Commissioner McDowell: Develop a public/private partnership to expand services to the

east end of the City, Expansion of Parks and Recreational opportunities, and Accomplish Blueways Connections tied to economic opportunities, tied to multi-modal technology, and to ensure accessibility. What the City can do to encourage more blueways access points (public and private).

Vice-Mayor Yates: Collaborate to continue operations and to address capital improvements of the Dallas White campus (surveying needs/wants), Accomplish Blueways Connections tied to economic opportunities, tied to multi-modal technology, and to ensure accessibility. What the City can do to encourage more blueways access points (public and private), and Develop a public/private partnership to expand services to the east end of the City.

Commissioner Luke: Collaborate to continue operations and to address capital improvements of the Dallas White campus (surveying needs/wants), Accomplish Blueways Connections tied to economic opportunities, tied to multi-modal technology, and to ensure accessibility. What the City can do to encourage more blueways access points (public and private), and Complete Greenway Space Plan.

BROAD AIMS FOR 2021: HEALTH AND SAFETY: (1) Completion of a hospital in the City; (2) Expansion of Police and Fire services to West Villages; (3) Improved community relations of Police and Fire Departments; (4) Implementation of a City-wide Crosswalk Analysis with a majority of it completed; (5) Hire an Animal Control Officer; (6) Implementation of incorporating body cameras for the Police Department; (7) Enhance Social Services, increase case managers, open five days a week, improved partnership with social service providers, and increase financial resources to meet needs; (8) Completed the Police/Fire Training Tower.

#### PRIORITIZING HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Commissioner Luke: Enhance Social Services, increase case managers, open five days a week, improved partnership with social service providers, and increase financial resources to meet needs, Completed the Police/Fire Training Tower, and Completion of hospital in the City.

Commissioner McDowell: Completion of hospital in the City, Hire an Animal Control Officer, and Improved community relations of Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Carusone: Completion of hospital in the City, Enhance Social Services, increase case managers, open five days a week, improved partnership with social service providers, and increase financial resources to meet needs, and Completed the Police/Fire Training Tower.

Commissioner Hanks: Completion of hospital in the City, Implementation of incorporating body cameras for the Police Department, and Enhance Social Services, increase case managers, open five days a week, improved partnership with social service providers, and increase financial resources to meet needs.

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#### PRIORITY VOTES:

(1) Completion of hospital in the City; (2) Enhance Social Services, increase case managers, open five days a week, improved partnership with social service providers, and increase financial resources to meet needs; (3) Completed the Police/Fire Training Tower.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Carusone adjourned the North Port City Commission Workshop Meeting at 4:33 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.