



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission Workshop

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
Kathryn Peto, Deputy City Clerk

Monday, February 27, 2017

8:00 AM

CITY HALL ROOM 302

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION CONTINUED

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 04-11-2017 MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Commission Workshop Meeting was called to order in room 302 at 8:11 a.m. by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates; Commissioners Hanks and McDowell; City Manager Lewis; Assistant City Manager Schult; City Attorney Moriarty; City Clerk Adkins and Recording Secretary Goodman.

Absent: Vice-Mayor Carusone.

Subsequent to calling the meeting to order, Mayor Yates announced that there will be no quorum available for the February 28, 2017 Regular Commission Meeting and District Meetings. The meetings therefore will be cancelled. Mayor Yates recognized that former Commissioner Moore was in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING

City Manager Lewis introduced Lyle Sumek of Lyle Sumek Associates, Inc. who distributed an update of the City of North Port Strategic Plan, Section 8, City of North Port Plan 2017 – 2022. It was noted that the distributed document is an update as a result of Commission, Management and staff input.

After clarification was provided regarding the methodology for reviewing and prioritizing the goals, objections and actions as listed in Section 8, it was noted that the focus of this meeting will be on a 1 – 5 year plan.

The Commission ranked the Goals as listed in Section 8 in order of importance from 1 – 5, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Enhanced Public Trust

Through Responsible City Government which tied with "Maintained/Upgraded/Expanded City Infrastructure; (2) City of Greatness: Safe, Fun, Kind with Hometown Feeling"; (3) "Diverse Local Economy"; (4) "Environment and Natural Resources".

Reviewing Goal 1, Objectives, discussion ensued regarding: (1) objective 6, was changed to read, "Assure adequate reserve fund for general fund and districts"; (2) City Manager Lewis provided an overview and history of the North Port reserve fund; (3) national standards were discussed and clarified regarding maintaining financial reserves.

The Commission ranked Goal 1, Objectives, in order of importance from 1 – 6, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Objective 1 – "Deliver City services in the most cost effective and efficient manner"; (2) Objective 4 – "Retain, recruit and hire a quality City workforce dedicated to serving the North Port community"; (3) Objective 6 – "Assure adequate reserve fund for general fund and districts"; (4) Objective 7 – "Rebuild residents' trust and confidence in City government"; (5) Objective 8 – "Operate as an open, transparent City government"; (6) Objective 10 – "Have a well-informed community about City policies, plans, processes, finances, and services".

Reviewing Goal 1, Challenges and Opportunities (Challenges), discussion ensued regarding: (1) subsequent to clarification from City Manager Lewis regarding employee retention and recruitment, it was agreed to remove number 15, "Flat City organization with limited "bench strength" or backup" which is addressed in number 17; (2) number 21 was added to read, "Maintaining continuity of City Commission and City Manager"; (3) number 22 was added to read "Filling the position of City Manager – short term and long term."

The Commission ranked Goal 1, Challenges and Opportunities (Challenges), in order of importance from 1–7 after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Challenges number 3, "Fewer number of qualified applicants for City employment"; (2) Challenges number 6, "Increasing accountability for performance and results"; (3) Challenges number 10, "Funding for staff development, training and education"; (4) Challenges number 14, "Building trust and confidence in city government"; (5) Challenges number 17, "City services workload and limited additional staff capacity"; (6) Challenges number 21, "Maintaining continuity of City Commission and City Manager"; (7) Challenges number 22, "Filling the position of City Manager – short term and long term". The remaining Challenges and Opportunities on the list will continue as long term.

Reviewing Goal 1, Actions, discussion ensued regarding: (1) proactive versus reactive Code Enforcement policies; (2) add to Action 1 as bullet points: (a) direction; (b) staffing; (c) Community survey: questions; (3) add to Action 2 as bullet points: (a) research options: opportunities; (b) report, and designate as Management Actions; (4) added to Action 3 as bullet point (a) "Implementation" and designate as Management Actions; (5) designate Action 4 as Management Action; (6) add to Action 5 as bullet points: (a) funding; (b) user friendly; (c) search ability; (d) calendar – consistency, completeness; (e) Index department services and programs; (7) Action 6 was changed to read "Transportation impact fees/mobility fee: direction" and designated as Management Action; (8) add to Action 7 as bullet points: (a) concerns; (b) direction; (9) add to Action 8 as bullet points: (a) investment; (b) fund balance; (c) reserve; (d) capital appreciation; (10) add to Action 9 as bullet points: (a) revenue projections; (b) expenditure projections; (c) trend analysis; (11) clarification was provided for Action 10, "North Port Government and You"; (12) the availability of the North Port newsletter "City Currents" was discussed after which Action 10 was removed; (13) Add to Action 11 as bullet points: (a) services understanding; (b) showcasing City operations; (c) best practices; (d) report with options; (e) direction/funding; (f) office reorganization; (g) Commission; (h) North Port Government; (14) City Manager Lewis reported that Action

12 is complete and should be removed; (16) Action 13 is being addressed at a scheduled Commission Meeting for direction; (17) after City Manager Lewis provided clarification regarding City owned property, it was agreed to change Action 14 to read "City Land Bank, Policy and Plan" with bullet points: (a) acquisition; (b) City owned; (18) Action 15 was changed to read, "City Real Estate Manager: Position and funding; (19) following clarification and examples regarding building permit regulations, Action 16 was changed to read "Building Permit Regulations and Fees: Review"; (20) public perception of the scope of services for building inspections was discussed; (21) Action 17 was changed to read, "Building inspection Performance Evaluation Report" with bullets: (a) scope; (b) expectations; (22) Action 18, "City Records Online" will be moved to Management; (23) Action 19, "City Tax Rate: Direction" will be removed; (24) Action 21, "Fire Master Plan; Update" will be moved to Management; (25) Action 22, "Pay Steps for Police and Fire" and Action 23, "Pay Compression" will be removed to Management; (26) Action 24 "City Attorney Contract" will be moved to Management; (27) Action 25 will be changed to read, "Eastside plan for City facilities and services with bullets (a) reviewed: (b) refinement: (c) direction; (d) funding; (28) Action 26 will be changed to read, "Citywide fee schedule" and moved to Management; (29) Action 27 will be moved to Management; (30) Action 28 will remain with Management; (31) Action 29 was added to read, "Reserve Rate Stabilization Policy: re-evaluation"; (32) Action 30 was added to read, "Procurement Ordinance: local preference review"; (33) Action 31 was added to read, "City Manager replacement".

The Commission ranked the Goal 1 Actions, in order of importance from 1 – 8, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) number 1, "Code Enforcement Policies and Processes; (2) number 5, "Website Upgrade: Funding"; (3) number 11, "City communications plan"; (4) number 13, "High Speed Internet connectivity and service"; (5) number 16, "Building Permit Regulations and Fees: Review"; (6) number 25, "Eastside plan for City facilities and services"; (7) number 17, "Inspection Performance Evaluation Report"; (8) number 30, "Procurement Ordinance: Local Preference".

Recess from 10:39 a.m. to 10:56 a.m.

Upon reconvening, it was agreed to add to Goal 1, Actions, Action 31, "City Manager Replacement".

Added to Goal 1, Management in Progress 2017; (1) number 17, "West Village fire stations siting; (2) number 18, "Commission Orientation Manual; (3) number 19 – "City Charter revision/amendments".

Reviewing Goal 2 "Maintained/Upgraded/Expanded City Infrastructure", Objectives, there were no changes.

Reviewing Goal 2, Means to Residents, there were no changes.

Reviewing Goal 2 Challenges and Opportunities, discussion ensued regarding: (1) subsequent to discussion regarding accommodating types of trends such as transportation trends, number 18 was added to read "Incorporating the changing trends in City projects and plans"; (2) number 19 was added to read, "Lack of street lights and sidewalks by school bus stops" (3) the methodology for obtaining a traffic light at the entrance to North Port High School was provided; (4) taking in consideration the proposed changes in Federal funding, number 4 was changed to read, "Federal and State mandates and regulatory requirements, and funding changes".

The Commission ranked Goal 2 Challenges and Opportunities in order of importance from 1 – 8, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) number 1, "Aging neighborhood infrastructure needing maintenance or major repair"; (2) number 3,

"Infrastructure needed before development"; (3) number 4, "Federal and State mandates and regulatory requirements, and funding changes"; (4) number 8, "Increasing cost of projects: engineering, materials"; (5) number 9, "Funding for new infrastructure projects"; (6) number 13, "Low competition for vendor bidding"; (7) number 14, "Managing Stormwater System – vegetation, capacity"; (8) number 19, "Lack of street lights and sidewalks by school bus stops".

Reviewing Goal 2, Actions 2017, discussion ensued regarding: (1) subsequent to clarification that Action 1 referred to project funding, Action 1 was changed to read, "Utilities infrastructure Master Plan project funding"; (2) Action 2, "Bridge R-36" is complete and will be removed; (3) Action 3 was changed to read, "Swales Service Delivery: Recurring Funding"; (4) Action 4, "Compressed Natural Gas" will be moved to On the Horizon; (5) Action 5 will be changed to read, "Parks and Recreation Master Plan: reviewed and refined"; (6) City Manager Lewis clarified that the Commission will be given an opportunity to evaluate the Utilities Neighborhood Expansion Pilot Program and Action 6 was changed to read, "Water Service Extension: Pilot Program evaluation and direction" and will be moved to Management; (7) Action 7 was changed to read, "Sidewalk Master Plan and Policy: review/refinement"; (8) Action 8, "Street Lights Master Plan and Policy" is complete and will be removed; (9) Action 9 was changed to read, "Regional Park: advocacy planning with Sarasota County" and linked to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and County Parks Plan. Discussion ensued regarding holding a preliminary conversation prior to scheduling a Joint Meeting with the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners to determine the criteria for different types of parks and what North Port would like to see regarding future parks including a Regional Park; (10) Action 10 was changed to read, "Police and Fire Training Facility: site on Technical College" and moved to Management; (11) Action 11 was changed to read, "Canals Master Plan/Blueways: project priority, funding"; (12) Action 12 is listed as Major Projects 2017 and will be removed from Actions; (13) following discussion regarding widening of Price Boulevard and developing alternative connectivity through east/west neighborhoods, Action 24 was added to read "Alternative East-West through neighborhoods"; (14) Action 13 was changed to read "Transportation Mobility Fee" and moved to Management; (15) Action 25 will be added to read, "Complete Streets Ordinance"; (16) Action 15, "Water and Sewer Service to Interchanges" has been accomplished and will be removed; (17) Action 16 will be changed to read, "Traffic signal infrastructure: update" with bullets: (a) City; (b) State; (18) following discussion regarding pedestrian safety at crosswalks, Action 17 was changed to read, "Traffic Safety Design and Public Education with bullets: (a) speed limits; (b) cross walks; (c) u-turns; (18) Action 18, "Tropicaine Boulevard sidewalk" will be moved to Action 7 as a bullet point; (19) after City Manager Lewis provided clarification on the Public Works Facility Phase 2, Action 19 was changed to read, "Public Works Facility Phase 2: direction, funding, review"; (20) Action 20 was changed to read, "Stormwater Management Plan: project priority, funding"; (21) Action 21 is listed in Projects and will be removed from Actions; (22) Action 26 will be added to read, "Road access to Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park".

The Commission ranked Goal 2, Actions 2017 in of importance from 1 – 7, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Action 1, "Utilities Infrastructure Master Plan: project funding"; (2) Action 7, "Sidewalk Master Plan and Policy: review/refinement"; (3) Action 16, Traffic Signal Infrastructure: update"; (4) Action 17, "Traffic safety: designs/public education"; (5) Action 20, "Stormwater Management Plan: project priority, funding"; (6) Action 22, "City-School street lights and sidewalk at bus stops"; (7) Action 24, "Alternative East-West through neighborhoods".

Recess from 12:16 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Goal 3, "City of Greatness: Safe, Fun, Kind with Hometown Feeling" Objectives were reviewed.

Discussion ensued regarding: (1) subsequent to noting that Objective 5 is referring to private development, Objective 5 will be removed. City Manager Lewis clarified the purpose for the Mattamy Development originally listed in the Objectives was that when Mattamy Development begins developing it will include water/wastewater treatment plants and 1– 2 fire stations to be dedicated to the City; (2) discussion ensued regarding Objective 7 regarding parks and recreation programs for all.

Goal 3, Challenges and Opportunities were reviewed and discussed including: (1) Challenges and Opportunities(Challenges) 11 is referring to prioritizing the Activity Centers for City Actions versus Challenges number 1 which is referring to what City Actions will be done; (2) Activity Center 6 Master Plan is currently being developed by staff; (3) Challenge 4 was clarified and the City's role in ensuring adequate housing for a growing population and workforce was discussed; (4) following discussion Challenge 8 was changed to read, "Working with the community and residents to maintain our safe North Port community"; (5) Challenge 17 is tied to Challenge 15 and Challenge 5 and will be removed; (6) Challenge 18 was changed to read, "Understanding and defining the changing housing trends: Airbnb, Tiny Homes.

The Commission ranked Goal 3, Challenges and Opportunities (Challenges), in of importance from 1– 8, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Challenges 5, "Defining "affordable housing", "workforce housing", "low income housing"; (2) Challenges 7, "Retaining graduates from Suncoast Technical College and other institutions"; (3) Challenges 8, "Working with the community and residents to maintain our safe North Port community"; (4) Challenges 10, "Expanding arts and cultural opportunities"; (5) Challenges 13, "Updating ULDC, and existing zoning and land uses"; (6) Challenges 18, "Understanding and defining the changing housing trends: Airbnb, Tiny Homes"; (7) Challenges 20, "Recruiting, retaining top quality public safety staff".

Review and discussion ensued regarding Goal 3, Actions, including: (1) Action 2 was changed to read, "West Villages Development" with bullets, (a) permitting (b) general principles of agreement, (c) housing for staff and be moved to Management: (2) Action 3, "Community Gardens: Expansion" was removed as a 1 year Action; (3) Action 4, "Medical Marijuana Ordinance" has been completed and was removed; (4) after Action 7 was clarified, Action 7 was changed to read, "21st Century Policing Model Action Plan: implementation" and will be moved to Management: (5) Action 8 was changes to read, "Family entertainment attraction strategy: advocacy"; (6) City Manager Lewis reported that staff is in the process of following the direction from Commission regarding Action 9. Action 9 was changed to read, "50 Meter Pool with amenities: Feasibility Report, direction, funding"; (7) it was noted that Action 10, "Signature Event: Expansion" has been presented to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to provide suggestions to the Commission; (8) Action 12, "Hens Policy" has been addressed and was removed; (9) subsequent to Action 13 being clarified and discussed, bullets will be added to read: (a) stops; (b) service to east of Toledo Blade Boulevard; (10) Action 14, discussion ensued regarding planning and public outreach for the City of North Port's 60th Anniversary in 2019 and the history of North Port; (11) Action 14 was changed to read, "Community Hall of Fame: development" with bullets: (a) showcases: achievements; (b) "showcase residents"; (c) "Tell the story of North Port" (d) historic museum; e) link to City 60th Anniversary, 2019; (12) Action 15, discussion ensued regarding definition, location, and market analysis for "Tiny Homes"; (13) Action 15 was changed to read, "Tiny Homes/Small Homes" with bullets: (a) definition; (b) locations: (c) market; (d) codes/regulations; (14) Action 16, "Manufacturing Attraction Strategy" is listed under a different goal and was removed; (15) Action 17 was changed to read "Community Centers (north and east); direction, initial planning, funding"; (16) Action 18, "Historic Museum Plan" was combined with Action 14 and was removed; (17) Action 19, "Neighborhood Parks" will be addressed in the Master Plan and was removed; (18)

following a discussion regarding truck stop versus travel center, Action 20 was changed to read, "Travel Center, RV Park at Activity Center: (19) Action 21, "Foreclosed Homes Inventory" is no longer an issue and was removed; (20) subsequent to City Manager Lewis noting that the Comprehensive Plan is in the process of completion, Action 22 was changed to read, "Comprehensive Plan" and put in Management; (21) discussion ensued regarding ATV needs, Action 23, "Recreational needs assessment for all generations" will include a bullet (a) Parks & Recreation, and ATV needs will be included as a bullet under the Parks & Recreation Master Plan; (22) Action 24 regarding West Villages is already addressed and will be removed; (23) subsequent to a discussion regarding Arts and Culture in North Port, Action 25, "Arts and Cultural Expansion: Strategy, City Actions" will remain unchanged; (24) Action 26, "Park use by Youth" is addressed in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and will be removed; (25) Action 27 will be added to read, "Parks & Recreation Master Plan: review/direction" will bullets: (a) needs/use assessment; (b) neighborhood parks; (c) park venues; (d) trends.

The Commission ranked Goal 3 Actions in order of importance from 1 – 6, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Action 1, "Unified Land Development Code: update"; (2) Action 5, "Activity Center 6: Master Plan and zoning"; (3) Action 9, "50 Meter Pool with amenities: Feasibility Report, direction"; (4) Action 14, "Historic museum/Community Hall of Fame: development"; (5) Action 17, "Community Centers (North and East): direction, initial planning, funding"; (6) Action 27, "Parks & Recreation Master Plan: review/direction".

Review and discussion ensued regarding Goal 4, "Diverse Local Economy" Objectives including: (1) subsequent to City Manager Lewis providing clarification, Objective 2 was changed to read, "Have an alternative road linking between Sumter and Toledo Blade Boulevards; (2) Objective 5 was changed to read, "Have a major travel destination/spot with a variety of amenities and services" (3) Objective 6 was changed to read, "Have Hospital and expand medical services"; (4) Objective 10 was changed to read, "Increase small businesses and entrepreneurial activities in North Port.

The Commission ranked Goal 4, Objectives, in order of importance from 1 – 7, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Objective 2, "Have an alternative road linking between Sumter and Toledo Blade Boulevards"; (2) Objective 3, "Increase the number of distribution and light manufacturing businesses"; (3) Objective 4, "Increase the number of quality hotels with amenities"; (4) Objective 5, "Have a major travel destination/spot with a variety of amenities and services"; (5) Objective 6, "Have Hospital and expand medical services"; (6) Objective 7, "Have a bussiness park for professional office, regional corporate offices"; (7) Objective 9, "Increase small businesses and entrepreneurial activities in North Port".

Review and discussion ensued regarding Goal 4, Challenges and Opportunities (Challenges), including: (1) Challenges 2, "Land available and "ready to go" – completed, design, engineering, permits" has been addressed and was removed; (2) Challenge 7 will be changed to read, "Developer interests with financial assets in North Port".

The Commission ranked Goal 4, Challenges and Opportunities (Challenges), in order of importance from 1 – 9, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Challenges 1, "Working with, protecting and buffering the residential neighborhoods"; (2) Challenges 5, "Attracting hotels and diverse restaurants"; (3) Challenges 6, "Working with FDOT and other Governmental agencies on funding and regulatory issues"; (4) Challenges 8, "Attracting the "Right Businesses" consistent with the visions"; (5) Challenges 9, "Funding for City projects and infrastructure"; (6) Challenges 10, "Defining the City role and relationship to the private sector and marketplace"; (7) Challenges 12, "FDOT ROW and access issues"; (8) Challenges 17, "Lack of skillsets for 21st Century job opportunities"; (9) Challenges 21, "Helping businesses to discover

North Port”.

Review and discussion ensued regarding Goal 4, Actions, including: (1) Action 1 was changed to read, “Destination Retail Strategy and Action Plan”; (2) Action 2 was changed to read, “Entertainment Attraction Strategy and action plan”; (3) Action 4, “ULDC: Vision” was previously addressed and was removed; (4) City Manager Lewis provided clarification regarding Action 3, “Frontage Road Feasibility” (5) Action 5 “Toledo Blade DRI (500 Acres) was changed with an additional bullet; (a) Toledo Commons, and moved to Management; (6) discussion ensued regarding Action 6, “Hotel development strategy and City actions” as a priority; (7) after a discussion regarding the definition of a major conference and convention center and possible scheduled events, Action 7 was changed to read, “Major Conference/Convention Center”; (8) Action 9 was changed to read, “Economic Development Plan: City vision, policies, role, incentives: review/refinement”; (9) subsequent to clarification, Action 10 was changed to read, “Additional commerce park development”; (10) Action 11, “Retail Development Corporation”; Action 12, “City Economic Development Corporation” and Action 13, “Economic Incentive Policy: Review” have been addressed and were removed.

The Commission ranked Goal 4, Actions, in order of importance from 1 – 6, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Action 2, “Entertainment attraction strategy and action plan”; (2) Action 3, “Frontage road feasibility”; (3) Action 6, “Hotel development strategy and City actions”; (4) Action 9, “Economic development plan: City vision, policies, role, incentives: review/refinement”; (5) Action 10, “Additional commerce park development”; (6) Action 15, “Medical services expansion strategy”.

Recess from 3:16 p.m. to 3:31 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Goal 5, “Environment and Natural Resources”, Objectives, were reviewed and discussion ensued regarding: (1) subsequent to discussion regarding natural trails and connectivity to the environmental park, Objective 8 was added to read, “Increase trail connectivity to our natural assets; (2) developing a connection to Deer Prairie Creek was discussed; (3) following discussion regarding a wildlife and nature center, Objective 10 was added to read, “Develop wildlife and nature center – educational venue”.

The Commission ranked Goal 5, Objectives, in order of importance from 1 – 6, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Objective 1, “Preserve Warm Mineral Springs as a community asset”; (2) Objective 5, “Preserve Little Salt Springs and Nona Springs as community assets”; (3) Objective 6, “Expand nature-based ecotourism and wellness/health tourism opportunities”; (4) Objective 8, “Increase trail connectivity to our natural assets”; (5) Objective 10. “Develop wildlife and nature center – educational venue”.

Review and discussion ensued regarding Goal 5, Challenges and Opportunities (Challenges), including: (1) after discussion regarding creating opportunities as listed in Challenges 6, “ATV” was added; (2) Challenges 13 is a duplicate of Challenges 4 and was removed; (3) City Manager Lewis clarified the intent of Challenges 14, “Defining “tree cutting”; (4) Challenges 16, “Maintaining green areas – staff resources” was combined with Challenges 6 and removed with Challenges 6 changed to read “Staff resources to support and manage environmental and natural resources, including green area maintenance”.

The Commission ranked Goal 5, Challenges and Opportunities (Challenges), in order of importance from 1 – 8, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Challenges 1, “Overall direction of Warm Mineral Springs and specific action plan”; (2) Challenges 2, “Funding and resources for addressing non-native/invasive plants: City

properties – parks, utilities, green/open space”; (3) Challenges 6, “Staff resources to support and manage environmental and natural resources, including green area maintenance”; (4) Challenges 7, “Balancing private property rights and community benefits”; (5) Challenges 8, “Funding for projects and activities”; (6) Challenges 11, “Promoting North Port for eco and nature-based tourism”; (7) Challenges 12, “Attracting businesses to support eco and nature-based tourism (e.g. kayak rental, horse rental, bike rental, etc.)”; (8) Challenges 18, “Building stormwater capacity of canals and waterways – their original purposes”.

Review and discussion ensued regarding Goal 5, Actions, including: (1) subsequent to noting that the Heron Creek Agreement is part of Action 8, Action 2 was changed to read, “Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway Trail” with bullets; (a) Master Plan review; (b) land acquisition; (c) trail development, and Action 8 was changed to read, “Trail development: Heron Creek Agreement” and moved to Management; (2) discussion ensued regarding the Legacy Trail connectivity; (3) Action 3, “Legacy Trail Connection: Advocacy”, bullets will be added: (a) location; (b) mapping; (4) following a discussion regarding various trail connections, Action 4, “Trail development” was removed; (5) after the connector bridge to Deer Prairie Creek was discussed and City Manager Lewis noted that an Interlocal Agreement will be needed, Action 5 was changed to read, “Deer Prairie Creek Connector Bridge: Interlocal Agreement, direction, funding”; (6) Action 9, “Public access to creeks and canals” is complete and was removed; (7) discussion ensued regarding defining ecotourism and promoting the ecotourism destinations in North Port. City Manager Lewis reported that there will be 2 directional sign on I-75 and 2 signs on US 41 for Warm Mineral Springs. Action 10 was changed to read, “Ecotourism Development Plan” with bullets; (a) development; (b) promotion materials/method; (8) Action 11 is addressed in Action 5 and was removed; (9) Action 12 and Action 14 similarities were noted and Action 14 was removed leaving Action 12 changed to read, “Tree Policy and Canopy Study” with bullets; (a) policy review/refinement; (b) canopy; (10) regarding a nature and wildlife center, Action 13 was changed to read, “Nature and wildlife center” with bullets; (a) concept; (b) location; (c) design; (d) funding; (11) City Manager Lewis clarified that Phase I of the Blueways Project is complete, Action 16 was changed to read, “Blue trail/way development: Phase II” with bullets; (a) priority; (b) direction; (c) funding; (12) pursuant to previous discussions regarding ATV, Action 17 was added to read, “ATV Plan” with bullets; (a) definition; (b) location; (c) project; (c) funding; (13) following a discussion regarding the need for camping areas, Action 18 was added to read, “Camping development strategy” with bullets; (a) location; (b) type; (c) facilities; (d) access; (e) regulation: review; (14) subsequent to discussing educating property owners on invasive plants and participation in National Invasive Education Week; Action 19 was added to read, “Invasive plants; public education and National Invasive Week participation”.

The Commission ranked Goal 5, Actions, in order of importance from 1 – 7, after which Mr. Sumek tallied the rankings as follows: (1) Action 1, “Warm Mineral Springs”; (2) Action 2, “Myakkahatchee Creek Greenway Trail”; (3) Action 5, “Deer Prairie Creek connector bridge”; (4) Action 6, “Canal Dredging”; (5) Action 16, “Blue Trail/Way Development: Phase II”; (6) Action 17, “ATV Plan”; (7) Action 18, “Camping Development Strategy”.

Discussion ensued regarding Goal 5 Management in Progress 2017 of which will be added: (1) “Phosphate Mining Regulation/Ordinance; (2) “Stop Fracking Ordinance”.

Mr. Sumak provided clarification on the methodology for finalizing the Strategic Plan and will provide a copy of the decisions made at today's meeting.

Addressing concerns, City Manager Lewis clarified the process for cancelling a Commission Meeting and noted that all parties participating in any of the Agenda items listed on the cancelled Commission Meeting Agenda have been notified of the

cancellation.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port City Commission Workshop Meeting at 4:44 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